

Minutes for meeting of St Joseph's CAFOD Group at 2pm on 10 August 2021  
At Bracken Cottage, East Burton Road

1. Apologies for absence: none. Present: Angela Gray; Eileen Clare; Bernard White; Carol Donaghy; Elizabeth White; Chris Donaghy; Andrea McGowan
2. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda: Eileen requested a correction of the spelling of her surname, to the correct Clare; and Andrea apologised for the mistake – and not checking.
3. Preparation for Climate Mass on 12 September 2021 – St Joseph's and Swanage parishes putting their faith into action. At St Joseph's, Wool preparations for Climate Mass are as follows:
  - Readings set out by CAFOD – except the first reading – are all suitable for our use – we may need to alter the first reading to make it more locally suitable
  - We will decorate the altar with artefacts that have symbolic resonance of the natural world
  - Mass should go ahead with decorations decorations
  - Sally Weld has agreed to have us at Binden Mill
  - School has a gazebo in its garden if it's a nice day we could have Mass in there: although this may cause additional logistical issues
  - Geraldine – head teacher at school – may be able to work with us for a Creation Mass with the children involved on a week day Mass
  - Going forward it may be possible for a greater collaboration with the school: Covid 19 precluded the children's Mass attendance at the weekday Wednesday Mass
  - Ask Geraldine to develop the Mass within the school
  - Question: what is our role as a CAFOD group in relation to the school and the parish?
  - Inclusive offertory procession and develop connections to creation so that all feel involved: Eileen offered to help organise and supervise the procession on the day (she is available from 2<sup>nd</sup> September)
  - Use the Children's Eucharistic Prayer
  - But also check whether there is a special Eucharistic Prayer for the Creation Mass
  - [Would the whole CAFOD group please familiarise themselves with the liturgy for the Climate Mass via the CAFOD website; see [www.cafod.org](http://www.cafod.org) : look at Climate Mass and see if there are tweaks to be made for St Joseph's and Swanage
  - Should there be additional bidding prayers?
  - Should there be any changes to the language in the text of the Mass?
  - Specifics of care for the world need to be made explicit?
  - "Ecology" to be replaced with a word or phrase that is more resonant or user friendly for our setting at St Joseph's and Swanage?
  - Message of Climate Mass is that we should love "neighbour and nature as God does"

- We will have a tree near the altar – a “tree of life” with little cards/leaves with dedications/commitments on them to hang from the branches of the tree: reader may stand at lectern and read out the commitments and the response will be “Lord, I come to do your will.” We could instead ask the altar servers to add the leaves to the tree as the response is said. The tree could stay up until COP26 completed to be a visual reminder of the talks and their importance to us all in the parish. Liz to organise the tree.
  - The big notice board in the narthex should also have a large copy of the Prayer of Commitment on it
  - This Prayer of Commitment will also be given out at Mass for parishioners to take home as a way of preparing for COP26 on an A5 piece of card; it will be put inside the Mass Booklet that will contain readings and responses for this special Mass; it will have a small package of seeds attached for parishioners to take away and plant; this will mean that everyone goes away with something live to nurture; should these be part of the offertory procession and be blessed? [an altar server – gloved – could take them out to the narthex ready to be taken on the way out: Angela and Andrea will sort layout for the Prayers of Commitment; Carol and Chris will sort out layout for the Mass booklet
  - We should encourage all to go on up to Binden Mill
  - Sally Weld contacted by Liz and they are making arrangements: likely to be a ploughman’s lunch with cake afterwards maybe and perhaps a glass of wine; price not yet agreed but likely to be similar to the last time, perhaps £10, concessions may be possible for families; Sally does not have gardeners on a Sunday so she would conduct tours of the garden and so it may depend upon whether she is up to this or not; however, the gardeners will be able to set up marquee in advance of the weekend so that will be available; car parking may need to be supervised on the day; flyer will go with newsletter as an additional (electronic) attachment – might this need to be mentioned at the start of Mass [Fr Tony is covering w/c 22/08/21
  - Sconces need to be swagged and Angela’s A4 photos of creation with scripture attached will be displayed in narthex and around church: display boards needed?
  - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September to put photos up with scripture extracts [Angela, Liz and Andrea to do]; Bernard will buy plywood A1 size for display [Andrea to get felt; and measure boards at home and send numbers to Bernard]; Andrea will pop some photographic paper into Chris and Carol’s
  - The Climate Coalition “Big Green Week” activities: this, our Climate Mass, will be our activity for this effort
4. CAFOD Faith in Action Day 11 September 2021 [CAFOD email 6 August 2021]: both Angela and Bernard are signed up to this initiative: would other group members please consider joining in the action?
  5. AOB: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September has been provisionally agreed for the meeting of Parliament in your Parish with Michael Tomlinson: time and location are to be confirmed but the meeting is now on officially.
  6. Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 2 pm at 24 St Martin’s Close, DT2 8DG – unless Andrea has a supply contract, in which case it will be at Angela’s house.