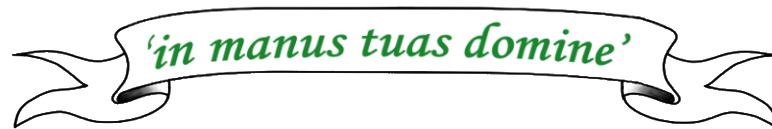


CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington
Parish Priest: Canon John Deeny VG
Deacon Richard Edwards
Fr Kevin O'Connell: (Retired Priest resident in Bude)



The Nativity Scene

Did you know St Francis of Assisi made the first nativity scene?

Recently, Pope Francis travelled to the hill town of Greccio, north of Rome, where a shrine commemorates the spot where, in 1223, St Francis of Assisi used the setting of a cave to replicate the nativity scene for the first time, thereby starting a tradition that quickly spread throughout Christian Europe and later to other continents.

Pope Francis has written an apostolic letter on ***"the meaning and importance of the nativity scene,"*** in which he encourages Christians worldwide to continue ***"the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas"*** by setting up the Christmas crèche not only in their homes but also ***"in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares."***

As we contemplate the Christmas story, he said, ***"we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him."***

Concluding his letter, Pope Francis said that ***"standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up."*** He said, ***"these memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us"*** and ***"of our duty to share the same experience with our children and grandchildren."***

Offerings at our Churches' Nativities will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) helping families in crisis

Week beginning Sunday 22nd December 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year A

Saturday 21st December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: Theresa Honeyands RIP

Sunday 22nd December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ (*Expectant Mothers*)

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 5.30pm Holy Mass in Polish with Confessions at 5.00pm
followed by Christmas Meal in the Hall

Tuesday 24th December ~ *Christmas Eve*

Bude: 4.30pm Christmas Carols

5.00pm Vigil Mass Int: Mollie d'Issa-Boomgardt RIP
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Launceston: 8.30pm Christmas Carols

9.00pm Night Mass followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Wednesday 25th December ~ *Christmas Day*

Callington 8.30am Dawn Mass Int: Holy Souls

Bude 10.00am Day Mass

Launceston 10.30am Day Mass Int: Colin Barrett

Thursday 26th December ~ *St Stephen ~ Promartyr*

Launceston 8.30am Holy Mass

Friday 27th December ~ *St John ~ Apostle and Evangelist*

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass *celebrated by Fr Michael Stanislaw*

Saturday 28th December ~ *The Holy Innocents*

Launceston ***No Mass***

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 29th December ~ *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: Patrick Fitzgerald RIP

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all and
your families a very happy Christmas,
and I look forward to working with you
ever more in the New Year.

Fr John



Week beginning Sunday 29th December 2019

Octave of Christmas: Year A

Saturday 28th December ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 29th December ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: Patrick Fitzgerald RIP

Tuesday 31st December

Launceston 7.00pm Holy Mass

Wednesday 1st January ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Please try to attend one of these Masses to honour Our Holy Mother

Thursday 2nd January ~ St Basil the Great Bp Dr

Launceston 8.30am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Friday 3rd January ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass followed by

10.30am – 11.00am Adoration, Padre Pio Rosary and Devotional Prayers

Saturday 4th January

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass followed by

10.30am-11.30am Adoration, Rosary and Confessions

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass

Sunday 5th January ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass

Date for your Diary

~Parish Christmastide Lunch~

on **Sunday 5th January 2020**

The Epiphany of the Lord

St Cuthbert Mayne Church

in the hall after morning Mass

All are welcome

Please see poster on noticeboards

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Please find at the back of the church at Launceston a list of food required. Please add your name to the list and the food you'll be providing.

Thank you.

A gentle reminder that all Offertory Collections over Christmas will be for Fr John.

There are available at the back of the church

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING envelopes (red/white),**  
if you wish to use them.

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For those who Gift Aid for the parish please write on the envelope your name, postcode and amount.

Fr John will bless the Christmas trees at all three churches after Mass this weekend.

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*Please keep Fr John in your prayers as he celebrates his Feast Day on 27<sup>th</sup> December*

*~ St John, Apostle and Evangelist ~*

Don't forget to pick up a  
**Knights of St Columba  
Christmas poster**  
from the back of the church  
and display it in your window.

**The Parish Office will be closed from  
2pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December until  
9am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.**

**Safeguarding Reps:**

Geoff Provis (Launceston)

Tel: 01566 775820

Piri Gallington (Callington)

Tel: 07958 614222



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR  
PRAYERS the sick and  
housebound and especially for  
Kevin O'Mahoney, Jason Mather,  
Connor Robinson,  
Christina & Barry Murphy,  
Leah Bennett, Ivan Reeves,  
Colin Barrett, Cath Butland,  
Peter Scott, and Jim White.  
May the Lord bless them and all  
who care for them.**

Due to the latest data protection  
legislation (GDPR) we're currently  
unable to list the names of the sick,  
unless we have written permission  
to do so.

**Going into hospital?** If you would like to  
see a Catholic chaplain, please ring:

**For Barnstaple Hospital:**

Fr Peter Morgan 01271 343312

**For Derriford Hospital:**

Rev Simon Fletcher Mob: 07854 816523

**For Exeter Hospital:**

Fr Kieran Kirby 01392 272815

**For Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske:**

Margaret Shute 01872 252883

margaretshute@nhs.net

Most hospitals do not inform chaplains of  
incoming Catholics, so you have to make  
the first move. Alternatively, keep me  
informed and I ask the chaplain to call.



**Collections: 14/15.12.2019**

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| Launceston:      | £ 183.71     |
| Bude:            | £ 94.93      |
| Callington:      | £ 64.00      |
| Balance:         | £ 342.64plus |
| Standing Orders: | £ 383.50     |
| Total:           | £ 726.14     |

Christmas Flower collection: £ 190.62  
Thank you for your continued generosity

**The Presbytery, 21 Mayne Close, St Stephen's Hill, Launceston, PL15 8XQ**

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**Parish Office hours: Tuesday-Friday 9.00am – 2.00pm**

**Website: [www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk)**

Deacon Richard Edwards: 07712 677119

Parish Administrator: Naomi Davis

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