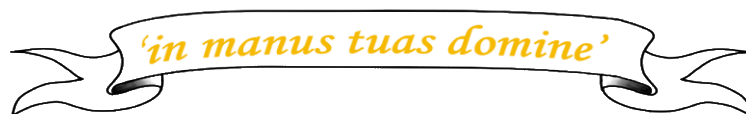


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning Sunday 31st May 2020
Pentecost Sunday**

Dear Parishioners

Happy Feast day on this Solemnity of Pentecost. This is the day on which on receiving the Holy Spirit the apostles began to go out and proclaim the good news. On that first day alone, 3,000 became disciples on hearing the preaching of St Peter.

In the past few weeks social media has proved a real boon in sharing our faith among ourselves and perhaps, to some degree, in the wider community. For those who are connected, we have been able to join in prayer for Mass and have daily reflections on YouTube. There have been 'virtual' gatherings for Deacon Richard's Scripture group, a Taize evening, and so on.

There is so much more we can, and hope, to do. Our parish is part of a bid from the diocese for grant funding to support our digital efforts. But, whether or not we are successful in that bid, this is something we really ought to develop further. Given the long distances and the age-profile of our parish, it would be a real benefit, especially for the sick and housebound, and those who will be prevented from attending Mass for some time to come.

We will need to help and encourage those who are not already connected, so that they can participate too. There are many possibilities: Live-streaming Masses, Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings for those who cannot attend, prayer and social gatherings, catechesis, parish council meetings, bereavement support.

Of course, nothing replaces the experience of being physically together; for Mass and the Sacraments this is crucial; and for other gatherings it is preferable. But it would provide us with so many more possibilities and opportunities; and an alternative to those who just cannot physically attend.

On this feast of Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit fill our hearts, enkindle in us the fire of His love, and help us share our faith in every way we can.

God bless you.
Fr John

***Please pray for the soul of Angela Midson 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.***

~~~~~  
***Patrick Boothroyd RIP was laid to rest at a private ceremony  
last Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.  
May his soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.***

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

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May ~ Pentecost Sunday**

Holy Mass            Int: People of the Parish

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June ~ The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Mass            Int: Dave & Gill Thomas RIP

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Holy Mass            Int: Angela Midson RIP

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June ~ St Charles Lwanga and Companions Mm**

Holy Mass            Int: Patrick Boothroyd RIP

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest**

Holy Mass            Int: Angela Raimondo RIP

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June ~ St Boniface Bp, Patron of the Diocese**

Holy Mass            Int: Connie Richerts RIP

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

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.

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

Message from Fr David (Annear):

I am in good spirits and self-isolating due to my health and age, but I go out daily for a walk. The parish is in my prayers every day when I celebrate Mass.

Best wishes to you all.

Congratulations to Antonino and Lucia, a couple at our Launceston Church, who are celebrating the arrival of their first child, a little boy, Giovanni Giuseppe Maria. May God bless them.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

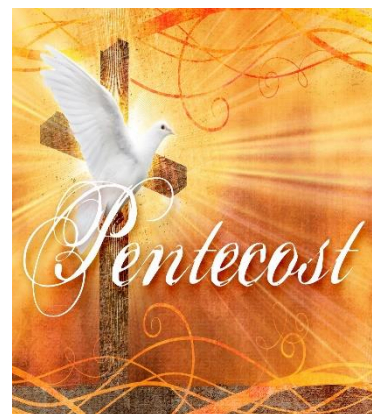
**and especially for:**

**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.**

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

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

## Pentecost Sunday Reflection By Deacon Richard



Both the Jewish and Christian Faiths celebrate Pentecost, though not for the same reasons. With the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost was one of the major feasts of the Chosen People. During these Jewish festivals, every male Jew living within twenty miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to go to Jerusalem to participate in the feast. The Greek word *pentecostes* means “fiftieth.” The feast received this name because it was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of Passover. Originally, this feast was a thanksgiving festival for the completion of the harvest. During Passover, the first *omer* (a Hebrew measure of about a bushel), of barley was offered to God. At Pentecost, two loaves of bread were offered in gratitude for the harvest. Later, the Jews added to the Feast of Pentecost the element of Yahweh’s Covenant with Noah, which took place fifty days after the great deluge. Still later, they made this feast an occasion to thank God for His Covenant with Moses, which occurred fifty days after the beginning of the Exodus from Egypt.

For Christians, Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. It is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery – the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus – culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father (at the request of His Son), on Jesus’ disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church with the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith.

Today’s Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today’s readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

### 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

Message from the Foodbank at Launceston which would apply to all foodbanks.

***‘Thank you so very much for all your support and donations  
we have received during these difficult weeks.’***

### 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.**



### 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>

### 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.

~~~~~  
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

Email: launceston@prcdtr.org.uk Tel: 01566 773166

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

Website: www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk

Facebook: Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne Church

Deacon Richard Edwards: 07712 677119

Parish Administrator: Naomi Davis: 01566 784118

A parish of the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth Registered Charity No: 213227