

**St Teresa's Parish Pastoral Council , Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Meeting in the Parish Hall from 7pm-9pm**

# **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and opening prayer –Fr Jim  
(said by all-the prayer is printed on the reverse of this page)
2. Opening Discussion: Review of Advent/Christmas
3. All attendees will be noted in the minutes

**Business of the meeting:** *Minutes taken by Deacon Willie Hiddleston*

4. Deanery Pastoral Council: Kirkcudbright Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 11am till 1pm
5. Evacuation procedures/rehearsal
6. RCIA/Grow in Faith sessions
7. RCIC
  - a) Deanery Confirmation: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in St Andrew's, Dumfries
  - b) First Communion Day: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Corpus Christi)
8. Safeguarding/PVG
9. Improvements: church toilets.
10. Schools news.
11. The Ababa Project and the TEACH programme.
12. Parish children/youth work
13. Justice & Peace issues:  
J&P group, Fairtrade, SCIAF and SVDP
14. Ecumenism
15. Diary dates/events.
  - a) Scottish Night: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017
  - b) Ababa Project Quiz Night: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017
  - c) Deanery Pastoral Council: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017
  - d) Charity Shop week: w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017
  - e) Lenten Reconciliation Service: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
  - f) Easter Sunday: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April
16. Suggested dates for future meetings: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

Closing remarks, prayer and Blessing (Fr Jim)

**Closing Hymn:** I am the Light (words on reverse of this page)

### **Prayer to begin our Parish meeting**

God our loving Father,

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ said,

“where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them”.

As we come together in His name

make us aware of His presence among us - now.

*(pause for a moment)*

Pour out on us the Spirit of understanding, truth and peace.

Help us to strive with all our hearts

to know what is pleasing to You,

and by your grace the courage to put it into action.

Help us to listen to and respect one another.

Conform our lives to the faith we profess

teaching us the greatness of witness through service

in imitation of Him who came not to be served, but to serve.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Closing invocation and blessing.**

Let us lift up to the Lord our parish community: Hail Mary,.....

Leader:	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	All:	Have mercy on us
Leader:	Our Lady, Queen of heaven	All:	Pray for us
Leader:	St Ninian	All:	Pray for us
Leader:	St Teresa	All:	Pray for us

### **Closing hymn: *I am the Light***

- 1 I am the Light, bringing you out of darkness, so come, take my light to the world.  
I am the Bread, you must feed to the hungry, the wine that must fill every heart.

*Foxes have holes, birds have their nests but the Son of Man has no place to rest.  
Come follow me be the light of the nations, leave your nets and come follow me.*

- 2 I am the Life that must change ev'ry life and the Way that must alter your ways.  
I am the Truth and my word is the cross you must take if you want to be free.
- 3 I am the Sower come work in my vineyard, my field tend my vines, sow the grain,  
and should it fall to the ground it can only spring up with new life, hundredfold.
- 4 I am the shepherd come into the sheepfold to help feed my lambs, feed my sheep.  
Bring back the straying, and bind up their wounds, and rejoice when you've found what was lost.