

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



Week beginning Sunday 20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Year B

THREE WEEK NEWSLETTER

Saturday 19th December ~ First Mass on Sunday

10.00am Advent Morning Prayer via Zoom with Fr John

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: Francis Porter RIP (F/M)

Sunday 20th December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year B ~ Expectant Mothers

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 22nd December

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Tom Reardon RIP

Wednesday 23rd December

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Paul Tica RIP

Thursday 24th December ~ Christmas Eve

Bude: 5.00pm Vigil Mass Int: Mary Thornley RIP

Launceston: 10.00pm Night Mass Int: People of the Parish

Friday 25th December ~ Christmas Day

Callington 8.30am Dawn Mass Int: Holy Souls

Bude 10.00am Day Mass Int: Rose Newson RIP

Launceston 10.30am Day Mass Int: Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday 26th December

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass ~ **St Stephen ~ Promartyr**

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass ~ **First Mass on Sunday**

Int: Kathleen & Norman Suckley RIP

Sunday 27th December ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child at Bethlehem, I take this opportunity to send Christmas greetings to you all and wish you peace and joy for Christmas and the New year.

What a year 2020 has been! We could not have possibly imagined last Christmas what we would be facing in 2020. We remember those who have died, or who have lost loved ones, whose jobs and livelihoods have been threatened or lost.; all the sadness brought by the virus itself and the consequent restrictions on our freedoms.

One of the worst things for me was having to close the doors of our churches to parishioners as, for many months Masses, and other Acts of Worship, could not be celebrated publicly. Live-streamed Masses helped many of you keep in contact in prayer in your homes, but nobody would suggest that this was an adequate replacement for being physically present at Mass and receiving the good Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.

Let us hope and pray that once this pandemic is over, all our parishioners will once again return to fill our churches. We can also pray that new people come who have rediscovered the importance of faith during lockdown. Perhaps this year has helped us all to take stock of our lives and what is important.

There are certainly signs of promise for the New Year: Vaccines to combat the pandemic, our lovely church at St Cuthbert Mayne renewed and restored, planning for Mission in the time ahead through Bishop Mark's document: Precious Place of God's Grace. We know that the Lord is with us through it all: ***'We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.'*** Roman 8:28

I thank all the stewards, cleaners, sacristans who have done such great work during the year, and Naomi for keeping you in contact with weekly newsletters and regular messages.; and thanks to all of you for your prayers and financial support of the parish during these times. This has been a tough year for us all.

I wish you all peace and joy for Christmas and that 2021 be a happier year and bring you many blessings.

God bless,
Fr John



An agreement has been reached between the NHS and the Diocese of Plymouth, to use its Diocesan Offices at St Boniface House to roll out the Covid-19 vaccine. Bishop Mark O'Toole, said the following:

"I warmly welcome the NHS to St Boniface House, our Diocesan Offices, so that they can be used as a base to administer the Covid-19 vaccine. The Church is very happy to cooperate with the Government in this endeavour, as a service to local communities. This is an extension of the work that has been carried out in our churches during this pandemic, in reaching out, in the name of Jesus Our Lord, to our neighbours and to ensure their wellbeing. This next step with the vaccine is a sign of hope for us all".

First Holy Communion

Please keep the children in your prayers as they make their first Confession this weekend.

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### **Confessions.**

During Advent Fr John will be available for the Sacrament of Penance, 20 minutes before each Mass, except Sunday 10.30 am, when he can be available after Mass.

A gentle reminder that all Offertory Collections over Christmas will be for Fr John. There are available at the back of the church **CHRISTMAS OFFERING envelopes (red/white)**, if you wish to use them.

### **SVP Notice**

'A further donation has been given to our St Vincent de Paul Society to assist us helping people less fortunate than ourselves during this difficult time. One of our members sits on a national committee which approves grants for poor families in England and Wales, and extra help is required in all areas. Thank you very much indeed'.  
Geoff Provis SVP

**Launceston: The Hall will not be open for the livestreaming of Mass on New Year's Day or The Epiphany as there are not enough stewards available.**

**The Parish Office will be closed from 12noon on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

***It is recommended, given the very restricted capacity in all of our churches due to social distancing, that you arrive in very good time for Christmas Masses. Once the churches (and hall, in Launceston) are full the stewards will not be able to let any parishioners or visitors in. It is a challenging situation to be in, but there is no choice.*** Alternatively, please make use of the **Christmas Octave**. If you attend Mass during the week after Christmas Day, you will, in fact, be attending a Christmas Mass. Fr John will be celebrating Mass in the parish every day in the Octave, apart from Monday.

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Covid 19: Guidance for the safe use of places of worship from 2nd December, updated 10th December.

Face Coverings: In England, face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship. There are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups to not wear a face covering in these settings. In particular, those who are leading permitted services or events in a place of worship, and those who assist them.

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/>

Safeguarding Reps:

Geoff Provis (Launceston)

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Tom O'Sullivan (Bude)

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and especially for:
Jenny Hill, Marie Shaw,
Kevin O'Mahoney,
Christina & Barry Murphy,
Peter Scott, Jason Mather,
Ivan Reeves, Connor Robinson
Cath Butland, 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, 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/>
(Mass and prayers)



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Deacon Richard Edwards

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

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Week beginning Sunday 27th December 2020 ~ Octave of Christmas: Year B

Saturday 26th December

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass ~ **St Stephen ~ Promartyr**

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass ~ **First Mass on Sunday**

Int: Kathleen & Norman Suckley RIP

Sunday 27th December ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 29th December ~ St Thomas Becket Bp M ~ Feast Day

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th December

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass

Thursday 31st December

Launceston 9.30am Holy Mass

Friday 1st January ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Launceston 8.30am Holy Mass Int: Senior St Nino

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Charles Leslie Pretty RIP

Week beginning Sunday 3rd January 2020 ~ Second Sunday after the Nativity: Year B

Saturday 2nd January ~ First Mass on Sunday

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: Paul Tica RIP

Sunday 3rd January ~ Second Sunday after the Nativity

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Tuesday 5th January ~ Vigil of The Epiphany of The Lord

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

Wednesday 6th January ~ The Epiphany of The Lord

Launceston 8.30am Holy Mass

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Thursday 7th January

Launceston 9.30am Holy Mass

Friday 8th January

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass

Saturday 9th January ~ First Mass on Sunday

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass

Sunday 10th January ~ The Baptism of The Lord

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass