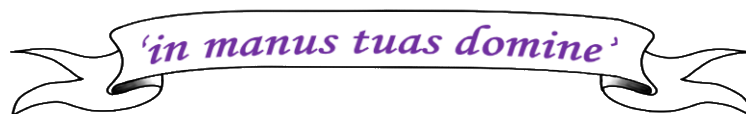


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



**Week beginning Sunday 21st February 2021
First Sunday of Lent**

Saturday 20th February ~ First Mass on Sunday

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 21st February ~ First Sunday of Lent

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: Dante Mansi RIP

Tuesday 23rd February

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

Wednesday 24th February

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Mollie d'Issa-Boomgardt RIP

Thursday 25th February

Launceston 9.30am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Friday 26th February ~ CAFOD Lent Fast Day ~ The Needy and Hungry of the World

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Jean Hawkes RIP

Saturday 27th February ~ First Mass on Sunday

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass

Sunday 28th February ~ Second Sunday of Lent

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass



**It is mandatory to wear a facemask when attending Mass, please wear one.
You can either wear your own or use one of the disposable facemasks available.**

**Please remember to bring along your completed Track and Trace forms,
only one form is required per household.**

**Those who scan the QR Code, can you please also complete a Track and Trace form.
Please ensure you sanitise your hands when entering and exiting the church.**

**SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON
THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS
Wed 17th February - Wed 24th March 2021
7pm - 8:30pm (Free & Live sessions)**

Six Wednesday evening Bible Study sessions, to break-open each Lenten Sunday Gospel. Mauro Lannicelli will walk you through the forthcoming Sunday Gospel with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The sessions are delivered with 'Expository Preaching' teaching method & with 'Life-Application' questions. Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/lent>

Please check the Parish Facebook page and Youtube channel for Lenten Reflections from Fr John. Links can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

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**More Lenten Resources with links can be found on the attached document.**

**Pope's Intention for the month of February:  
Violence against women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Join **Fr John** for **Morning Prayer** via Zoom this **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February** at **10am**. It will follow the morning prayer from the Universalis. Click on this link [Universalis](#) to access the daily prayer or to download the app. Details for the Zoom meeting have been sent out by a separate email, please check your inbox.

**Fr John will be available for Confessions during Lent, half an hour before each weekday Mass.**



**Caritas Lent Resources**

[Caritas Plymouth](#) has developed some resources for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021. The resources include podcasts, links to websites and ideas for reflection during Lent, with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching, we hope that you find this material inspiring. You can also find the link on the 'newsletter' page on the parish website.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021**



One in three people globally do not have access to safe drinking water, but with your support this Lent CAFOD can reach out and make a powerful difference. Through CAFOD, you can provide boreholes and solar powered water pumps to remote communities. You can make sure, people no longer have to spend all their time walking for miles collecting water, so they can concentrate on making their hopes a reality.

Please try and fast this Friday and remember to keep CAFOD and the work they do in your prayers. Be a Good Samaritan to our global neighbour's in great need this Lent by donating to [CAFOD](#). There will be CAFOD envelopes at all our churches this coming weekend, if you would like to donate on-line, please use the link or send your donation to the Presbytery for forwarding onto CAFOD.

Watch this Lenten prayer video from CAFOD on [Youtube](#)

**The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position:  
Parish Secretary (part time),  
St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston,  
20 hours per week**

For more information and copies of the job description and application form please contact the Human Resources Department – Jan Holton – on 01364 645383 or email [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk).

Applications are by application form and covering letter.

**The last date for applications is  
Monday 22nd February 2021.**



A big **'thank you'** to the parish for your continued support and generosity through these difficult times. New standing orders have been arranged, existing ones increased, Gift Aid forms signed, and cheques and stamps have been received, it is greatly appreciated. The following are the figures for the Loose Plate collections during December and January.

#### **December 2020**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Launceston:      | £ 528.59         |
| Bude:            | £ 509.00         |
| Callington:      | £ 139.00         |
| Standing orders: | <u>£1,993.50</u> |
| Total:           | £3,170.09        |

#### **January 2021**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Launceston:      | £ 331.23         |
| Bude:            | £ 241.74         |
| Callington:      | £ 87.00          |
| Standing orders: | <u>£2,038.50</u> |
| Total:           | £2,698.47        |

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)  
Crib Offerings: £68.00

#### **Youth Events**

**Faith in Action** series of talks:  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**  
**7.30pm – 8.30pm via Zoom**

Join our community of young people (aged 13+) for 5 weeks of fun, faith and finding out about how to put your faith into action for the good of others. For further information and to book a place please email: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

#### **Online Drama course ~ The Last Supper**

This 4week virtual course is a chance to explore the Last Supper through script, movement and improvisation; thinking about what the disciples were thinking and talked about as they prepared to arrive at a strangers house for the annual Jewish feast. The sessions are fun, they include lots of drama games. If you are year 6 or older and would like a place on the course, please email [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

#### **Stay Awake 2021**

**Saturday 27th February via Zoom**

Running from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm with inspiring and encouraging talks, praise, worship, and fellowship. Includes a session for kids from 13:00 – 13:30. **Stay Awake** allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event, for more information and to book please visit the webpage, [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)

#### **CATENIAN NEWS**

The President of the **North Devon Circle of the Catenian Association**, Vic Collier, has chosen **'Mary's Meals'** as his president's charity this year. Money is usually raised through collections and raffles at special Catenian dinners and functions. However, this year because of restrictions there has been no meals or functions, so the North Devon Catenian Circle has decided to raise money for this charity through regular monthly donations from all members.

### Church Offerings

If you would like to continue to give your weekly cash offering you can arrange a standing order either through on-line banking or by a banker's form, please contact the parish secretary. 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.**



### 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) Tel: 01566 775820  
Piri Gallington (Callington) Tel: 07958 614222  
Tom O'Sullivan (Bude) Tel: 01288 361984

### 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)

### Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support:

support line open 7 days a week  
between 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
Tel: 01752 916076.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE

### SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

and especially for:

Christopher Scott,

Colin Barrett, 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*

**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 – 1.00pm**

**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**

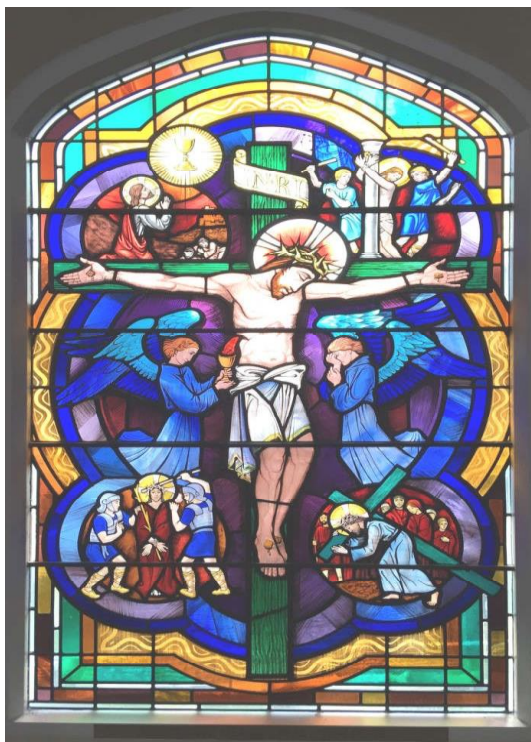
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## The Green Cross

*A Meditation for Lent by Fr David Annear*

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS



One of the four stained glass Rosary windows in the Church of The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, Penzance. This window illustrates the five Sorrowful Mysteries.

The window of the Sorrowful Mysteries has two green crosses. But the green cross is not a new idea. In the Basilica of St Clement in Rome there is an early mosaic portraying the Cross as the Tree of life. From its base, leaves and stems cover the whole scene. **“The Cross of the Lord is become the tree of life for us.”** (Breviary)

Even people of no religious convictions have seen in the annual death and revival of trees and flowers a powerful symbol of growth. Politicians and economists often talk about **“the green shoots of recovery.”** God the creator and Author of life, made our world good.

In the Garden of Eden (Paradise) were two trees: the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Tree of Life is a symbol of immortality, and looks forward to Jesus, who said: **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”** (John 14:6). The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil tells us that we were created by God and must follow our Maker’s instructions. We are not free to do exactly what we want. If we turn our back on God and say: **“I’ll do it my way,”** we fall into pride, the first of the Seven Deadly Sins. The story of the forbidden fruit is a vivid description of that first sin of the human race. Pride puts ME at the centre of my own little world. It deceives us into thinking that we are in charge. But pride and the sins that derive from it, such as greed, envy and strife, upset the order created by God. The brutal fact is that if I do it my way, we shall pay a heavy price of suffering and sorrow.

The present pandemic has laid bare some of our underlying social sins, from domestic abuse to racism and child poverty. Many people down the ages have asked: why is there so much suffering in the world? Why do our best efforts to improve the world so often go wrong? Many answers have been put forward, some religious, some political. But for us the cure for sin and evil must be the Cross of Christ. The grim depressing record of history must not make us despair. In the Good Friday hymn of Bishop Venantius Fortunatus (530- 609 AD) he writes **“God in pity saw man fallen, shamed and sunk in misery, when he fell on death by tasting fruit of the forbidden tree; then another tree was chosen, which the world from death should free.”** That is the Tree of Life, which more than 2000 years ago in Palestine was made into the cross used to bear the body of Christ, the Word made Flesh. On the cross, Christ overturned that original act of pride and rebellion.

Another Good Friday hymn, **“Vexilla Regis”** reminds us **“O Crux ave, spes unica.”** (Hail, O Cross, our only hope). In Lent we can turn our lives around, and humbly return to God’s commandments. Lent is a season of penance in which we own up to our failures in faith, hope and love, in which we turn from the temptation of the first tree to the Tree of Life and grow more like Christ, who said in the Garden of Gethsemane, **“Father... let your will be done, not mine.”** (Luke 22:42)

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**