

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



**Week beginning Sunday 17th May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter: Year A**

Dear Parishioners

Today we should have been hosting the Diocesan Pilgrimage in honour of St Cuthbert Mayne, patron of our parish, and secondary patron of our Diocese. It is a good day to pray for God's abundant blessing on our parish of Our Lady of Victories Callington, St Peter's Bude and St Cuthbert Mayne Launceston. We thank God that he continues to keep our parish spiritually united, during this time of lockdown and isolation. As we honour Cuthbert Mayne, first seminary priest martyr, we pray earnestly for vocations to the priesthood.

Yesterday began the week celebrating the 5th anniversary of the publication of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' document on *Care for our Common Home*. 'Jesus lived in full harmony with all of creation'. May we see creation as Jesus does, with love and tenderness. More information on the week is given in the newsletter. Bishop Mark's video provides an excellent introduction ([Plymouth Diocese YouTube channel](#)).

Please keep in your prayers those whose Funerals are taking place at this time. There have been 3 in our parish in the past ten days. For Catholics there would usually be a Funeral Mass, or a Service in the Church, prior to the committal. This is still not possible. Funerals have been limited to graveside services where only 10 of the family and friends have been able to gather to pray for that person and say farewell. For many, who were in Care Homes and Hospital with the virus, family and friends have not been able to be physically present to offer some consolation and support.

Despite the difficult circumstances it does not take anything away from our hope for that person, or for ourselves. We are still in Eastertide celebrating our Lord's resurrection. In the gospel last week, Jesus assured his disciples: 'There are many rooms in my Father's House'... I shall return to take you with me so that where I am you may be too.' That is our prayer for all our recently deceased.

*Eternal light rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr John

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

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*Please pray for the souls of Pam Bielawski and Maureen Findlay-Wilson, who died  
recently, the mothers of Fr Jon Bielawski and Fr Chris Findlay-Wilson,  
and for both their families and friends.  
May their souls through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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*John Noblett RIP was laid to rest at a private, graveside ceremony
last Tuesday 12th May, at Albaston.
May his soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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*Maire Quirk RIP was laid to rest at a private, graveside ceremony  
last Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, at St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston  
May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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Please remember in your prayers the following:

Sunday 17th May

Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Monday 18th May ~ St John I, Pope, Martyr

Holy Mass Int: David Soby RIP

Tuesday 19th May ~ St Dunstan, Bishop

Holy Mass Int: Fr Cadoc Leighton RIP

Wednesday 20th May ~ St Bernardine of Siena, missionary

Holy Mass Int: Kathleen & Norman Suckley RIP

Thursday 21st May ~ Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Mass Int: Pam Bielawski RIP

Friday 22nd May ~ St Rita of Cascia

Holy Mass Int: Maureen Findlay-Wilson RIP

Saturday 23rd May

Holy Mass Int: Josephine Morrison RIP

**St Vincent de Paul
Raffle**

Parishioners are thanked for their very generous response to the SVP Raffle earlier this year, first prize went to a winner in Co. Durham, second and third prizes were in London.

**Thy Kingdom Come
(Thursday 21st - Sunday 31st
May)** has become an

annual focus on prayer during the 10 days leading up to the great celebration of Pentecost. Churches Together, Launceston hold prayers at churches in Launceston for the whole week. This year, prayers will be said at our church, by Fr John, on **Friday 29th May.**

<http://www.thykingdomc>

Check the parish webpage for the latest statement from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales regarding the easing of restrictions. <http://www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk/>

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, Cath Butland, Peter Scott, Jason Mather, Connor Robinson, Ivan Reeves, Leah Bennett. May the Lord bless them and all who care for

Sixth Sunday of Easter Reflection By Kevin Grant

In today's reading from Acts we hear that the Samaritan people welcome the message that Philip had been preaching, and there was great rejoicing in that town. When this news reached Jerusalem, the apostles then sent Peter and John to Samaria to pray for the Holy Spirit to come down on the converts. The reason for this mission was because, until this point, the new Christians had only been baptised in the name of the Lord. Peter and John laid hands on them, and at once all received the Holy Spirit.

In the short second reading from 1 Peter it has a warning of possible persecution and this warning soon becomes a reality for the early Christians. Peter says to the Church, always be ready for when you are maligned, if suffering should be God's will, this is a reminder that to follow Christ, the journey may not always be a smooth sailing. In many parts of the world today we can see so many examples of Christians being persecuted for following our Lord.

The first reading and the Gospel of today can both be linked together. The church is a living community in which the Holy Spirit is given and must be shared. Pope John Paul II once said, *'we must open the windows and doors of the church to let the Holy Spirit out into the world to show the love of Christ to a waiting world.'*

This was our commission at our own baptism, to be apostles of Christ, here and now, and to go out and proclaim his good news to a waiting world.

Be happy, keep the faith and do the little things. Amen.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

We urgently need your help so that we can continue to support vulnerable children and their families throughout the Diocese. The number of grant applications we receive has already begun to increase as a result of Covid-19, with more families needing our help to meet their basic needs such as a working cooker or a proper bed or cot for their children to sleep in. Please help us by donating at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/catholic-childrens-society-plymouth-1?tk=66698bb1ee6de155fddab24oeoce9c4e7ffea7bf>

Message from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office

I don't have to tell you that we are undergoing a national crisis at the moment, which as well as bringing all the problems of the current pandemic, also creates increased safeguarding risk in many areas. These include domestic abuse, mental health issues the vulnerable being scammed to mention but a few. If you have any safeguarding concerns either personally or for any other person then do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Office who remain open and available to assist. To contact us either email me direct on robert.brown@prcdtr.org.uk or ring me on 01364 645431 which will be transferred to my mobile.

**Robert Brown, Safeguarding Coordinator
Diocese of Plymouth.**

Laudato Si' Week 5th Anniversary – 16th -24th May 2020

This year is the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. [Laudato Si'](#) tells us that “everything is connected” and tragically, the current health catastrophe has much in common with the ecological catastrophe. Both are global emergencies that will affect many people, both directly and indirectly. Despite the current situation, there are still lots of ways we can take action to mark this anniversary, sharing [the common prayer](#) and celebrating what we have achieved in our homes, schools and parishes.

CAFOD and Caritas Plymouth have produced a summary of resources for anyone interested in exploring further the message of Laudato Si'. During the week itself we will be sharing reflections and examples of how our Diocese is taking action via our Diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/>. Please let Deborah know if your parish would like to share anything caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

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)

Parish Project:

'Hearts for Homes'

Please find the article further in the newsletter.

Don't forget to join Deacon Richard each week with his **'Zoom Online Scripture Group'**.

Check your emails for details.

Invitation to contribute to Parish YouTube channel

Thank you to all who have sent in contributions to our Youtube channel, they have been wonderful.

The invitation is still open 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.**

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Deacon Richard Edwards

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

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Parish Project ~ Hearts for Homes

Many, many thanks to the ladies of our parish who have knitted, sewn, and made hearts for our local care homes. Altogether 45 hearts were made and sent out, and each home received around 5 hearts each.

Rosalind, Monica, Arnolda, Ros, Dallas and Hilary have been busy finding what spare wool and materials they had around the house to make these amazing hearts.

Each parcel sent out had a card with the following message, 4 or 5 hearts, and a copy of a picture painted by one of our First Holy Communion children.

Well done ladies!



In our parish, we decided we wanted to show you, our local care home staff, how much we appreciate everything you are doing looking after the vulnerable members of our parish, during these difficult times. We decided to have a Parish Project called '*Hearts for Homes*', our ladies of the parish have been busy knitting, sewing, and making hearts, to be sent out. Please find enclosed a selection of hearts made especially for you and a copy of a picture painted by one of our young children of the parish.

We pray for you all daily, and as the picture says, 'be safe'.

God bless,

from the parishioners at St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston,
St Peter's Church, Bude and Our Lady of Victories Church, Callington