

St Teresa's Parish Church
Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on the 22nd November 2012

Present: Father Jim, Deacon Willie, P Marshall, M Callander, P Cochrane, J Lawson, J Smith, T Thorley and E King.

Welcome and opening Prayer said by all.

1. Remark's by Father Jim.

Father Jim commented on the poor attendance and thanked everyone for making the effort to attend. Father Jim spoke on embracing change and how it will affect the whole of the diocese, an example being St Margaret's Parish Irvine which closed recently. This was a positive decision between the two parishes involved, thus enabling both parishes to make good use of all their talents. The discussion paper will come out again in the near future. In the mean time all parishes have been asked to arrange mass times to assist the clergy in the diocese.

2. Minutes.

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 27th September 2012 were read and approved.

3. Matters arising from the 27th September minutes not on the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

4. Christmas 2012

Reconciliation services Monday 17th December in St Teresa's

Christmas Eve Service starts with Carols at 11.30pm and Mass at midnight. The Filipino choir will sing at this mass.

Christmas Day Mass 10.30am

There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

New Years Day Mass 12 noon.

5. Year of Faith.

11th October 2012 to November 2013.

- There was a Diocesan Mass for the beginning of Year of Faith in the Cathedral Ayr on 14th October 2012. Only two people from this parish attended
- Evening Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday 6th, 13th & 20th December 7 pm to 9pm. This will give parishioners a quiet time for reflection at this busy time.
Confession 7.30pm to 8.30pm.
- A retreat may be organised for 2013.

6. RCIA

No one has come forward as yet.

7. RCIC

Confirmation will be on 2nd June 2013. The children will be presented to the parish at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 25th November 2012.

8. Ababa Project Teach Programme

The Teach Programme, so far there are 57 children sponsored this year. Photographs of the children have arrived and will be sent to us as soon as possible. Ababa project have recently send out £ 3300 to help train nurses and midwives. Nicola and Rebecca receive e mails from the sisters on a regular base. "Real Gift" for Christmas vouchers are available in the Church porch for those who wish to support the mission.

9. Schools.

St Teresa's School Coffee Evening raised over £500.

St Teresa's will celebrate their Golden Jubilee next year. A Celebration Mass will be held in the school on the 22nd April 2013.

The super school was discussed and both Mrs Jones and Miss Blount are to be invited to the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting to discuss this matter.

11. Week of Directed Prayer 2012

It was felt that one night a week for six weeks gave a better time for reflection. Thanks to Beatrice for organising this. Elaine and Peggy agreed that this time opened up minds to a greater depth of understanding.

12. Parish children/ Youth Work

Father Jim thanked everyone who helps with the children's liturgy.

The youth for Lourdes are busy fund raising within the parish. Emily Thorley offered to pray for one hour daily during November for intentions.

Youth Mass music was excellent. Thank to all who took part.

13. Reports

There was no report from the Justice and Peace Group or Fairtrade.

Ted Thorley is starting an initiative to send Christmas Cards to individual, groups or organisation that suffers persecution because of their religious faith (regardless of that faith)

Dumfries Christian Network are organising Carol Signing in the Loreburn Centre on Saturday 14th December.

14 Dates for you Dairy.

- Christmas Fare 24th November
- Ababa Project Quiz Night 30th November
- Seniors Christmas Dinner 7th December 6pm for 6.30pm
- Ababa Project Race Night 15th March 2013

The meeting closed with prayer, hymn and blessing

Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 7th February 2013