

CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington



Week beginning Sunday 29th March 2020
Fifth Week of Lent: Year A

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that you are all keeping safe and well. The Coronavirus is bringing us all great distress, harm and anxiety. We need to face this challenge with spiritual as well as human resources.

Let us all continue to pray for a speedy solution, for those who are sick, for the elderly and vulnerable, for those who are anxious, for the homeless and all in need, for NHS staff and all who care for the sick, for the dying and for those who have died.

Please do visit our parish website to keep up to date with what is going on. Every Sunday, I record the Mass at St Cuthbert Mayne Church and post it on our YouTube channel and Parish Facebook page. I also post regular Reflections. You can also watch the Mass coming from Plymouth Cathedral everyday celebrated by Bishop Mark. All the links are given below.

In the meantime, we will also be keeping you in touch via this newsletter. If there is anything else you think we can be doing, please send an email or phone. We will try to respond.

Very important: If you are in need of any help with food, provisions, or anything else, we have a team of parish volunteers who can help. Please do not hesitate to phone Deacon Richard, Naomi or myself. If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers please phone us.

Keeping you all in prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Fr John

St Cuthbert Mayne. Pray for us

St Peter. Pray for us

Our Lady of Victories. Pray for us

Coronavirus update

Full Closure of Catholic Churches

Following the Prime Minister's historic announcement on 23rd March in strengthening restrictions in an attempt to combat the spread of COVID-19, **Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time.** Cardinal Vincent Nichols stresses that we must all play our part to safeguard the NHS and to save 'precious lives'.

"We're going to play our full part in it. That was the call of St. Paul that we ought to be good citizens and today we ought to be good citizens playing our part in the protection of the vulnerable, in our support for the NHS and in the preserving of human life, which is so precious to God in the face of this virus."

Message from Naomi, parish secretary:
I am now working from home. Fr John will be manning the telephone at the Presbytery. Please use the email address to keep in touch, launceston@prcdtr.org.uk or if you need to speak to me please ring my landline 01566 784118.
I will be posting copies of the newsletter, prayers and reflections to those who do not have access to the internet. If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving a copy of the newsletter then please contact me. Keep safe. God bless.

Please remember in your prayers next **Tuesday 31st March**, the Mass Intention for the Robinson and Shaland family.

Mass intentions can still be booked please contact the Parish secretary

Message from **Christians Together in Bude and Stratton**
'We are not going to be able to hold our Good Friday Walk of Witness this year, nor the gathering in the Triangle that follows it. Maybe we could all make a special point of praying on Good Friday, 10th April, around 12 noon for our town and community. With love and prayers to you all.'

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
and especially for: Marie Shaw, Peter & Nikki Ware, Jim White,
Kevin O'Mahoney, Christina & Barry Murphy, Jason Mather, Connor Robinson,
Ivan Reeves, Leah Bennett, Cath Butland and Peter Scott.
May the Lord bless them and all who care for them.**

For I, the Lord,
your God,
I am holding you
by the right
hand;
I tell you,
'Do not be
afraid,
I will help you'.
Isiah 41:13-14



Today, **Sunday 29th March 2020** will be the **Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry.**

'The Rededication will not be affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The beauty of this dedication is its personal nature, meaning that we can make the Rededication wherever we may be, with others or on our own. Whilst originally, we had envisaged that most would make The Rededication together in their communities, under the recently imposed Governmental lockdown, we now know that all must make The Rededication at home. This will be an incredible opportunity for us to join together in prayer through our temporary disconnect from both our community and our churches.'

Behold 2020

WHAT IS THE REDEDICATION?

This Rededication is both a personal promise of the people of our country, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in 1381.

THE DEDICATION IN 1381

The first dedication was made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey as he sought the protection of Our Lady in the face of great political turmoil. At this point, England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under her guidance and protection.

THE REDEDICATION IN 2020

On Sunday 29th March at 12noon, The Rededication will take place throughout the country. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady, so we are invited to give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary. We respond to this invitation on the day of Rededication in two ways; by making **a personal promise** and **a communal entrustment**. Our **personal promise** brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ.

In this we unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call. Our **communal entrustment** unites us together as the people of our country in prayer, by renewing the vows of dedication made to Mary by our ancestors.

Use the following link to download The Angelus Promise and The Act of Entrustment
<https://www.behold2020.com/the-rededication>

Useful links to keep in touch

Facebook: Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne

You do not need an account to visit our Facebook page.

Google, Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne Facebook, click onto it and it will bring you onto our Facebook page. It may ask you to open an account at some stage but just click 'not now'.

Youtube: St Cuthbert Mayne RC Parish

Google, Youtube, click onto it and type in the above and you will then have access to Fr John's daily reflections. Don't forget to subscribe (this isn't a payment).

Webpage: stcuthbertmayne.org.uk

Google the above, click onto it and it will bring you onto our webpage. You will find updates on the coronavirus, newsletters etc. You will also find links, at the bottom of the page, for our Facebook page, the Diocesan webpage and CARITAS.

caritasplymouth.org.uk

CARITAS will also have updated information from the church on the pandemic.

plymouth-diocese.org.uk

Google the above, click onto it and it will bring you onto the Diocesan webpage. Scroll down to 'news and events from across the diocese' you will find the link for their Youtube page where you can watch Mass each day and evening prayers at 4.30pm.



The following message is from the Foodbank in Launceston, it would apply to all Foodbanks: *'we completely understand the difficulties everyone is experiencing at present; if you feel you can still donate just one item, we would be very grateful.'*

Please do what you can. Thank you.

Collections: 14th/15th March 2020

Launceston: £132.55 Bude: £118.18

Callington: £55.10

Standing Orders: £383.50

Total: £689.33

Thank you for your continued generosity

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Deacon Richard Edwards

Fr Kevin O'Connell: (Retired Priest, resident in Bude)

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