

St Teresa's Parish Community
Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on the 21st March 2012

Present: Father Jim, Deacon Willie, M McEwen, P Dickson,
P Marshall, E Roberson, and E King.

1. Welcome and opening Prayer said by all.

Remark's by Father Jim.

A discussion took place on the Sanctity of Marriage and life issues.

A pastoral letter on what constitutes marriage between male and female was read out at all masses in the RC Churches in England and Wales recently. Cardinal O'Brien defends Christian Marriages between man and women.

A discussion also took place on Abortion issues.

2. In the absence of The Chairperson Paula Cochrane, Father Jim chaired the business meeting.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 19th January 2012 were read and approved.

Proposed by P Dickson and seconded by E King.

4. Matters arising from the 3rd November minutes not on the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

5. Promoting Vocations in the diocese/deanery/parish.

Father Jim informed the meeting that Bishop Cunningham has accepted Cameron Ferguson who will start to study for the Priesthood for Galloway Diocese. Cameron is going in August to Salamanca for 6 weeks and then to study in Rome. The parish was asked to remember Cameron and his family in their prayers.

6. Diocesan Pod Casts

These can be found on parish web site and follow the links, and on the diocesan web site ww.gallowaydiocese.org.uk. The reflections for Lent are from St Andrews Deanery.

7. Schools News.

There were no school reports.

M & J Carroll are now settled in Dundee. Good wishes from the Parish go with them.

The following teaches are retiring from St Joseph's College: P. Holmes (Deputy Head), J Brown and A Barbara

8. Directed Prayer 2012

It was decided to have this event one evening a week running for six weeks.

30 people have showed interested. Father Jim and B Gardiner are to arrange this.

9. Parish children/youth work.

Youth Masses and Fun nights have been well attended. Thanks to all who take part and to Harvest for organising the last youth night

10. Pilgrimage to Lisieux

A meeting will be arranged soon for all who are going.

11. RCIA/Faith development meetings.

Meetings are well attended. 5 new members will become full members of the Church at the Easter Vigil.

12. RCIC; Confirmation/First Communion preparation.

St Ninian's Club is going well. Confirmation and First Communion is 27th May at 10.30am Mass
The Ladies Guild are supplying the breakfast.

13. Ethiopia, Project 2012

Father Jim visited Sister Maria Antinios in Mullingar recently. Program for the visit has been worked out.
The team wish to thank everyone who helped at the bag packing.

14. Justice & Peace Issues.

No meetings have been held. P Dickson reported that they hope to hold a Fairtrade stall once a month in the Church.

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

15. Ecumenism

The Parish send congratulations to Nadine Caven who has taken on the role as Dumfries Christian Network treasurer

16 Parish Hall Repairs.

Repairs are going well and are near completion.

17 Forthcoming Dairy Date/Events.

28 th April	Concert	Project 2012
17 th June	Barbeque	Father's day
1 st October	Patrons Day	Ministry reflection/Safeguarding

Date and time of next meeting.

Wednesday 14th June at 7pm