

**St Teresa's Parish Pastoral Council , Thursday 4th February 2016
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: How do we celebrate the Year of Mercy?
3. All attendees will be noted in the minutes

Business of the meeting: *Chaired by Mrs Paula Cochrane. Minutes taken by Deacon Willie Hiddleston*

4. Review of Advent/Christmas
5. Lent/Easter: St Teresa's will celebrate the entire Easter Triduum this year (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil)
6. RCIA/Grow in Faith sessions
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8. Safeguarding/PVG
9. Improvements: church toilet to be tackled next.
10. Schools news.
11. The Ababa Project and the TEACH programme. Charity Shop week: 07-12 March
12. Parish children/youth work
13. Justice & Peace issues:
 - a) J&P group
 - b) Fairtrade
 - c) SCIAF
14. Ecumenism
15. Diary dates/events.
 - a) Ababa Project Charity Shop Week: 07-12 March 2016
 - b) Lenten Reconciliation Service and 1st Confessions: Monday 14th March 2016
 - d) Chrism Mass Tuesday 22nd March in St Margaret's Cathedral at 7pm
 - e) May Day Mass and BBQ: Sunday 8th May 2016
 - f) Confirmation/1st Communion Day: Sunday 22nd May 2016 at 11.30am Mass

Date of next meeting (suggested date: Thursday 5th May 2016)

Closing remarks, prayer and Blessing (Fr Jim)

Closing Hymn: Christ be beside me (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,.....

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| 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: *Christ be beside me*

- 1 Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.
- 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.
- 3 Christ be in all hearts thinking about me. Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.