

St Teresa's Parish Community

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held on the 21st November 2013

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

Welcome and opening Prayer said by all.

Remark's by Fr Jim.

Development of the Blessed Sacrament area on the sanctuary (canopy/baldachin). Fr Jim stated that work will start soon on the rear sanctuary wall, re plastering and painting. The tabernacle will be moved to below the canopy to make it stand out more. It will sit on a granite shelf to match with the altar and lectern. All agreed that this would be a good development and gave their blessing for it to continue.

Having no other particular matter to discuss Paula took over the chair to lead us in the business of the meeting

Minutes of PPC meeting of 26th September 2013

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 26th September 2013 were read and approved.
Approved by B Gardener and Seconded by E Robertson.

Year of Faith

The "Year of Faith" concludes on the 24th November 2013. During this year we looked at the Catechism as part of our R C I A/ Grow in faith sessions.

RCIA/Grow in Faith Sessions.

This new session will take place in Holy Trinity Lockerbie; this is to encourage the Parish Communities to share their faith together. Car sharing from St Teresa's to Lockerbie will be arranged, contact Deacon Willie or Paula. Each night will be a stand-alone session so parishioners are welcome to attend when they can. We have held two meetings so far which have been well attended by the three parishes. Lockerbie and Moffat appreciated the effort made by St Teresa's parish. Next meeting 28th November 2013. One member from Holy Trinity Lockerbie has shown an interest in joining the Church. But there are no candidates or catechumens from St Teresa's this year.

RCIC

Three children from the parish (Two attending St Teresa's primary school and 1 attending Locharbriggs primary school) are preparing for Confirmation and First Communion. P3 children will receive the sacrament of reconciliation. The Rite of Presentation of the Children will take place this Sunday (Feast of Christ the King). The Saturday club will continue from January to June 2014. We are grateful that Mrs Fiona Holden and Mrs Marie Mollins have agreed to continue as parish catechists. Miss Blount and Father will continue to offer them good support.

School Reports

No Report. It was pointed out that the Super School idea that provoked so much interest has now been rejected. Schools in the town will be either refurbished or rebuilt and a shared Hub will be developed on one of the schools.

Ababa Project and TEACH Programme.

The Ababa Project was left a very generous legacy from the late Miss Seymour. This will be used to sponsor one of the Sisters to study theology. There will be a fund raising quiz night and three number lotteries on the 30th November. A gift for £3600 was transferred to the Sisters to be used for general purposes. There will be gifts of hope available for sale as an alternative Christmas Gift for families and friends. Kelly has Christmas cards to send to the children that we sponsor. Nega is attending university and we are asked to keep him in our prayers. There are at presently 78 children sponsored in their education this year. Some letters have arrived from the children to their sponsors.

Parish Children and Youth Work.

A trip to the Bowling and Pizza Hut have been arranged for the children on the Parish as a thank you.

Justice and Peace Group

No report given.

Fair Trade

There will be a sales table on the last Sunday of the month at the back of the Church.

SCIAF

£1426 has been raised for the Filipino Community. They are also collecting non-perishable goods to send to their communities. Derek Cochrane and Deacon Willie will uplift donations from Lincluden School. There will be a Buffet Lunch in aid of the Filipino Community on the 1st December at £5 per head.

DCN

The last meeting was held in St Mary's/Greyfriars and dates for the following year were arranged.

Prisoner's Week

Fr Jim appealed for donations of new toys for the Prisoners to give to their children at Christmas time.

Dairy of Events.

Christmas Fayre 23th November 2pm to 4pm

Ababa Project Quiz Night 30th November 8pm to 10pm

St Teresa's Primary School Christmas Fayre 5th December 6.30pm to 9pm

Seniors Christmas Meal 6th December 6.30pm for 7pm

St Teresa's Primary Christmas Concert 18th December 7pm.

Discussion on the Synod Document & Embracing Change Discussion Paper 22nd December 7pm.

Reconciliation Service 23rd December 7pm

Christmas Eve Services 24th December 9pm St Teresa's, Midnight Mass in Moffat

Christmas Day 25th December 9.30am Lockerbie, 11.30am St Teresa's

Having no other business, Paula handed back to Fr Jim for his closing Remarks

Closing Remarks

Fr Jim shared with us how well the three communities he now serves are adapting and working together were they can.

Fr Jim asks how we can promote attendance for the PPC meetings. Hopefully the lack of numbers is a vote of confidence for those who do attend?

Date of Next Meeting 6th February 2014 at 7pm

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