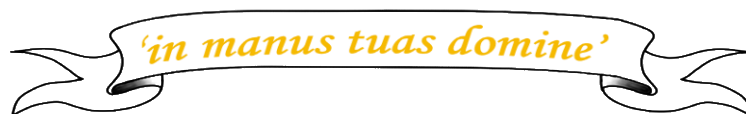


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning
Sunday 12th April 2020
Easter Sunday: Year A**



Dear Parishioners

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

While we are in a time of lock down and isolation, we do not stop being church. Catholics have had to endure a Eucharistic Fast through Lent and Holy Week and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

However, we do not stop being Church. From our 3 communities in St Peter's Bude, Our Lady of Victories Callington and St Cuthbert Mayne Launceston we remain in a Communion in faith, hope and love. The Risen Lord Jesus is in our midst, to walk with us, strengthen, guide and inspire us.

It is clearly going to be a muted celebration of Easter this year, but it does not take away from the fact that **'Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia.'**

For this reason, we are called to be an Easter people: a people of hope, not prophets of doom.

I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter and look forward to the day we can gather again in our churches.

Fr John

How to stay safe when accepting help from others:

If you are receiving voluntary help do not share financial details like credit/debit card numbers or personal information. If someone you don't know calls at your home, always ask for ID and always ensure you are comfortable sharing details like your phone number or address. (If you know the name of a parish volunteer who is calling but have never met them, you can ask to see their driving license or other ID) Only provide information on a need to know basis and if you have seen ID. Do not feel pressured into providing information. If you have doubts about those who are approaching you, and are concerned, it is advised that you don't engage, and report serious suspicious behaviour to the police.

Remember that genuine volunteers have been instructed not to enter your home.

Cancellations

Due to the current situation the following has been cancelled until further notice:

The St Cuthbert Mayne Pilgrimage
Pilgrimage to Chideock
The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Churches Together in Bude and Stratton

have created a Facebook page '**Bude Prayer Room**' inviting people to post their prayer requests. This is principally to hear the needs of the community outside of church, although your own requests for prayer are not excluded.

The government has now started delivering food care parcels to those on the government register as extremely vulnerable. Although many are receiving letters regarding this, it is easy to forget or not realise the importance of signing up to the site so those in need can receive the help they require. One of our parishioners, Pam Butcher, has offered to help anyone to sign on.

Call 01566 781644/07496 856885.

www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable

Pope's Intention for the month of April: Freedom from Addiction

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and especially for: Rita O'Brien, 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.

Please also keep in your prayers Maura O'Toole, Bishop Mark's mother who is struggling with coronavirus

Please remember in your prayers the following:
Wednesday 15th April Alex Dauncey (21st Birthday)
Thursday 16th April Diane Mills RIP

Mass intentions can still be booked, please contact the Parish secretary. The Mass stipend can be paid when Masses resume or by bank transfer.



**“Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum, alleluia”
– “I arose, and am still with Thee, alleluia”.**

On this most joyous of days, during the special difficulties of the Virus pandemic we welcome the resurrected Jesus into the world and into our hearts.

You will receive this reflection before the great day in our parish newsletter, so I hope you will be following the Easter Triduum services and taking part in the seclusion of your own home. Bishop Mark’s celebrations are coming from our Cathedral in Plymouth and Fr John has recorded Stations of the Cross.

Bishop Mark, in his letter just before Palm (Passion) Sunday described this past week and even the ongoing crisis as our Long Good Friday. The difficulties continue past this glorious Easter Sunday, and we must persevere in our humble acceptance of them, offering our struggles to the Father and doing all we can to ensure those in need are taken care of. Especially we continue to offer our prayers for the lonely, truly isolated, dying, the dead, those grieving for their loved ones and all the key workers putting themselves at risk for the good of all.

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons:

- I. The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: **“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain”** (1 Cor 15:14). **“Jesus is Lord, He is risen!”** (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or “preaching”), of the apostles, because Jesus had prophesied His Resurrection as a sign of His Divinity: The founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has.
- II. Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: **“I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies”** (Jn 11:25-26).
- III. Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

We are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions but also the joys, laughter and fun of our day-to-day life.

Deacon Richard

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

You should still be able to find your foodbank drop-off point at your local supermarket. It may have been moved due to social distancing, but it will still be accessible for donations. Please do not make a special journey for this, drop off your donation the next time you are shopping for provisions. Thank you.

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 are non-essential journeys; therefore, if possible, please put aside your weekly cash offerings until masses resume.



Useful links to keep in touch

Facebook: Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne
Youtube: St Cuthbert Mayne RC Parish
Webpage: <http://www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk/>
CARITAS: <https://www.caritasplymouth.org.uk/>
Cathedral: <https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/>

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Deacon Richard Edwards

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