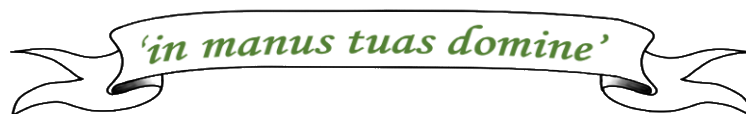


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston  
incorporating the communities of  
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Thirteenth Sunday in OT: Year A**

**Dear Parishioners**

So, at last, we receive the good news that our churches are to open for Mass and public worship once again.

Carinal Vincent Nichols wrote in a statement following the announcement:

*'The past few months have been a time of fashioning new patterns of prayer, new ways of exploring and enriching our faith and vigorous ways of reaching out to those in need. We can build on these, forgetting nothing of the graces we have been given. Yet now, with the experience of opening our churches for individual prayer already gained, this return to the more normal patterns of worship will be of great importance to all Catholics.'*

*This time of our 'Eucharistic fast' has made our hearts grow in longing for that moment when we can come together and receive again the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. That moment is now very near and for that we thank God.'*

We will, of course, need to maintain social distancing and take other measures to keep everyone safe, especially around reception of Holy Communion. I am sure we will receive more guidelines about this prior to us celebrating public Masses.

This Sunday is the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul: Peter, our leader in the faith; Paul, its fearless preacher. Together they encapsulate the two-fold mission of the Church:

- i) The Church as a communion of faith and love, based on the rock of Peter faith, and his successors.
- ii) The Church's mission to go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.

There is no doubt that the Church has taken the opportunity of the Lockdown to be outward looking in the ways the Cardinal describes.

As we have the joy of re-entering our churches, physically gathering again as Christ's body, and celebrating Mass, may we also continue that outreach to others and to think creatively about how we can proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

God bless you,  
Fr John



**Reflection for the Thirteenth Sunday in OT: Year A**  
**By Kevin Grant**

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of Peter and Paul. The new testament contains no account of Paul's martyrdom, his farewell letter is the closest we can get to any reference to his death. The conversion of Paul on the road to Damascus is one of the major facts in Paul's life as a follower of Jesus.

Matthew, in today's gospel, has those famous words of Jesus addressed to Peter '**who do you say that I am**', Peter makes his reply '**you are the Christ, the Son of the living God**', Jesus replies to Peter, '**I tell you, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. I will give you Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven.**' Peter glimpsed God's future and declared Jesus to be the Messiah, but Jesus gave Peter too a new future, the idea that Peter, and hence the papacy, was the church's foundation rock.

Today we have that continued line of faith and tradition. The ancient church of Rome which becomes the mother of the Christian church, it is perhaps even more significant that the church of Rome had a double foundation, the Petrine and Pauline.

I was at the Vatican last year and was able to go down under St Peter's to visit the tombs of the popes, and I was very moved in the connection of our past and our present faith, all this takes us to the present, and Peter's successor Pope Francis.

Pope Francis moto is: '*miserando atque eligendo*'..... '*having mercy, he called me*'.

Today let us all celebrate this great feast, and give thanks to God for our wonderful faith, amen, amen.

**CAFOD URGENT APPEAL**

**This is an urgent fundraising request from CAFOD due to the pandemic and its effects in various parts of the world where there is no chance of social distancing or shielding and no safety equipment.**

Please use the following link for more information and where you can donate.

[Cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)

or call 0808 5858885.

Thank you.

**The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** is celebrating after being awarded £6,000 in National Lottery funding to support its work with vulnerable children and their families, they will use the cash to help with their Essential Grants programme.

In additional to this they have already received funding from the Devon Coronavirus Fund (DCF) which helped the charity to support 10 families. CCSP have just heard they have been awarded another £4,000 from DCF as well as some funding from the Albert Gubay Foundation Trust. CCSP also organised a recent Crowdfunding campaign – 'Stretch out Your Hands' - which raised another £1,200. Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign by making generous donations online and via the post.

**If you are aware of a family who needs their support, please visit [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) or call 01364 645420 for more information.**

### **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/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/>

### **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*

### **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 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 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**

**Email: [launceston@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:launceston@prcdtr.org.uk) Tel: 01566 773166**

**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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