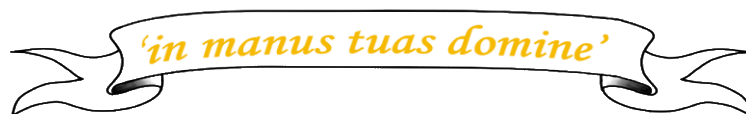


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning Sunday 3rd May 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter: Year A
Good Shepherd Sunday**

Dear Parishioners

So much goodwill, patience and perseverance has been shown during this time of lockdown including here in our own parish where there has been a wealth of kindness, mutual support and prayer.

It is fitting that on this day, we traditionally call Good Shepherd Sunday, we reflect on Our Lord Jesus' tender care for us, as a shepherd guards his flock. We pray for vocations on this day, we also thank God for all who care for us in the community. (See Deacon Richard's reflection elsewhere in the newsletter).

In that same vein, could I encourage you to read Bishop Mark's attached pastoral letter (Youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ueaTSy5OYc). Even in these dark and difficult times, the Church in our diocese has not been inactive, but the Bishop shares with us the many ways the Church has been reaching out, putting faith into action, caring for others.

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children and Confirmation candidates, and their catechists who are exploring new ways (online) of continuing the preparation for those wonderful sacraments.

I pray that the Lord, our Good Shepherd, keep you safe and well. May he lead us all to restful waters and revive our drooping spirits.

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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**Please pray for the soul of Maire Quirk who passed away recently from natural causes,
and for her family and friends.**

May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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**Please remember in your prayers the following:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May ~ Good Shepherd Sunday**

Holy Mass            Int: People of the Parish

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May ~ The English Martyrs**

Holy Mass            Int: Evelyn Mary Woolley RIP (F/M)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May ~ St Asaph, Bishop**

Holy Mass            Int: Tina & Ian Keast

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Holy Mass            Int: Kenneth Morales

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Holy Mass            Int: Peter Ware RIP

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Holy Mass            Int: baby Josef Hogbin RIP

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Holy Mass            Int: Miranda Quarry RIP

### **2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations - also known as Vocations Sunday - this year will be celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. **This day flows from the broader culture of vocation and is when the universal Church asks the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest.** The Diocese has two seminarians, Albert and Andrew, who continue to thrive on their vocational pathway towards ordination as priests, please keep them in your prayers.

For more information about the priesthood or religious life please contact, Fr Ralph Candy, on 01803 557518, or send an email to [vocation@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vocation@prcdtr.org.uk).

### **Pope's Intention for the month of May:**

#### **For Deacons**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**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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**Thank you for your prayers for Bishop Mark's mother, she has now been discharged
from hospital to recuperate at home with her family.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
Gospel Reflection
by Deacon Richard**



On this, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life.

Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians.

The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by getting baptised in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, as Jesus had commanded.

In the second reading, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God.

In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus; the first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, clergy, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles.

ONLINE SCRIPTURE GROUP

Deacon Richard will be starting an Online Scripture Group, open to all parishioners, commencing **Thursday 7th May 2020 at 17:00**. The format will be similar to the face-to-face groups that were meeting in Launceston and Bude prior to the Coronavirus Lockdown. Once everyone is logged in, we will start with prayer, followed by reading the Lectionary Readings for the following Sunday. Deacon Richard will give some reflection, background, context for the readings and then everyone will be able to share their thoughts. We will close with prayer after about an hour at the most. If you'd like to try this new way of sharing God's Word, please contact Deacon Richard on richard.edwards@prcdtr.org.uk or **07712 677 119**

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 Masses, daily reflections and prayers)

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)

MISSION MADE POSSIBLE!

Is the thought of sharing your faith with family friends and others just too scary? Are you thinking; 'that's not for me, I could never do that' or perhaps you just don't know where to start? Well you are not alone. JOIN CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE AND ACROSS THE GLOBE WHO FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME WAY. With the encouragement of Bishop Mark, you are invited to take part at home, and learn how to have these conversations appropriately and without feeling awkward.

If you would like to learn more please send an email with your telephone number to jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk and follow this link to watch the overview video titled 'How to Evangelise'

<https://wp.me/paTncV-8rl>

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. **And for those who are taxpayers please consider signing a Gift Aid form so the parish can claim back 25p in every pound given.**

For those who cannot arrange a standing order, 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: £493.00  
Thank you for your  
continued generosity

**Parish Priest: Canon John Deeny VG**

**Deacon Richard Edwards**

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

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

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

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The month of May is when we honour Our Holy Mother as a reminder of her importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well. Our Churches, would normally, hold a 'May Crowning', a small ceremony before each Mass, where we would present Mary with a crown made of flowers to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King.

We need our Holy Mother's help more than ever and as we all know the Church building may be closed but the Church at home is open.

***'For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.***

***Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.***

***Just do it.....Why? Because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.'***

*Marge Fenelon, Catholic author.*

### **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, thank you to those who have already contributed.*** 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.***

### **Parish Project:**

#### ***'Hearts for Homes'***

Thank you to those who have offered to knit or sew hearts for our care homes as part of our parish project, it is very much appreciated and thank you to one of the FHC children for sending in a drawing of a rainbow which will be included as well. There will be another update next week.