

St Joseph's CAFOD Group

Minutes of meeting at 2pm on 9 March 2021 on Zoom

1. Apologies for absence: Angela Gray
Present: Eileen Clare; Chris Donaghy; Carol Donaghy; Liz White; Bernard White; Andrea McGowan
2. Action minutes of meeting on 9 March 2021:
 - a. Bernard placed the Fast Day envelopes at St Joseph's, Wool, for Fr Tim to distribute some to Wareham, Lulworth and Swanage;
 - b. Family Fast Day information for newsletter was sent to Fr Tim for the newsletter for the weekend 20/21 Feb 2021;
 - c. Walk for Water - Bernard has written a piece for the PWC Former Partners quarterly newsletter;
 - d. Meeting with MPs re G7 & COP26 (Now called 'Parliament in your parish'):
There has been no response from Richard Drax MP (Dorset South). Angela will follow up Michael Tomlinson MP (Mid Dorset, including Wareham).
For the follow up to the meeting with Chris Loder MP (West Dorset) see Chris Donaghy's email of 25 March 2021 (below).
 - e. AOB: Angela has shared the presentations of the talks by different speakers at "Welcome the Stranger" Zoom meeting of Plymouth and Clifton dioceses on 08.02.21, with a view to our parish collaborating with Caritas Plymouth and Clifton on projects (below).
Response from the group – how we welcome refugees...? All reviewed and thought it's a good scheme for the parish to take on and hoped that the Parish Council will take it on board;
3. Prayer Pilgrimage (Andrea) and Cafod's "Prayer without ceasing" (Kathleen Doyle's email, 2 March.) <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-without-ceasing>: Andrea will report to the next meeting.
4. Reclaim Our Common Home is CAFOD's campaign for the whole of 2021; parishes and schools will be asked to join in will be from April 2021 – see <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>;
CAFOD is asking our Campaign Volunteers to get our petition signed by as many people as they can (in a COVID-safe way), either online or via petition cards – these cards will be arriving in the post around 22nd March 2021 – in a pack to each Campaign Volunteer, which will include a guide to organising, a poster and 15 cards (this will also be sent out via email too). The Group will then confer further; there are also two online training sessions, on Thurs 25 March 6.30-8pm and Sat 10 April 11am-12.30 (same session repeated). We also considered:-
 - i. Posting out the petition cards. When church attendance a bit more normal we could be outside church and handing out forms/cards for signatures; deploying families to gain signatures;
 - ii. At moment only 1500 signatures UK nationwide – out of a population of approximately 67 million: so we need a big push on the petition.

- iii. Acting via the Catenians.
 - iv. Andrea will contact Emma Wetherill to ask if the petition could be signed by students at Purbeck and gather a name of who is in charge of PRE at Hardye's; contacts at Hardye's via Chris who will tap into these people for support; Twynham and Ringwood Andrea might be able to come up with a name;
 - v. Bernard has already spoken with Geraldine about the Walk for Water campaign in Purbeck Parishes.
 - vi. There will also be a Virtual Service on the vigil of the G7 Meeting in Cornwall in June 2021: we will see what we might do for this closer to the time – and refer to website too.
5. AOB: Are there other organisations that are campaigning for action on Climate Heating and for a positive outcome for COP26? Can we see the wider context?? We need to keep on informing ourselves so that we have the resources and a logical argument for positive change. Just like the Live Simply Campaign, we need to make an accessible cogent argument that has day-to-day evidence for it being a good idea: beyond/before what we see ourselves in the group.
6. Next meeting: 06.04.21 was rescheduled for 20.04.21 at 2pm.

Attachments referred to in the minutes of meeting on 9 March 2021:

[Attachment 1](#)

Attachment 2: [Welcome the Stranger](#)