

**St Teresa's Parish Church**  
**Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on the 22nd January 2015**

**Present:** Fr Jim, Deacon Willie, Madeleine Callander, Peggy Marshall, Terry Harkness, Joan Smith, Paula Cochrane, Derek Cochrane, Beatrice Gardener and Elizabeth Robertson.

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

**Opening Discussion:** *Bishop's Ordination/future for the Diocese.*

What would we say to our new Bishop:

Welcome, get to know us, Listen, Be careful not to exclude people, Ask for help, Keep in touch more often, Develop the Laity, Renew the Diocesan Pastoral Council, What can we do? Be open to new directions. Not say "we've tried that before" etc. Support events at all levels even if it means an extra commitment from each of us.

Paula Cochrane chaired the business of the meeting:

**1. Minutes of PPC meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Safeguarding/PVG.**

The PVG ,s are almost finished and up to date.

**4. RCIA/Grow in Faith Sessions.** Fr Jim asked what we thought of the sessions. Peggy said they were very good, Elizabeth and Terry commented on the good discussions the course brought out.

**5. RCIC**

Fr Jim has booked our new Bishop William Nolan for Confirmation in June 2015.

The children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent. Fr Jim has asked for a new member to assist Fiona in preparing the children. Fr Jim and Claire helped out while Elizabeth was taking care of her Mum.

**6. Development of the Blessed Sacrament Area**

Major list complete only minor maintenance still to be done. Back wall will be looked at, also the back toilet will be seen to.

**7. School Reports**

Caritas students from St Joseph's College, there are 6 students working in the parishes, and some are visiting nursing homes with Fr Jim on Thursdays.

### **8a. Ababa Project and TEACH Program.**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1985 to 2015. Sister Abebech is hoping to come to Dumfries and Fr Jim is trying to sort out some dates. We will also speak to the sisters in Ireland to see if they can come across for this event..

**8b. Teach:** Eileen Woodman will speak to the parish in February, Derek in March. It is 11 weeks till Derek and Rebecca run the Paris marathon. There is a New Cardinal being appointed by Pope Francis for Ethiopia. The parish sends £1,500 to the sisters each month. The weekly collections amount to about £320 a month. Thanks to all for their very generous giving.

**9a. Parish Youth.** We have still to arrange a bowling/ Pizza night for the altar servers/youth.

**9b. Youth for Lourdes:** There are 18 young people from Dumfries going to Lourdes 6 of these from St Teresa's. They attend diocesan meetings for training to work with the pilgrims.

### **10a. Justice and Peace Group**

120 Christmas cards have been sent.

### **10b. Fair Trade**

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

**10c. SCIAF:** We boxes will be here for Lent.

### **11a. DCN :**

The Christian Unity service was held at the River of life Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm there was a good attendance 4 people from St Teresa's were there.

**11b.** Carol McCann will now look after St Teresa's at the Christian Aid Lenten Lunches taking over from Angela Adams who has retired. A vote of thanks was expressed to Angela for the many years of dedicated service to this work and everyone wished Carol well.

### **12. Dairy of Events.**

- a. A Scottish Family night in the hall Friday 23rd January 7 till 10pm.
- b. Bishop's Ordination Saturday 14th February 2015 in Kilmarnock.
- c. Lenten Reconciliation Service Monday 23rd March 7pm
- d. Chrism Mass Tuesday 31st March in St Margaret's Cathedral Ayr.
- e. May Day Mass and BBQ: Sunday 10th May 2015.
- f. Confirmation/1st Communion day Sunday 7th June 2015 at 11.30am .

### **13. Date of Next Meeting Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7pm**

Thanking Paula for taking us through the business of the meeting Fr Jim added some final comments before the meeting closed with a prayer, hymn and blessing.