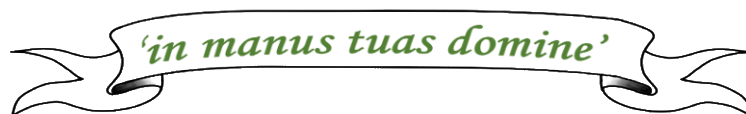


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston  
incorporating the communities of  
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



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**Week beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday in OT: Year A**

Dear Parishioners,

As you know this weekend, we have started celebrating Sunday Masses again. Alleluia! At Callington 8.30am and at Launceston at 10.30 am. The exception is St Peter's Bude, where the Mass will stay on Saturday morning at 10 am, Mass of the Sunday, for now. All the times are in the newsletter. It is always worth checking the newsletter each week for times of Masses, especially in these uncertain times. For instance, I will be away from 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> August, so no Masses Monday to Friday that week. Please note, that the Sunday obligation is still suspended. So, when you come to Mass, you can certainly come on a weekday. If you are concerned/anxious about returning, due to Covid 19, you may want to stay at home for now. The Mass will continue to be recorded and posted on our YouTube and Facebook pages.

We have not yet exceeded capacity at any of our churches. I think that has been the case across the diocese. Parishioners have been, understandably, cautious. Adding 2 more public Masses during the week, will be a help for more people coming back to church, I hope. Again, we will see how things are going, and adapt as necessary. So far, the process of going gently, step by step, has been working very well.

Something we are doing to help increase the capacity at Launceston is to use the parish hall as an extension/overflow to the church, and live stream the Mass onto a screen in the hall. Thanks to Deacon Richard organising it, we now have Wi-Fi in St Cuthbert Mayne Church, which means we have the facility to live-stream. This should give space in the hall for another 10 or 12 parishioners at Sunday Mass. This live stream will then be posted on our parish YouTube and Facebook pages, for the sick and housebound, and for all who are still at home. The recording will be posted somewhat later, on a Sunday, than has been the case until now.

***Since it is becoming mandatory to wear face masks in shops, some parishioners have asked whether it is mandated in church. The simple answer is no, but the church strongly encourages face coverings to be worn in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church, as per government guidelines. Disposable masks are available as you enter any of our churches. Certainly, don't be shy about wearing one.***

God bless you,  
Fr John

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July ~ First Mass on Sunday**

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

Holy Mass (non-public)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Launceston 7.00pm Holy Mass Int: Geromina Soddy RIP

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July ~ St Martha**

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July ~ St Ignatius of Loyola Pr**

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August ~ First Mass on Sunday**

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Frances & Stan Brimacombe  
(45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish



**Please remember to bring along your completed Trace and Track forms.  
Parishioners are encouraged to wear facemasks when attending Mass.  
You can either wear your own or use one of the disposable facemasks available.  
Please ensure you sanitise your hands when entering and exiting the church.**

**Maureen (Pat) Hodges RIP was laid to rest at a service at Glenn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin last Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July.  
May her soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**Children's Liturgy**  
The following link is another resource for children's liturgy which can be found on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Childrens-Liturgy-during-lockdown-101967264838340/>

**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.

**Pope's Intention for the month of July: Our Families**  
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday in OT: Year A

By Fr Kevin

Reading the story of Solomon's dream, I was suddenly struck by the king's prayer, **'Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil'** (1 Kings 3:9). It took me back to the two creation stories in the first three chapters of the Book of Genesis in which God tells Adam, **'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die'** (see Genesis 2: 16-17) and clearly Eve is aware of the same prohibition (see Genesis 3:2-3).

So what does that juxtaposition of texts mean to me? I don't know. Maybe it will become clearer as I think about it more. And Mary, the Mother of Jesus, offers me an example **'As for Mary she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'** (Luke 2:19) So, why am I mentioning this to you? Well, an important way to read scripture is not to sit and analyse the text but allow the text to speak to your heart. Remember, when we read scripture we do so with the eyes of faith and the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

And I feel this is helpful when we come to read the parables of Jesus. The word parable comes from the Greek which means to place one thing beside another. The story becomes an analogy. So, Matthew for example, will begin 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like' and Jesus picks examples from everyday life. The kingdom is fundamentally about our relationship with God in Jesus which we will not fully understand until we are with him. But it is a relationship which is developing now and needs to be at the heart of our lives.

And it is the theme of Jesus preaching: **'From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'** (Matthew 4;17) So, if we feel that Jesus' parables sometimes seem to leave things up in the air then that perhaps is our opportunity to just sit with his words and ponder them in our hearts. As God says through his prophet Isaiah: **'... .. so the word which goes forth from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do'** (Isaiah 55:11).

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**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.**

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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**

### Upcoming Youth Events in the Diocese

**September 26<sup>th</sup>:** there will be workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Workshops will be offered through ZOOM. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peters, Crownhill later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

**October:** there will be a series of 5 sessions, exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead 3 of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly, I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be, *My spiritual journey, living through COVID 19*. If you are interested in either of these events or any future events, please email:

[youth@prcdtr.org](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org)

Saskia Hogbin, Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Worker

### 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

### 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)

**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 – 1.00pm**

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

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

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