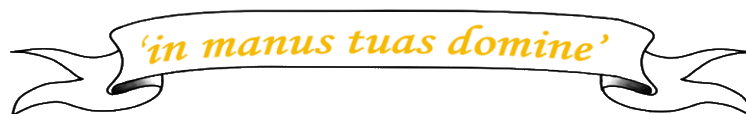


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning Sunday 26th April 2020
Third Sunday of Easter: Year A**

Dear Parishioners

Eastertide continues, as does the lockdown. This is not the way any of us would have wanted to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. It is such a sadness to us all that our churches remain closed, but we have to play our part in containing the spread of Covid-19, which would be so much worse without the present strict measures of lockdown.

However, it has been wonderful to see so many of you going online to view Masses, Prayers Reflections from our parish, and from elsewhere. Over 200 people viewed/participated in 'The Rosary in a time of Pandemic' on Holy Saturday morning. That is considerably more than the group that gathers in our church on a Saturday morning to pray the Rosary. Perhaps one of our priorities when we come out of this will be to help those who are not yet online to access the internet.

Today's gospel of the disciples on the road to Emmaus and then coming to recognise the risen Christ at the breaking of the bread reminds us once again of the centrality of the Eucharist to Christian life.

The Eucharist continues to be celebrated daily in the church. Please continue to make the Act of Spiritual Communion. If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Naomi in the usual way.

Deacon Richard and I have been phoning around trying to keep in contact with parishioners. Please let us know if you would like us to call you. It has been a blessing to hear what parishioners are doing to feed their faith, through prayer, devotions, following online, and also keeping in contact with one another and with others in the local community. If there is anything we can do to help or support you, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Keeping you in prayer every day.

May the Risen Christ bring you the blessings of peace and new life.

Fr John

**Please pray for the soul of Peter Ware who died recently, and for Nicola his wife, and all his family and friends.
May his soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

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**Please keep in your prayers Joyce Morgan,  
Anne Denton's mother who passed away on Easter Monday.  
May her soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

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Parish Project: 'Hearts for Homes'

.....calling all knitters and sewers.....

To show our appreciate to the many care homes in our parish, it would be lovely if we could send a knitted or sewn heart as a small token, to thank them for everything they are doing during the pandemic. So, we need our amazing '**knitters**' and '**sewers**' of the parish to start making them. They can be of any colour or style.

Please contact Naomi for more information.

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### **Invitation to contribute to Parish YouTube channel**

There have been a series of Masses, Prayers and Reflections posted on our parish YouTube channel during Lent and Eastertide. **This is an invitation to all parishioners who would like to contribute a Prayer, Reflection, Song to the channel.** All you need is a smart phone to record. Because of the way our channel is set up, you would need to send it to Fr John, possibly by WeTransfer, for him to upload to the channel. If you think you could contribute, please let Naomi know. **We are the church at home, so any prayer, reflection, presentation, would be a reflection of that.**

### **Caritas Plymouth Quarterly Update**



Caritas Plymouth aims to provide fresh impetus to put the command of the Lord into practise: '**Love one another as I have loved you**', (John 13:34-35). It works with partner organisations already existing to put the Church's **Social Teaching** into action and provide a network to share good practice in the service of the most poor and vulnerable. It also aims to encourage new initiatives to put the Gospel imperative of love and mercy into action. The latest **newsletter** shares our recent work and highlights the positive actions that have been happening during the current Coronavirus and the many ways in which people are supporting each other. Caritas would love to hear and share your stories so please do get in touch with Deborah [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) with any news or updates.

*Hard copies will be available at each of our churches once masses resume.*

## Third Sunday of Easter Gospel Reflection by Fr Kevin

Luke unfolds in 22 dramatic verses how the lives of two sorrowing disciples are transformed by the presence and teaching of Jesus crucified and risen.

The disciples recall that Jesus was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people casting him in the role of another Moses. The disciples had hoped that Jesus would restore Israel spiritually as a people under God. But the death of Jesus had shattered all their hopes and dreams. Even reports that Jesus might still be alive had not changed their hearts. Then Jesus intervenes and helps the hearts of the disciples to 'burn' with hope as he interprets the scriptures for them in the light of his own death and resurrection. **And the breaking of bread fills them with joy as they recognise Jesus risen from the dead.**

But the story does not end in verse 35 because it is our story too.

At Easter we reaffirm our discipleship by renewing our baptismal promises and if we are to grow as disciples of the risen Lord, we must allow him to teach us.

The Emmaus disciples projected on to Jesus an identity which came from a reading of the scriptures which discounted the idea of a suffering Messiah. We can do the same. We can project on to Jesus our hopes and dreams and this too, can result in sorrow. Instead of praying, 'speak Lord your servant is listening' we can too easily pray, 'Listen Lord your servant is speaking' (look at The First Book of Samuel chapter 3).

So we need each day a time of prayer and spirit filled reading of scripture so that we may be drawn ever more deeply into the life of Jesus. And let God be God.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND  
and especially for: Robert McCurrach, Rita O'Brien, Jenny Hill, Marie Shaw,  
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 also keep in your prayers Maura O'Toole,
Bishop Mark's mother who is struggling with coronavirus***

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**Please remember in your prayers the following:  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Frank Cuddihy RIP  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – The Stephenson Family  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Souls**

### Church Offerings

Thank you to those who have recently arranged a standing order to pay their weekly offering, it is appreciated and those who already pay by standing order. 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. If you cannot do this, then, 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.

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Weekly amount received by standing order: £470.50
Thank you for your continued generosity

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

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

MISSION MADE POSSIBLE

Normal life may have 'paused' but the Mission of the Church can continue and grow.

We have a great opportunity within our diocese to deepen our discipleship and answer the call to Mission. You are invited to learn from your home, how to have conversations about faith, with friends, family or in everyday encounters that don't make you or anyone else feel awkward. Join disciples across the globe who are learning together to spread the Good News.

To begin, register your interest to be part of this great mission at info@genesission.co.uk and click on this link <https://youtu.be/nmigFaMrs4w> to watch the 40 minute overview.

Useful Links to Keep in Touch

Facebook: Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne (updates and link to Youtube page)

Youtube: St Cuthbert Mayne RC Parish (for daily reflections and prayers by Fr John and Deacon Richard)

Webpage: <http://www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk/> (newsletters, updates etc)

CARITAS: <https://www.caritasplymouth.org.uk/> (information and updates)

Cathedral: <https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/> (daily Mass and prayers with Bishop Mark O'Toole)

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**Deacon Richard Edwards**

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

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# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

## Cardinal: A big 'thank-you' to all those caring for others during the COVID-19 pandemic

Speaking ahead of a series of special Thursday evening Masses for the sick, their families, NHS staff, and those working in Social Care, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has expressed his “deep appreciation” for all those caring for others during the coronavirus pandemic.

Acknowledging the community solidarity behind the ‘**Clap for our Carers**’ initiative that has seen millions applauding NHS staff and health workers from their doors and windows for the past four weeks, Cardinal Nichols said:

*“Well, this lockdown has to go on and we have to be persistent and resilient and keep up the effort that we’re making in order to protect each other – protect other people.*

*But there’s a big thank you I want to give to all those who are caring for others.*

*It’s especially true in our care homes, in our hospitals, but it’s true in every place where somebody is genuinely caring for another person. And in these circumstances, it’s stressful, but it’s deeply appreciated. And we can see on a Thursday evening how much that caring work, especially in the NHS and in care homes, is appreciated.*

*Now, what we want to do, is add to that public applause, the practice of public prayer. So every Thursday at 7 o’clock, a bishop will celebrate Mass in one of the cathedrals for the care workers – 7 o’clock every Thursday. We will begin here in Westminster Cathedral. And this coming Thursday, I will celebrate Mass at 7 o’clock – so please do join in, if you can, on the live streaming. Follow where the Mass takes place on each different Thursday.*

*And even more importantly, use that time before 8 o’clock on a Thursday to offer your prayers of thanksgiving for these generous, courageous people, for their support – their encouragement – that God will sustain them in this great work that they’re doing.*

*We applaud, but we pray, and we pray fervently for them. May God bless them all.”*

Link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid19-cardinal-thanks-care-workers/>