

**St Teresa's Parish Community**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on the 1st June 2017**

**Present:** Fr Jim, Deacon Willie, Pauline Slattery, Marilyn McEwen, Terry Harkness, Elizabeth Robertson, Peggy Marshall, John Lawson.

**Welcome and opening Prayer said by all.**

**Opening Discussion; St Teresa's Parish 1958-2018- 60th Diamond anniversary year.**

Ideas put forward: Logo designed by the children; renew our parish hymn books- perhaps people would donate to the cost with the opportunity to have them dedicated in memory of a deceased family and friend with a dedication label. Ecumenical Event- a "Songs of Praise" type of service, Liseux Pilgrimage in August, A Parish Mission starting after the Pilgrimage, special guest preacher at Sunday Masses on 2nd, 9th, 18th, and 23rd September with inviting Bishop Nolan to make his pastoral visit on Sunday 30th September and make that the Anniversary Mass celebration with BBQ/Special Teas/Bouncy Castle/Face painting etc after.

On the 3rd October itself a school mass celebration in the morning, and parish mass in the evening to be followed by our Ministry evening. A Parish Social event quiz night for families could take place on the Friday evening 5th October. The 18th September 2018 is Fr Jim's silver anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood this special occasion could be included in the celebrations.

**Fr Jim then Chaired the meeting.**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by John Lawson and Terry Harkness.

**The new Catholic School Co-ordinator in D&G:**

Mrs Pauline Slattery the Catholic Schools Co-ordinator for D&G was welcomed to the meeting. Pauline is the link person to the education Department her role is to assist the teachers, to help the local Catholic Schools to network within this area. To help the parish and give home support for the children. Pauline asked for a named person within the parish who would contact her- here at St Teresa's that will be Fr Jim. A poster is needed for the contacts for local Catholic Schools and local Nursery schools for new parents to help choose a Catholic school for their children. Should we have a permanent education display in the Church and throughout the deanery? She also spoke about Pope Francis award for primary schools and the need to work with families.

**Deanery Funeral Team Training:**

A training evening 5th June 6-7-30pm in St Teresa's This is a Diocesan initiative to train lay people to take Funeral/Cremation Services in absence of a Priest/Deacon. They will be trained in the Rites for Christian Funerals by Fr William McFadden, Dean & Vicar General.

**Bishop Nolan's Pastoral visit on Sunday 4th June:**

Bishop Nolan's Pastoral visit to Holy Trinity Lockerbie was the same weekend of the Kirkin o' the Cornet, and at St Teresa's Bishop Nolan Confirmed one of the school children who was ill in February

**Evacuation procedures/rehearsal:**

This procedure will take place in the Spring. The back Church gates will be opened and keys put in both sacristy doors.

**RCIA/Grow in Faith Sessions.**

These will restart in August

**RCIC**

Thanks to Fiona, Elizabeth and Marie for their continuing help  
First communion day will be 18th June 2017- the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**Safeguarding/PVG.**

The Pastoral Council heard from John Lawson about the Safeguarding in the Parish. Catherine Lavell will now assist him. John will attend a training day at Kinnoul, Perth.

There are 43 trainers and 7 from Galloway Diocese. All people with PVG's need to do Level 1 training. The Parish thanks John and Catherine for all the work they do.

**Improvements:**

None to report.

**School Reports:** No reports.

**Ababa Project and TEACh Programme.**

The parish has sent a £10,000 gift over and above the monthly Teach money to the sisters. We thank the Dumfries Male Voice Choir for a donation of £720 from a recent event.

**Parish Youth:**

Thanks to Maeve, Darius and Louise for all the preparation for the youth led singing.

We are looking for some new leaders to help with the children's liturgy group. Marie Mollins is now co-ordinating this group. We also give our thanks to the Altar servers who do a great job each Sunday, new servers are welcome when they make their first communion.

**SVDP:**

Joe smith has been elected as President for the next three years.

**Ecumenism:** Nothing to report.

**Dairy of Events:**

First Communion 18th June 2017.

Jumble Sale 2nd September 2017

1st December St Andrew's Night

8th December Senior's Dinner

Autumn Fayre to be arranged.

**Date of Next Meeting Thursday 21st September 2017**

**The meeting closed with prayer, hymn and blessing.**