

**St Teresa's Parish Pastoral Council , Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 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: The World Day of the Poor
3. All attendees will be noted in the minutes

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

4. Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 meeting
5. Matters arising not already on the agenda
6. St Teresa's Parish 1958-2018- 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) anniversary year
  - a) 14<sup>th</sup> February 1957-Laying of the foundation stone
  - b) 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1958-Opening of the Church
7. RCIC
  - a) Deanery Confirmation Day: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Here at St Teresa's)
8. Safeguarding/PVG
9. RCIA/Grow in Faith
10. Repairs: church/hall/house.
11. The Ababa Project and the TEACH programme.
12. Parish children/youth work
13. Diary dates/events.
  - a) Seniors Christmas meal Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017
  - b) Christmas Eve Vigil (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December) at 6pm (preceded by Carols at 5.30pm)
  - c) Christmas Day (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December) Mass at 11.30am
13. Suggested dates for future meetings: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Closing remarks, prayer and Blessing (Fr Jim)

**Closing Hymn:** Make me a channel of your peace (words on reverse of this page)

Pope Francis had this to say about St Francis of Assisi in paragraph 3 of his message for the World Day of the Poor: "The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi, followed by many other holy men and women over the centuries. He was not satisfied to embrace lepers and give them alms, but chose to go to Gubbio to stay with them. He saw this meeting as the turning point of his conversion:

"When I was in my sins, it seemed a thing too bitter to look on lepers, and the Lord himself led me among them and I showed them mercy. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of mind and body" (Text 1-3: FF 110). This testimony shows the transformative power of charity and the Christian way of life.

### **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: Make me a channel of your peace**

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there's darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
- 3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much as to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 4 Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.