

St Teresa's Parish Church
Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on the 19th November 2014

Present: Fr Jim, Deacon Willie, Madeleine Callander, Peggy Marshall, Terry Harkness, Joan Smith, John Lawson, Pat Dickson, Paula Cochrane, Derek Cochrane, Marilyn McEwen, Beatrice Gardener and Joe Smith.

Welcome and opening Prayer said by all.

Opening Discussion; Synod on the Family

People were asked to fill in a questionnaire on family life. These have been sorted out and sent to Rome. The Bishops spoke candidly and freely on this subject. There will be an ordinary Synod next year which will discuss this further. This can be checked on line.

Business of the Meeting: Chaired by Paula Cochrane

Minutes of PPC meeting of 4th September 2014

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 4th September 2014 were read and approved.

Approved by T Harkness and Seconded by B Gardener.

Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matter arising.

Safeguarding/PVG.

John Lawson gave an update. Some of the PVG forms have come through. Nearly all are completed. Fr Jim thanked John and Paula for looking after the system.

RCIA/Grow in Faith Sessions. Second session at St Teresa's Hall on Thursday 20th November 7pm till 9.15pm

B. Course "Catholicism: The New Evangelisation" DVD by Fr Robert Barron. Terry Harkness commented that the DVD was very informative.

RCIC

The presentation of the children will take place on the Feast of Christ the King. Fr Jim has booked our new Bishop William Nolan for Confirmation in June 2015.

Development of the Blessed Sacrament Area

Improvements on going. The new heating system is in process of being installed.

School Reports

Fr Jim has been consulted regarding D&G Councils plans of rationalisation of Schools including St Teresa's School.

Ababa Project and TEACH Programme.

The 30th Anniversary 1985 to 2015. Sister Abebech is hoping to come to Dumfries sometime next year this will be tied in with her visit to Paris. The Parish will hold a Mission week and cultural days when she visits. There will be a special evening service followed by supper with the sisters speaking.

Parish Youth.

Susan Stoppard and Louise Cullan help Fr Jim with the youth work.

Six youngsters are busy fund raising for their trip to Lourdes.

Deacon Willie has arranged to do photographs to raise funds for the Youth for Lourdes Group

Justice and Peace Group

Parishioners are asked to write Christmas cards which will be sent to Prisoners who are held in prison for their Christian Beliefs (this is through Acts of Christians Against Torture).

Fair Trade

We will continue with the sales table on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the back of the Church.

SCIAF Parishioners are asked to look at Real Gifts for Christmas.

DCN: Next meeting 25th November

Dairy of Events.

28th November Family Scottish Night 7pm till 11pm. (in aid of the Ababa Project)

St Teresa's School Coffee Evening 4th December

Seniors Christmas Dinner Friday 5th December 6pm for 6.30pm

Advent Reconciliation Service Monday 15th December 7pm

Mid-Night Mass 24th December 11.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 25th December 11.30am

Date of Next Meeting 22nd January 2015 at 7pm

The meeting closed with prayer, hymn and blessing by Fr Jim.