

Telephone conversation x Bishop Michael Malors
- approx 6.15pm on 5th June 2002.

Bishop Michael asked me how I was & I said I've been better.

MM said he could understand my feelings as BI had told him about AH is allegedly ~~against~~ Father Jim Fletcher. He said that firstly he wanted to convey his sympathy for the pain that no doubt I was experiencing & that he was offering help for whatever I needed to help me thro' / difficult times ~~about~~ & perhaps long term ahead.

He said that BI had told him yesterday (Tues 4th June) about AH's visit to the police & that he himself had been up to see JMF that very afternoon - 5th June. I was angry at

BI & angry that MM went anywhere near JMF & asked him what he had said.

He said that of course JMF denied he had anything to answer for & was understandably very upset. I said to MM that "of course he would deny any allegations" & MM said "for what I know of paedophiles, they lie thro' their teeth when confronted." MM → important to believe AH & that it was my & BI's role as parents to do

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Asked him why he went near JPF & he said to offer him extra pastoral support. He said he put Jim in touch w/ Father Burston, Harrigan & Saunders to support him thro' this time! He then said that from now on

he would be 'stepping back & waiting.' He also says
people are innocent until proved guilty.
He mentioned that BI had talked to
him about concerns about JPF last year when
AH had disclosed that he had been abused, we
talked of tonight of AH's suicide attempt when AH was
very upset & had asked BI to take him up to Branston
Presbytery, & what AH alleged had happened up
there, & he said BI had mentioned that to him also.
He said that he was very sad for us.
He then offered any support he could provide
internally or externally in way of counselling &
said he would be back in touch. I told him
I would need help as BI & I had exhausted
each other worrying about AH & it was difficult
now we were separated.

Told him of I pain of seeing a son struggle with
some aspects of his life & how proud I was of him
for being courageous enough to put up his hand, I
said perhaps it was the baby on the way that he
gives him the strength. He agreed with this & asked
me to ring him in a day or so or that he would
ring me & talk me with whatever I had decided
regarding counselling. He said 'God bless me &
he would be praying for me. End of
conversation

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