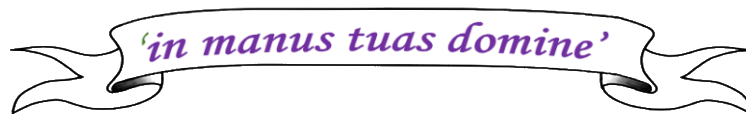


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning Sunday 5th April 2020 ~
Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord: Year A**

Dear Parishioners

In what is going to be the most extraordinary Holy Week and Easter celebration, I ask that we make this journey together as a diocesan and parish family. It will be a very different journey than usual but, this year, sharing in Our Lord's Passion, Death through to his Resurrection will bring with it a special poignancy.

Keeping you all in prayers.

Please keep me in yours.

Fr John

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Mass at 10 am

Mon, Tues, Wed: Mass at 7 am

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm

Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death: 3 pm

Saturday: Easter Vigil 8 pm

Easter Sunday: Mass 10 am

Please note that while all these Liturgies will be celebrated in the Church by Fr John, only Palm Sunday Mass and Easter Sunday Mass will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel and Facebook page at the appropriate times.

You can join online from Plymouth Cathedral the Liturgies led by Bishop Mark on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. <https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/>

It is proposed that St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham be a focus for national coverage of the streaming of the Watching on Holy Thursday, link below.

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

Sacrament of Penance:

The Bishops of England and Wales have dispensed all Catholics from Easter duties for the year 2020. It is extremely difficult to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, as well as receive Holy Communion. They invite us to make a sincere Act of Contrition before God and open our hearts to his tender mercy.

Church Offerings

In addition to the monthly standing orders already being received, if you would like to continue giving the church your weekly cash offering you can always arrange a standing order through on-line banking. Please contact the parish secretary for the standing order form. Please do not send cash through the post as it is not secure, or a cheque as both of these are non-essential journeys; therefore, if possible, please put aside your weekly cash offerings until masses resume. We do understand though that during these difficult times other people may be buying your essentials and you therefore need to keep your cash available to pay them.

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.'*

Launceston shortages:

UHT Milk
Dry Milk Powder
Rice
Pasta
Tinned Potatoes
Squash or fruit juice

Bude shortages:

Tinned meat
Cereals
Coffee
UHT Milk

Callington shortages:

Tinned carrots
Tinned potatoes
Mash
Pasta cooking sauces
UHT Milk
Squash or fruit juice

Pope's Intention for the month of April:

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those
suffering from addiction
may be helped and
accompanied.



**Remember Good Friday is a day of Fasting and
Abstinence. Those of us who are able should try
and miss one meal and refrain from eating meat.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
and especially for: Jenny Hill, 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.

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Please remember in your prayers the following:

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April Joseph Sebastian RIP

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April Pray for Victims of Abuse  
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Mass intentions can still be booked please contact the Parish secretary



Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

Roman soldiers poured into Jerusalem for the weeklong festival of Passover. The Romans feared disorder as thousands of Jewish people converged on the city to celebrate how God freed them from slavery in Egypt and led them to freedom.

The Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, astride a horse, leaves his coastal headquarters at the head of foot soldiers and cavalry and enters Jerusalem. The Romans show their military might to remind the Jewish people of their subjugation.

Jesus, however, enters the city on a donkey a sign of humility and he comes with a different kind of power.

'Tell the daughters of Sion (the inhabitants of Jerusalem) behold your king is coming to you humble and mounted on an ass and on a colt the foal of a donkey'

This is verse five of chapter twenty-one of Matthew's Gospel, part of a longer text proclaimed this year at the blessing of the palms. This is a rephrasing of a verse from the prophet Zechariah who speaks of the king as triumphant and victorious. So, we have two processions into the Holy City. The Romans show their military might and proclaim oppression Jesus as the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy, enters as a king whose kingdom is marked with love, compassion and mercy.

The Roman Empire no longer exists. But the kingdom of God fills the earth.
Our God Reigns.

Fr Kevin O'Connell



Bishops Conference of England and Wales invites you in praying the Novena in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham in thanksgiving for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary and for the Lord's protection for all affected by the coronavirus pandemic. It started last Monday, 30th March, but will continue until the world is free of the coronavirus. Use this link for more information and the novena.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/re-dedication-of-england-to-mary/novena-in-thanksgiving-for-the-re-dedication/>

Pope Francis prayer to Mary for protection

O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide, so that,
**as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.**
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

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 and Deacon Richard's Daily Reflections. Don't forget to subscribe (this isn't a payment).

Webpage: <http://www.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 main page, for our Facebook page, the Cathedral webpage and CARITAS.

<https://www.caritasplymouth.org.uk/>

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

<https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/>

This is the link for the Cathedral, click onto it or copy it into google and it will bring you to their webpage where you will find their link for Youtube, for daily mass and prayers.



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