

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



**Week beginning Sunday 14th June 2020
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Dear Parishioners

We have now received the wonderful news that churches can reopen for individual prayer as from 15th June. This is a real blessing and, at the same time, a challenge. We have a checklist of over 80 questions to respond to correctly, which we must send back to the diocese and then, if everything is in order, the diocese will issue us with a certificate which affirms that we are opening each church in a safe and compliant manner.

I mention this so that you know we are not being cavalier about any of this, but are preparing very carefully, so that you can feel safe in coming to pray in your church. Stewards will be on hand to assist you at each church to ensure that social distancing etc, is adhered to.

A You Tube video will be posted on our channel this week, showing the inside of St Cuthbert Mayne Church, as it is now with the barrier tapes in place. Be prepared...it is not a pleasant sight! The arrangements are very similar at the churches in Bude and Callington. You will find more details and some photographs later in this newsletter.

Our first step will be to open our churches on Saturday and Sunday on **20th/21st June.**

Saturday: Bude 5.00 – 6.00pm
Sunday: Callington 8.30 – 9.30 am
 Launceston: 10.30 – 11.30 am

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." (Isaiah 2:3)

God bless you,
Fr John

*Please pray for the souls of Nicola (Nikki) Ware and
Luciana (Lucy) Giordini who died recently and for their families and friends.
May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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*Derek Midson RIP was laid to rest at a private ceremony  
last Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.*

*May his soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June ~ The Most Holy Trinity**

Holy Mass           Int: People of the Parish

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Holy Mass           Int: Nikki Ware RIP

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Holy Mass           Int: Michael Kennedy, RIP

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Holy Mass           Int: Sarah Connolly

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Holy Mass           Int: Luciana (Lucy) Giordini RIP

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June ~ The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Holy Mass           Int: Holy Souls

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June ~ The Immaculate Heart of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Mass           Int: Judith Withers RIP

### **Confessions**

When the churches open for private prayer Fr John will be available for confessions, by request only. They need to be by appointment and will be outdoors, while maintaining social distancing.

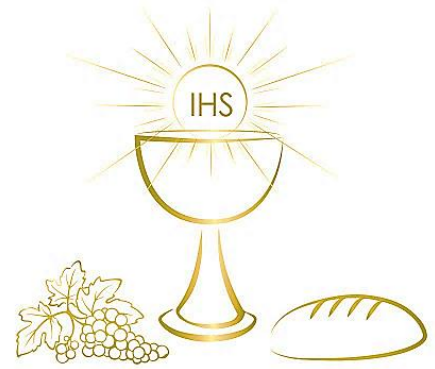
Don't forget to join Deacon Richard each week with his **'Zoom Online Scripture Group'**. An email will be sent out to the parish each week, with details for the forthcoming meeting.

### **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>

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The **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** is looking for enthusiastic, new Trustee Directors to fill vacancies that have arisen as a result of retirement. We are looking for experienced members of the public to guide the charity and ensure it is managed effectively. We are seeking Trustee Directors who have strategic vision, independent judgement, the ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak their mind. For more information please contact Shelagh Fearnley or Andrea Rodgers on 01364 645420 for an informal chat and an information pack.

**Reflection on the Feast of
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
by Fr Kevin**



A tall, gaunt priest climbs the steps into the pulpit in the parish church of my boyhood. He preaches passionately on the Eucharist telling the congregation that the Mass, at times, might become a commonplace in our spiritual lives if we lose sight of the awesome nature of the celebration; when the Holy Spirit transforms the gifts of bread and wine into the sacramental presence of Our Blessed Lord, crucified and risen. For him, he tells us, the Mass is a miracle. I remember the priest fondly each time we celebrate this feast day.

Many years later, when I was a priest, I met him and discovered he was a recovering alcoholic. Clearly, the Eucharist had sustained him in his wilderness years and protected him from his own 'serpents and scorpions'.

This Sunday, we have a moment to ponder our faith in the Eucharist as we remember how the Hebrew people were fed in the desert by manna. But when the people of God crossed through the Jordan into the promised land, the manna stopped. How would they be sustained by God now? The answer was through the Law of Moses found essentially in the first five books of what we traditionally call the Old Testament. This was the new bread from heaven which was to guide and sustain God's people.

And in today's Gospel, Jesus brings the theme of bread from heaven to its completion when He says, '***I am the living bread come down from heaven***'. Jesus is the perfection of the gift from God which began as manna in the Sinai desert. And Jesus is bread in two particular ways. In His very person He reveals all that God wants for us. And He will be our life now and into eternity through His death, flesh broken and blood spilled, and His resurrection. And in our Eucharist, these two themes are expressed beautifully through the proclamation of the scriptures and in the 'breaking of bread'.

Click on the link for Churches Together Cornwall Weekly News
<<https://mailchi.mp/14965b88cb55/this-weeks-ctc-weekly-news-12447017?e=31b5ac5520>>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
and especially for:**

**Rita O'Brien, Jenny Hill, Marie Shaw, 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The following link is a resource for children's liturgy of the word. It has Sunday Liturgy for Families and Daily Prayers for Home. Please do take this opportunity to pray with your children.
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/pri- mary-subscription/prayers-for-home/>

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)

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.***

Church Offerings

Thank you to those who have recently arranged a standing order to pay their weekly offering, it is much appreciated also to 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: £448.00  
Thank you for your continued generosity

**Parish Priest: Canon John Deeny VG**

**Deacon Richard Edwards**

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

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

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**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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# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Cardinal thanks Catholics for their patience as churches prepare to re-open on 15 June for private, individual prayer**

'I am grateful to the Prime Minister for his decision that our churches may now open again for individual prayer. I thank the Secretary of State for Communities, Mr Robert Jenrick and the Minister of State, Lord Stephen Greenhalgh, for their leadership of the Task Force which helped bring about this important step.

This is a first, measured step in restoring the more normal practice of our faith and will be welcomed by so many, who have waited with great patience since 23 March when our churches were closed, by Government decision, as part of the fight against this pandemic.

I thank everyone for that patience. It is important that every care is taken to ensure that the Guidance given for this limited opening is fully observed, not least by those entering our churches. Our preparation is taking place with thoroughness. Visiting a church for individual prayer, benefitting from the sacredness of that space, can be done safely and confidently.

Not every Catholic Church will be open on 15 June. Local decisions and provision have to lead this process. But it is a great blessing, for individuals and for the benefit of all in society, that church doors will again be open to all who long to pray there for the peace and grace we need today.

This first step enables us to learn and prepare for those that will take us to a fuller use of our churches, for the celebration of Mass and other sacraments. We await that time with deep longing but patient understanding that the protection of the health of our society, especially of the most vulnerable, is a proper cause for caution and care.'

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

*President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*



The following are some of the changes we have implemented in our churches as advised by the Diocese.

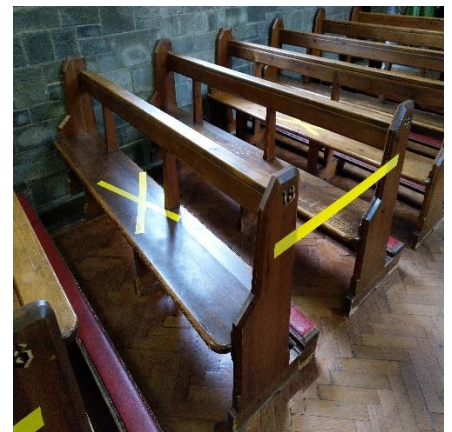
Firstly, each church will have a thorough cleaning each week, following guidelines from the Diocese.

There will be a steward at the entrance of each church to give guidance, and to ensure guidelines are being followed.



Each church will have a one-way system, with notices requesting the use of hand sanitiser before entering and exiting the church.

Only certain benches will be used, as social distancing has to be maintained. Benches which cannot be used will be taped off.



Notices will ask you to refrain from touching statues.

As a precaution votive candles cannot be lit due to having to use hand sanitiser.

Toilets will be closed.

Children under sixteen are allowed, as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

Stewards will be wearing facemasks and gloves.

