

**St Teresa's Parish Church**  
**Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**Present:** Father Jim, Deacon Willie, P Marshall, J Smith, M Callander, P Dickson, E Robertson, K M<sup>c</sup>Millan, M M<sup>c</sup>Ewen, D Cochrane, P Cochrane, C Taylor, B Gardiner, J Lawson and C Lavell.

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

**1. Remark's by Father Jim.**

A core group will be formed to represent the parish on the consultation regarding service times that lie ahead with the parish of Holy Trinity, Lockerbie and the church of St Luke's, Moffat and Fr Jim.

**2. Minutes.**

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were read and approved.

**3. Embracing Change.**

A long and thoughtful discussion took place around the following points:

Change is certain-we must make decisions now or be overtaken by circumstances.

What of New Abbey?

What of Kirkconnel?

What of 2 parishes in Dumfries?

Priest's health and well being is important.

All need to be accommodative.

We discern as a Christian community, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit-not argument in the worse sense of that word.

The role of Deacons.

The role of lay ministers to the sick etc.

More frequent meetings with those that are doing the same service.

Must look at the positive side.

Welcoming and hospitality more important than ever.

Car sharing.

Use technology more.

**4. Parish children/ youth work**

a) Congratulations to St Teresa's School on their 50th Anniversary Celebrations. The Mass and the Saturday night event were enjoyed by all.

b) Dumfries Learning Town: The parent councils of each school attended meetings with Mike M<sup>c</sup>Grath and Fr William M<sup>c</sup>Fadden. The Catholic cluster schools shared concerns about child protection and bullying. Representatives from 15 schools meet with councillors from the Labour, Conservative and SNP to put across the Catholic point of view. There are 47 councillors who can vote on this issue. There is no evidence that it will benefit the children. It was suggested that there should be a protest rally on the 27<sup>th</sup> June which is the day of the vote.

c) The May procession was a great success with a good turnout. It was nice to see a long queue for the burgers. Thanks to all who helped to organise and participate in running the day.

**5. Year of Faith**

11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Pilgrimage 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013 to St Ninian's Cave Whithorn

As part of the Year of Faith the Parish is asked to promote this event to encourage greater participation. St Andrew's Deanery is the host for this year.

## **6. RCIC.**

- a) Confirmation/First Communion 10.30am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013. There are 9 children and 2 young adults. Thanks to Fiona, Elizabeth and Marie for all their good work in preparing the children.
- b) Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30am Mass. There will be a party till 1.30pm with bouncy castle, ice cream and juice.

## **7. TEACH Programme**

Derek, Rebecca and Beatrice are going out to the clinic in August this year. The parish supports 54 children in their education. A poster will be going up shortly with the children's photos. Kelly has letters from each of the children which will be given to their sponsors soon. The team meet every six to eight weeks. The group considering reverting back to the collection box being placed at the back of the church on the first Sunday of the month but PPC members views where that arrangements should stay as they are at present. Marilyn suggested that Gift Aid envelopes be handed out before Mass on the Sunday of the collection.

## **8. Justice and Peace issues.**

There is lots of information at the back of the Church on this subject see Ted Thorley or Pat Dickson. There will be a Fair Trade stall once a month (second Sunday) in the Church porch starting on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## **9. Dumfries Christian Network**

Holy Week Services were tremendous and inspirational. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way throughout the week.

Guid Nychbuirs Songs of Praise 9<sup>th</sup> June at Dumfries High School 7.30pm

Next Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7pm for 7.30pm in St Teresa's Church.

## **10 Dates for you Dairy.**

- Safeguarding John and Paula will attend at meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Kirkcudbright where there will be a discussion of the parish audits.
- Wednesday Club 5<sup>th</sup> June Outing to Moffat leaving from the Church at 10.45am leaving Moffat at 2.30pm. There will be a list at the back of the Church for names addresses and phone numbers which must be available in the event of an emergency for any trip organised by the church.

**The meeting closed with prayer, hymn and blessing**

**Date and time of next meeting to update and discuss the Deanery Conference.**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 7-9pm.