

ST ANDREWS DUMFRIES
Minute of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Gerald Donnelly, Trish Clyde, Kate McKay, Mary Frances Murray, Annette Barnett, Shona Payne, Edwina Cumming, Kevin Jones and Gerald McGill

Welcome and Apologies: Father Gerald led with a prayer, and apologies were received from Claire Reid and Stuart Irvine and Graeme Campbell

Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2018 were considered and approved.

Matters Arising:

1. **Tabernacle** – The new tabernacle has been ordered and will arrive after Christmas. It has cost around £7000. An overall budget of £10000 has been set for the project to include other work such as a sanctuary lamp and moving the radiator from its current position.
2. **Deanery Meeting** – There was a deanery meeting held on 30 October in Kirkcudbright. A proposal from the ‘SPRED’ Group was heard and there will shortly be a clergy and deanery meeting to have a ‘SPRED’ Group in Dumfries to see if this is viable with an outreach to towns further west of Dumfries in the diocese to identify those in need of their help.
3. **Safeguarding** – Susan Leask has accepted the post for the parish and is meeting with John Lawson from St Teresa’s. John wants the safeguarding role to be a team and not one individual

Any Other Business

There was a decent turnout to Kevin’s ministry meeting on 3 October. Around 30 parishioners attended. There are two new altar servers started.

Dates for Christmas:

The Senior Citizens’ Dinner will be on 12 December 2018. Fiona Douglas is the main organiser and she will be contacted to see if she needs any help from the parishioners or from the pupils from St Joseph’s College.

The Big Sing – This will be organised, usually on the last Sunday before Christmas, but whether it will be the 16th or 23rd is still to be confirmed.

The St Joseph’s College Christmas Market will be on 29 November.

Monday 10 December – St Teresa’s Penitential Service.

Tuesday 18 December – St Columba’s Penitential Service.

Wednesday 19 December – St Andrew’s Penitential Service.

Friday 21 December – New Abbey Carol Service.

Christmas Day Masses:

6.30 pm - Vigil in St Columba’s

9.30 pm - St Andrew’s for Carols followed by Mass at 10.00pm

10.00 am - Christmas morning Mass at St Andrew’s

Mid-day Mass at St Columba’s

St Teresa’s will have Masses at 7.00 pm on Christmas Eve and there will be a 10.00 pm Mass in Holy Trinity Lockerbie.

There will hopefully be a Choir for Christmas.

Father Gerald has been invited by Scotus College in Rome to go to Rome on 30th November to celebrate the occasion of his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Bishop Nolan will be saying Mass on the St Andrew’s Night Mass on 30th November at 7.00 pm.

The school will have a Mass in the morning of 30th November.

As Father Gerald will be away the weekend of 1st and 2nd December, Canon Pat Keegans will celebrate Mass in St Andrew's and St Columba's.

Liturgy Group: There will be a meeting on Wednesday 21 November.

Handrail onto Sanctuary: Mary Frances raised the issue of a need for a handrail to assist ministers and priests up the steps on to the sanctuary. There was a wide discussion of this and it was agreed that it would be looked into further.

Front Doors: The front doors are sticking badly and Gerald McGill agreed to contact Joe Boyle to look at repairing the doors and re-hanging them. In addition, there is a garage door at the church house that needs replaced.

Catholicism Series: Kate McKay has offered one or both of her spare copies of the Reverend Robert Barron's DVD series to make available to the parish for loan or possibly to run showings of the DVDs in the church hall. It was agreed this would be taken further.

Singing Children of Africa: The committee wish to note their congratulations to Maire Crawford for all her work organising the visit of the African children and for the tremendous fundraising achieved for them.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.