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



Week beginning Sunday 19th July 2020 Sixteenth Sunday in OT: Year A

Dear Parishioners,

How wonderful to be welcoming parishioners back to Mass in the last couple of weeks. Despite the small size of our churches we have not, as yet reached capacity at Launceston or Callington. At Bude, however, we have reached the limit at each Mass celebrated there.

As from next weekend, 25th and 26th July, Sunday Masses will begin again at Callington and Launceston. Please note that for now the Mass at St Peter's Bude will continue on a Saturday morning (**not** Saturday evening), but the Mass will be the Mass of the Sunday.

Now that we have WiFi in the church at Launceston, Sunday Mass will be live-streamed onto a screen in the hall, which will act as an overflow to the church, if needed. Those in the hall can then join the procession in the church for holy communion. Social distancing, etc will also be followed in the hall. At least that is the plan. Please offer a special prayer that the technology works. I believe St Isidore of Seville is the patron saint of the internet. The Mass will continue to be recorded and made available on You Tube and Facebook pages later on Sunday morning, for those who are not yet ready to return, and for the sick and housebound.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding in getting used to these new ways, and respecting social distancing and the other guide lines. Thanks, too, to the stewards and cleaners, giving generously of their time, who make it possible to have our churches open. If you are able to help, more volunteers at all our churches will be most welcome.

The Psalm today: 'All the nations shall come and adore you and glorify your name O Lord'. At long last we come and adore the Lord once again. It is good to praise His name.

May God bless you and all your loved ones. Fr John

Sunday 19th July ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass (non-public) Int: People of the Parish

Monday 20th July ~ St Apollinaris Bp M

Holy Mass (non-public)

Tuesday 21st July ~ St Lawrence of Brindisi Pr Dr

Launceston 7.00pm Holy Mass

Wednesday 22nd July ~ St Mary Magdalene ~ Feast Day

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Maureen Hodges RIP

Thursday 23rd July ~ St Bridget of Sweden ~ Rel ~ Patron of Europe

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass **Friday 24**th **July ~ St Sharbel Makhluf Pr** Callington 10.00am Holy Mass

Saturday 25th July ~ St James ~ Apostle ~ Feast day

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Sunday 26th July ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass

Please remember to bring along your completed Trace and Track forms.

Parishioners are invited to wear facemasks when attending Mass if preferred.

You can either wear your own or use one of the disposable facemasks available. Please make sure you sanitise your hands when entering and exiting the church.

Please pray for the soul of Maureen Hodges RIP who died recently, and for her family and friends. May her soul through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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Geromina Soddy RIP was laid to rest at a private, graveside ceremony last Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at St Cuthbert Mayne Church.

May her soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Rev Albert Lawes was ordained Deacon at Plymouth Cathedral last Sunday. Fr John attended. Please keep Deacon Albert in your prayers. God willing, he will be an ordained priest next year.

# Confessions

Fr John will be available for confessions, by request only. They need to be by appointment and will be outdoors, while maintaining social distancing.

Please keep Fr John in your prayers as he celebrates his 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. May our Holy Mother look over him and guide him.

# Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday in OT: Year A By Kevin Grant

Today we continue with another parable from Matthew 13:24-43. Like the parable of the sower, the parable of the tares has also undergone allegorizing, the short form of today's gospel 13:24-30, is said to be close to the form in which Jesus originally spoke.

In today's gospel we have three parables put before us, the Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to the man who sowed good seed in his field, but his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and ran away.

The second parable Jesus tells them the Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed a man took and sowed in his field, this is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it is looked after and tended, it is the greatest of shrubs and it becomes a great tree that the birds of the air come and nest in.

Then Jesus tells another parable. The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.

Jesus tells all these parables to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.'

The main point of all of todays readings, and the psalm is obviously the forbearance of God. Today's second reading is teaching us about the Holy Spirit as the power of the living God, the Spirit takes our inarticulate prayers and renders them intelligible before the throne of God. When we pray let us pray from our hearts, and our God will hear us, and know of our need in these strange times.

'Come to me all you who are heavily burdened our Lord says, and I will give you rest.'

# **Thursday Zoom Scripture Group**

Now that we are gradually re-opening the church for weekday masses and, hopefully, weekend masses soon, I want to go back to our timing of the Scripture Groups when we were meeting face-to-face. That is, that we meet via Zoom at 5pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

The **next meetings** will be **Thursdays 6**<sup>th</sup> **and 20**<sup>th</sup> **August,** followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> **September** and so on.

The login details will remain the same. Thank you.

Deacon Richard

#### **CARITAS Plymouth**

In the light of COVID-19 and the easing of the lockdown, the level of street homelessness is likely to increase as hotels and other holiday accommodation, which have helped to provide shelter for the homeless, come back into use for tourists.

CARITAS Plymouth in partnership with St Petrocs Cornwall have updated their guidelines on how to support people who are homeless. Use the link below for more information: <a href="https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-">https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-</a>

content/uploads/2020/07/Homelessness-advice.pdf

# 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: <a href="http://www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk/">http://www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk/</a>

(newsletters, updates etc)

CARITAS: <a href="https://www.caritasplymouth.org.uk/">https://www.caritasplymouth.org.uk/</a>

(information and updates)

**Cathedral:** <a href="https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/">https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/</a> (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. If you would like to send a cheque for your offerings, please make it payable to St Cuthbert Mayne Church and mail it to the Presbytery, address at the bottom of the page.

Weekly amount received by standing order: £466.12

Thank you for your continued generosity

# Pope's Intention for the month of July: Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

# **Children's Liturgy**

The following link is another resource for children's liturgy which can be found on Facebook.

https://www.facebook.com/Child rens-Liturgy-during-lockdown-101967264838340/

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

and especially for:
Rita O'Brien, Jenny Hill,
Marie Shaw, Jim White,
Kevin O'Mahoney, Cath Butland,
Christina & Barry Murphy,
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

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