

**St Teresa's Parish Church**  
**Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Present:** Father Jim, Deacon Willie, P Cochrane, M McEwen, P Dickson, M Callander, P Marshall, T Harkness, F Smith, E Woodman, D Cochrane, E Roberson, B Gardiner, E Blount, R Ferguson, G Ferguson, E King, and J Smith

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

**Remark's by Father Jim.**

Bishop Cunningham has requested that all Parish Priests cover their own Deaneries during holidays and illness and arrange mass times to suit.

There is no one studying for the Priesthood in the Diocese at the present time.

Ministers of the Eucharist are visiting the housebound and sick in the Parish.

Co operation is needed by all parishioners in these difficult times.

Father Jim is hoping that St Teresa's parish will build closer links with St Andrew's Parish.

2. Father Jim then handed the meeting over to The Chairperson Paula Cochrane.

**3. Minutes:**

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November with amendments, was read and approved.

**4. Matters arising from the 3<sup>rd</sup> November minutes not on the Agenda:**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Review of Advent/ Christmas Liturgies.**

Thursday night evening prayer during Advent was enjoyed by all who took part. Midnight Mass was better attended this year possibly due to it being on a Saturday.

Father Jim thanked Robert Ferguson and the children's liturgy team for their excellent work preparing the children for Christmas morning Mass. The nativity play was well received.

The Parish learned two new Mass settings thanks to the excellent work of the choir.

**6. Diocesan Pod Casts**

These are available on the diocesan web sight. There is a link to this on the Parish Web site. Clergy and parishioners from St Teresa's have taken part in recording some of these pod casts.

**7. Schools News.**

Miss Blount informed the meeting that the Coffee Evening and Concert was very successful and enjoyed by all who took part.

There are 11 children enrolled for Primary 1 so far.

The school social committee are holding a table top sale in the school on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

The school has a new janitor Mr T Kearney.

Education Sunday is 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012 with the children from the school taking part at morning mass.

Mrs Ferguson stated that St Joseph's College has the largest stay on rate in Dumfries and Galloway.

There have been several staff changes. Mrs M Carroll is moving to Dundee.

Major Spence OBE said that the Remembrance Mass was a very moving experience.

The youth forum was a very good event where the Life of the Saints was discussed.

Mrs Ferguson asked if anyone could help a young student with any bedroom furniture. Two parishioners' volunteered their assistance.

**8. Directed Prayer 2012**

It was decided to have this event one evening a week running for six weeks.  
List for those interested would be placed at the back of the Church.

### **9. Parish children/youth work.**

Youth Mass will be on 12<sup>th</sup> February 6pm to 9pm. It great to see as many young people taking part.

### **10. Pilgrimage to Lisieux**

Still places available.

### **11. RCIA/Faith development meetings.**

Presentation of candidates will be on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am Mass.

### **12. RCIC; Confirmation/First Communion preparation.**

Notice board at the back of the Church is updated each week. Children's preparation for the sacraments is progressing well.

### **13. Ethiopia, Project 2012**

Up coming fundraising events: Race night has been arranges for the 11<sup>th</sup> February. Bag packing event in Morrison's will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 4pm. Please put your name on the list if you can help.

Quiz night to be arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Entertainment night has been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Sponsored events 3 members have volunteered to take part in Marathons in London& Ireland and the 10k in Glasgow. Sponsored forms will be available soon.

The team hope to visit Ethiopia at the end May beginning of June.

St Maria from the clinic in Ethiopia is visiting Ireland at the present time.

### **14. Justice & Peace Issues.**

J&P group meeting at St Andrew's House, Brooke Street on 9th February.

Leader: Mr Bill Rennie.

Fair Trade: Proposed to have a table once a month in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass.

### **15. Ecumenism**

Dumfries Christian Network; No report

Outreach with local Churches: Lenten Lunches will be held in St John's Church hall for 6 weeks starting 24<sup>th</sup> February. St Teresa's group will host the sale of produce on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### **16 Parish Hall Repairs.**

Hall is due to be re painted and security light will be fixed.

### **17 Forthcoming Dairy Date/Events.**

Rite of Election 3pm on 26<sup>th</sup> February in the Cathedral

Mass of Chrism Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Cathedral

### **Date and time of next meeting.**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm