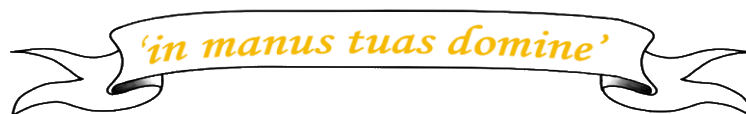


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning Sunday 24th May 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Year A**

Dear Parishioners

We are now well into the Novena to the Holy Spirit, which started last Friday, after Ascension Thursday. The first ever Novena (from the Latin 'novum' meaning nine) was prayed by the disciples and Our Lady for nine days in the upper room between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. They were in 'lockdown' in the upper room. But once the Holy Spirit came down everything changed. It can be the same for us too.

Thank God that there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Some restrictions in society have been eased. We can hope and pray that our churches might soon be able to open up for private prayer. That certainly is what the Bishops are urging the Government to allow us to do. There will, of course, be strict conditions to which we will all have to adhere, and specific times when our churches will be open. Baby steps at first. Then, please God, if all is going well, we hope that public Masses will start to be celebrated again, perhaps in early July. How that happens still remains to be seen. More on that nearer the time. It is likely to be a long road to get back to 'normal'.

For now, the prospect of reopening fills the heart with joy.
A verse from the Psalm from today's Mass certainly strikes a chord:
'There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple'.

God bless you.
Fr John

*Please pray for the soul of Angela Mitson who died recently,
and for Derek, her husband, and all her family and friends.
May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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*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.*

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Sunday 24th May ~ World Communications Day

Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Monday 25th May ~ St Bede the Venerable, Doctor of the Church

Holy Mass Int: Angela Mitson RIP

Tuesday 26th May ~ St Philip Neri, Priest

Holy Mass Int: Charles Leslie Pretty RIP

Wednesday 27th May ~ St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Holy Mass Int: Nikki Ware

Thursday 28th May

Holy Mass Int: Fr Michael Downey RIP

Friday 29th May ~ St Paul VI, Pope

Holy Mass Int: Paul Hodson RIP

Saturday 30th May

Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Don't forget to join Deacon Richard each week with his 'Zoom Online Scripture Group'. An email will be sent out to the parish each week, with details for the forthcoming meeting.



Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The following link is a resource for children's liturgy of the word.

You will find a short prayer reflection for each day, and further down the page another

link to Sunday Liturgies, including one for today.

Please do take this opportunity to pray with your children.

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

The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham is co-hosting a **National Rosary Relay Rally** between the Dioceses in England, Scotland, and Wales on

Pentecost Sunday from 9am – 9pm.

Each Diocese has been allocated an hour to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from the pandemic, it can be prayed at any time during that hour. **The Diocese of Plymouth have been allocated the hour between 11am -12noon.**

At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from St Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

and especially for:

**Rita O'Brien, Jenny Hill,
Marie Shaw, Nikki Ware,
Jim White, Kevin O'Mahoney,
Christina & Barry Murphy,
Cath Butland, Peter Scott,
Jason Mather, Ivan Reeves,
Connor Robinson,
and Leah Bennett.**

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May the Lord bless them and all who care for them.

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Mass intentions can still be booked, please contact the Parish secretary.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Reflection

By Fr Kevin

Jesus has eaten his last meal with his disciples. He has washed their feet as an expression of his own ministry of love and service. But the feet washing also foreshadows his death on the cross, Jesus sublime act of love, as he passes through death and resurrection to return to his Father. Judas son of Simon Iscariot has slipped into the dark of the night intent on betraying Jesus.

Jesus begins to take leave of his disciples in a farewell speech also known as the last discourse which extends from chapter thirteen to chapter seventeen of John's Gospel. The discourse covers themes such as love, discipleship, friendship and the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

We pick up the discourse in chapter seventeen when Jesus begins to pray for himself and then for his disciples. Two key themes in the initial verses of the prayer are 'the hour' and glory. 'The hour' refers to the death, resurrection and ascension of Our Blessed Lord. It may seem strange that the word 'glory' is used of Jesus's death. And John takes nothing away from the suffering and degradation entailed in a crucifixion. But for the evangelist it is also a moment of triumph, for in his death and resurrection Jesus opens out the world to salvation and life eternal.

Jesus also speaks about glorifying God because in his person and in his charismatic ministry, God is revealed. Jesus then asks God to protect his fragile disciples as they will be sent out to speak God's word in a hostile world and will need a father to watch over them. And we, too, need that paternal support and the prayers of Jesus, if we are to glorify the Lord by our lives.

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.**

Foodbank shortages

Please do what you can, just one item will help ~ thank you.

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.

Launceston:

Tinned meat
Tinned fruit
Tinned vegetables
Instant mash potato
Sponge pudding
Tinned fish

Bude:

Long grain rice
Sugar/Jam
Tinned meat pies
Tinned meat
Tinned spaghetti
Cereals

Callington:

Tinned fruit
T-bags (80's)
Dried pasta
UHT milk
Cereals

**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.**

**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.**

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

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)

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: £496.25  
Thank you for your  
continued generosity

**Parish Priest: Canon John Deeny VG  
Deacon Richard Edwards**

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

**The Presbytery, 21 Mayne Close, St Stephen's Hill, Launceston, PL15 8XQ**

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

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

**Facebook: Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne Church**

**Deacon Richard Edwards: 07712 677119**

**Parish Administrator: Naomi Davis: 01566 784118**

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## World Communications Day 2020

*On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world.*

*Pope Francis recognises that given a growing digital culture throughout the world the media must become a primary platform for spreading the Gospel.*

Today is World Communications Day, much of the world remains in lockdown as we attempt to recover from the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The way we communicate in situations of self-isolation and separation has shifted from hand shaking, hugging and close encounters to phone, tablet and computer screens instead. The virtual has replaced the physical.

Coronavirus has had a profound impact on our prayer and worship. We are currently unable to pray in our churches. As lockdown eases, we will return to kneel in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It may be second best to worshipping in church, but over 400 parishes are streaming Catholic Mass live online. Many priests have met the communications challenges brought on by the pandemic restrictions.

The Pope's World Communications Day message focuses on storytelling, truth and who we are in God's eyes. He looks to the Bible as **"the great love story between God and humanity"** with Jesus at its centre.

**"Often we decide what is right or wrong based on characters and stories we have made our own,"** he writes. **"Stories leave their mark on us; they shape our convictions and our behaviour. They can help us understand and communicate who we are."**

Pope Francis stresses that every human story has an **"irrepressible"** dignity and that humanity **"deserves stories that are worthy of it"**. He also encourages us to open ourselves to others as something that goes hand-in-hand with opening ourselves to God:

**"Telling God our story is never useless: even if the record of events remains the same, the meaning and perspective are always changing. To tell our story to the Lord is to enter into his gaze of compassionate love for us and for others. We can recount to him the stories we live, bringing to him the people and the situations that fill our lives. With him we can re-weave the fabric of life, darning its rips and tears."**

Pope Francis concludes by encouraging us to remember **"who and what we are in God's eyes"** and invites us to entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary **"who knew how to untie the knots of life with the gentle strength of love."**

Pope Francis' message: <http://www.vatican.va>

Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales