

## **Dorset Deanery Pastoral Forum**

### **Notes of the meeting held in Dorchester on Wednesday 27 January 2010**

#### **Present:**

Nigel Waite - (Chair) – St Joseph & St Walburga, Branksome Poole  
Father Martin Budge VF – (Dean of Dorset) - Our Lady's, Marnhull  
Carmelita Davey – Our Lady of Fatima, Parkstone, Poole  
Bill Davey – Our Lady of Fatima, Parkstone, Poole  
Michelle Hooper – St Catherine's, Wimborne  
Helen Barnes – St Anthony of Padua, Broadstone  
Pat Haddon – St Mary and St Catherine, Bridport  
James Mackain-Bremner – Our Lady's Marnhull  
Judith Williams – (Admin Secretary) - St Mary's Poole  
Geoffrey Carey – Our Lady, Weymouth & Portland  
Derek Russell – Holy Family, Bournemouth  
Nancy Brook – Our Lady Star of the Sea/Weymouth  
Simon Giarachi - CAFOD  
Dorothy Brant – (Minutes Secretary) - St Anthony of Padua, Broadstone

**Apologies:** Father Barry Hallett, Canon Patrick Chrystal, Father Stephen Geddes , Father Paul McGeehan, Deacon Michael Hughes, Sister Maria Cooke, Joy Marsden, Reg Grimstone

Father Budge opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### **1. Minutes of Prior Meeting (28<sup>th</sup> October) and Matters Arising**

1.1 In error the apologies of Reg Grimstone and Pat Haddon were not recorded in the minutes of 28 October 2009.

##### 1.2 Matters Arising

(a) We still require a further Representative on the Diocesan Council when Andrew's resignation becomes effective prior to the June 2010 Diocesan Council meeting. It was noted that the three existing reps cover Poole, North Dorset (Marnhill/Gillingham) and South Dorset (Weymouth/Portland) and therefore if a rep would volunteer from West Dorset (Wimborne, Swanage, Wool, Blandford, Dorchester etc) we would be well represented.

(b) Communications between Parishes: As requested most Parishes had prepared a note of their groups/organisations and these were handed to Michelle Hooper. Michelle has undertaken to prepare an excel database of these Parish Groups, which will then be sent out to the Parish Secretaries by Judith. It is hoped to update the list annually. Would those Parishes who have not yet submitted their information (including those Parishes not represented on the Forum) please send details of their groups/organisations (eg CWL, Catechists, Rosary Group) to Michelle by email [mhooper@eastdorset.gov.uk](mailto:mhooper@eastdorset.gov.uk) or alternatively you can leave a message for Michelle at St Catherine's Parish Office on 01202 883312.

(c) Catechesis Resources: In order to make the best use of resources owned by various parishes it is suggested we create a materials database. This could act as a useful place to read reviews and to see where it may be possible to borrow programmes. The sort of resources to include

could be all CaFE material (eg 'Knowing God'; 'Baptism'; 'Youth Cafe'; 'Life in Christ' etc. see: [www.faithcafe.org/](http://www.faithcafe.org/) ), 'Evangelium', Scripture courses and home made courses.

An example of the sort of information we would like to hold:

**Marnhull** (contact [ndorsetcatholic@live.co.uk](mailto:ndorsetcatholic@live.co.uk) )

'Evangelium' - a 25 week course on the Catechism. (See [www.cts-online.org.uk](http://www.cts-online.org.uk)) Attractive and enjoyable 5\*. Used for adult catechesis and Enquirers in Marnhull, Shaftesbury and Blandford, RCIA (also as follow up after Reception), parts of programme for Confirmation preparation etc. Available on loan but purchase of participants' books needed.

Please send details of resources held in your parish to Deacon James at [ndorsetcatholic@live.co.uk](mailto:ndorsetcatholic@live.co.uk)

## **2. CAFOD Presentation by Simon Giarchi**

2.1 On 26 February 2010 we are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Family Fast Day. Simon gave us a very interesting presentation highlighting the history of the Fast Day. The first Fast Day in 1960 was organised by the National Board of Catholic Woman (NBCW) to help Sister Mary Alicia MBE, a Belgian nun who was trying to raise money for a project she had founded in the Caribbean Island of Dominica. In this first year the NBCW hoped to raise £500 but in fact raised £6,673 an enormous amount which helped Sister Mary Alicia MBE build a nursing home to treat babies affected by malnutrition. Following another successful appeal in Lent 1961, the initiative was taken up by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales and CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) was formed in 1962.

CAFOD has gone from strength to strength, supporting millions of people over the last 50 years, giving poor communities the means to help themselves.

Whilst celebrating what these women started in 1960 Simon went on to describe the 'Give it Up' campaign which CAFOD are running this year. He showed us an inspiring DVD which is available to all Parishes and he handed out a number of these DVD's and copies of the promotional packs. This material has already been sent to all Parish Priests and Parish Cafod contacts.

## **3. Deanery Reorganisation - Clergy Feedback**

3.1 In the absence of Father Geddes, Father Budge reported that there is no formal feedback to give from the Clergy but he is hopeful that the suggested groupings are getting together and beginning to work together.

With the sad loss of Father Watts it was noted that the Parish of Wareham, Lulworth and Wool are being provided, as a temporary measure, with one mass on a Sunday at Wool by Father Richard Veal.

3.2 At this point in the meeting a discussion took place on whether the Clergy should be better represented at this meeting. Some thought more priests should attend the Forum, but it was highlighted that the priests have their own Deanery Forum, and the Dean always comes to our

meetings, representing the Clergy. It was also felt that the Pastoral Forum is a lay persons meeting with an agenda that reflects this.

#### **4. Parish Reorganisation and Plans**

4.1 Nigel handed out two documents which summaries where the four Poole Parishes are. First 'Developing a Vision of Catholic Life in Poole' - this is the document which was attached to the October minutes, it has now been made available to all parishioners in the four Poole parishes. Secondly a copy of 'Feedback from Fr Barry In Regard to the Spring 2009 Questionnaire' this document has been made available to the parishioners of St Joseph & St Walurga Parish.

4.2 Deacon James reported that work is on-going identifying a suitable venue for mass, but it has become complicated by the diocesan boundary issue.

4.2 Nancy reported that Father Stephen has now moved into the presbytery at St Josephs, and that St Augustine's presbytery is being used as meeting rooms whilst they await planning permission.

#### **5. Dorset Youth Forum**

5.1 Nancy reported that there is Deanery gathering at West Moors this Sunday. If any parish didn't receive details of this will they please contact Nancy at [nancybrook@btinternet.com](mailto:nancybrook@btinternet.com)  
The Leweston event will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> July this year.

#### **6. Diocesan Pastoral Council Feedback**

6.1 The next meeting is in two weeks time.

#### **7. Parish Pump**

8.1 St Catherine's, Wimborne have recently held a very well received 'Come and See' event for new parishioners. Personal letters were sent to the forty-five parishioners identified as having joined the parish during the last three years. About 20 of these parishioners attended the event at which 31 topic areas where described (by 23 people). Each area was given 2 minutes maximum to describe what they did. As well as the new parishioners finding the session very useful an unexpected bonus was that the speakers of groups became more aware of each others' activities and identified opportunities where this may be of benefit in the future.

#### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 14 April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

Nigel will ask David Wells to present on Stewardship at this meeting.

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