

**St Teresa’s Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Present:** Paul Carter (Chair); Margaret Malone; Fr John; Margaret O’Donovan; Brendan Gilbert; Mary Mandryk; Mary Lee; Mary Cadd;; Adri Wells; Liz Coutinho; Lorraine Pinto; Bernadette Mulhern; Clemence Kudiabor; Denis Yorke; Justin Dachtler; Jean Dolan (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Fred Mendonca; Con Diver; Rob Mobile; Theresa Goldband

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| <b>Welcome</b>  | Paul Carter welcomed Clement Kudiabor our new PPC Member and everyone else to the meeting. Liz Coutinho opened the meeting with a prayer   |  |
| <b>Review of minutes</b>                                | Review of minutes held on 05/07/2016<br><b>Amendments : 3. CHEC Parish Hall Extension –</b><br>Phase 2. Hall, Garage, Kitchen & Youth Area<br>Phase 3 Completion of whole project  |  |
| <b>1. Amoris Laetitia Group Reflection</b>              | <p>Bernadette Mulhern and Liz Coutinho provided a reflection of chapter 2. Results of 2 Synods: topics that impact on family life – migration, denial of differences between the sexes, lack of housing and work, pornography and abuse of minors, biotechnology on procreation, inattention to disabilities and lack of respect for elderly, legal dismantling of families and violence against women.</p> <p>Concreateness, realism and daily life make the substantial difference in explaining reality and the ideologies that distort it. Rampant individualism makes it difficult for people to give themselves generously to another. There is a fear of commitment – fear of loneliness and desire for stability and fidelity exist alongside fear of entrapment in a relationship that could impact on personal goals.</p> <p>Families should be welcomed and integrated into the parish community. Jesus proposed a demanding ideal but always showed compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals.</p> <p>There is a summary of Amoris Laetitia provided by the Association of Catholic Priests.<br/><a href="http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2016/05/summary-of-amoris-laetitia-the-joy-of-love/">http://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2016/05/summary-of-amoris-laetitia-the-joy-of-love/</a></p> <p>The PPC suggest organising discussion groups/ presentation sessions of Amoris Laetitia for the Parish/Deanary<br/>The PPC will continue to read Amoris Laetitia and summarise chapters to present to the PPC meeting.</p> | <b>Action:</b><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><b>All PPC Members</b> |
| <b>2. St Teresas Parish 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> | To be linked to the feast day of St Teresa of Lisieux. Lunch for parishioners – date to be arranged – 01/10/2017.  |  |

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| <b>3 Parish Financial Update</b>       | Adri Wells provided the PPC with Church income and expense by month and St Teresa's net assets (documents attached) The toilet block has paid for through CHEC. Additional expenses have been the wages for the newly appointed parish hall cleaner and the new sound system in the church.  |                    |
| <b>4. Parish Hall Extension Update</b> | Paul Carter provided an update to the PPC from CHEC<br>The toilet block is near completion and should be ready by the end of October 2016.<br>Phase 1 – Committee meeting 04/10/2016<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> round of bids. There are 5 bids for outside funding in progress. 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage 4- 6 weeks. CHEC will report to parish on the weekend of 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 with updates on bids, with ideas for fundraising and updates on estimates of Phase 2 and Phase 3.  | <b>CHEC</b>        |
| <b>5. Clergy Support Fund Campaign</b> | Paul Carter provided the PPC with information regarding the Clergy Support Fund campaign. Invitations have been sent out to parishioners who have expressed an interest in supporting the campaign. 151 parishioners have responded. Three meetings have been scheduled with an hour long presentation. Paul Carter and Mary Curtin with support from Tim Wells will be making presentations at each meeting. 31 parishioners attended the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting. £2 million has been raised across the diocese.   | <b>Paul Carter</b> |
| <b>6. Community Project</b>            | Deferred to next meeting in the absence of Rob Mobile. Rob is engaged in securing future bids for the project.   |                    |
| <b>7. Evangelisation</b>               |  |                    |
| <b>Amoris Laetitia</b>                 | Amoris Laetitia – now available from contact corner in the narthex of the church.  |                    |
| <b>St Teresa's School</b>              | There are 6 new teachers in the school who are conscientious and committed. The school is due for its OFSTED inspection. The school is currently focusing on the life of Mother Teresa and her recent canonization as a saint. The school is adhering to building capacity and developing catholic links in the Deanery. There are 6 catholic primary schools and 2 catholic high schools within the Deanery and a collaborative approach is being achieved.<br>The national Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima accompanied by the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco came to St Teresa's school on 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 at a special assembly. An invitation to prayer was sent out to the families. A full celebration of the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima will take place in May 2017. |                    |

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| <p><b>Anointing Mass</b></p> <p><b>Evangelisation Group</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion</b></p> <p><b>Confirmation</b></p> <p><b>RCIA</b></p> <p><b>Prayer Groups</b></p> | <p>Following an assembly on St Teresa of Lisieux and her 'Little Way' – the children learnt about her life.</p> <p>The 'ARK Bus' was parked outside St Teresa's school for four days and each class visited the bus over the week. The bus programme to explore the power of words with activities (ARK – Acts of Random Kindness) was organised by Kevin Vickers. The children enjoyed the programme and learnt a lot from it.</p> <p>On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the school has a Gardening Day. Several parents and children aimed to assist with the gardening. The receipt of the planters was arranged by Stephen Smith assisted by Year 6 teacher Sionaid Adjei.</p> <p>The Anointing Mass has been postponed due to a lack of assisting priest. A new date to be arranged.</p> <p>The Legion of Mary and the visiting team continue to go into the community – knocking on doors and offering prayer and gentle invitation in a systematic way.</p> <p>The First Holy Communion registration morning will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 9.30am. Several parents and children</p> <p>Confirmation planning will begin in early October 2016.</p> <p>RCIA began on 07/09/2016 with 8 new attendees and some returners from previous year. 17 people attended the first meeting.</p> <p>The prayer groups are going strong and well attended. The Divine Mercy group encourages prayer and is another source of evangelisation.</p> <p>Mothers Prayer groups are also appreciated by the parishioners.</p> |  |
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| <p><b>9. Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>Children's Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>Readers</b></p> <p><b>Special Ministers</b></p> <p><b>Community Masses</b></p> <p><b>Projector</b></p> | <p>Children's Liturgy resumed at the 11am Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016.</p> <p>Additional readers are needed for the 11am Mass. A notice to be placed in the newsletter.</p> <p>Eight new Special Ministers are being commissioned on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at St George's Cathedral</p> <p>No Community Masses scheduled at present.</p> <p>A volunteer required to operate the projector at the 11am Mass.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>10. Social</b></p>   | <p>The Tuesday club continues and is well attended and appreciated.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>11. Maintenance</b></p> <p><b>Fire Safety</b></p>  | <p>There is a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for Fire Marshal Training with 'precision' (who provide fire safety training for the Diocese)</p>   |  |
| <p><b>12. Confidential Items</b></p>   | <p>One</p>  |  |
| <p><b>13. Any Other Business</b></p>   | <p><b>Thank You Supper</b> – for those who help out in St Teresa's Parish in any way. On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30-9.30pm in St Teresa's School Hall. 70 attendees have confirmed they are coming so far. PPC social committee members will go to the school to set up the hall. A meeting with the caterers (Angela and Matthew) to be arranged. Valentina will provide tablecloths, Rob Mobile to check if there are enough trestle tables in the School Hall. Maria Roman to organise music and video screen. A 2 course hot meal will be provided, no alcohol but people are welcome to bring a bottle. Notice to be placed in the newsletter to encourage latecomers.</p> |  |

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| <b>Closing Prayer</b> | Closing prayer led by Bernadette Mulhern  |  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>   | <p><b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b> – Margaret Malone (Chair)<br/> Opening Prayer – Jean Dolan Closing Prayer – Mary Mandryk</p> <p><b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b><br/> <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item</b> – to elect a new Chair</p> |  |