

St Teresa's Parish Church
Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on the 29th January 2018

Present: Fr Jim, Deacon Willie, Marilyn McEwen, Terry Harkness, Elizabeth Robertson, Peggy Marshall, John Lawson, Madeline Callander, Derek Cochrane, Kathleen McMillan, Joan Smith, Craig Landsboroug.

Apologies: Elizabeth Blount.

Welcome and opening Prayer said by all.

As part of our Anniversary celebrations it was decided to turn the waste ground at the left hand side of the Church into a rose garden to this end Fr. Jim introduced Craig Landsborough Community Pay Back Officer. Craig spoke about his work and the people on this scheme who will be developing the rose garden. He will liaise with Peter Clingin regarding the removal of the rubbish. The workers will strim back the garden and prepare it for planting. There is a budget of £1000 for this work. People could sponsor a rose and dedicate this to a loved one. A fence will be placed round the garden. Craig will look at a design for this with one of his fellow workers within the next 2 to 3 weeks. The metal gate will also be repaired.

St Teresa's Parish 1958-2018- 60th Diamond anniversary year.

Ideas put forward: Logo designed by the children, Ecumenical Event a songs of praise, 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 Tea/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. This could give us the opportunity to 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. 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.

Previous Minutes.

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

Advent/ Christmas

Thank to everyone who helped prepare the Church and the grounds, the cleaners and also the choir. The children's liturgy Christmas Play went well. Christmas Eve service was well attended. Hospitality from the parish was well received through feedback from visitors. The outside crib light needs to be fixed and parts have been sourced.

RCIA/Grow in Faith Sessions.

This is continuing to go well. There are 3 candidates. Visit Ayr on the 18th February for Rite of Election.

RCIC

Confirmation Day is Tuesday 27th February in St Teresa's at 7pm. Thanks to Fiona, Elizabeth and Marie for their continuing help. Hospitality will be provided in the hall afterwards.

First communion day will be 18th June the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Safeguarding/PVG.

John and Catherine have prepared the annual audit. PVG's are being renewed. They will catch up with the training sessions after Easter. New guide lines will be released between March and May in respect of the McLellan Report. Parish Priests have been asked to review their security measures when someone calls at the Presbytery House due to the recent attack in Kilwinning.

Repairer:

Some painting to be done before October.

School Reports: No reports.

Ababa Project and TEACH Program.

They will run the Charity shop from the 19th to 24th March. All donations can be handed into the Church or the Hall. There will be a rota at the back of the Church for people willing to help with this. The Caritas students from St Josephs will help out as part of the Award program. This may be the last year the shop will be available therefore we are looking for new fundraising ideas. There will be a update leaflet soon. Easter raffle is being arranged. Thanks to the entire mission team for their hard work.

Parish Youth:

The music and reading will be youth lead on the 2nd February. Thanks to Maeve and Darious and Louise for organising this. Youth activities in the hall after mass on the 2nd February

SVDP:

Nothing to report.

Ecumenism: nothing new

Dairy of Events.

14th February Ash Wednesday.

19th to 24th March Charity Shop

31st March Easter Vigil 9pm

1st April Easter Day Mass 11.30am

13th May Family BBQ.

18th June First Holy Communion.

Suggest date for future meetings: Monday 12th March & Thursday 31st May.

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