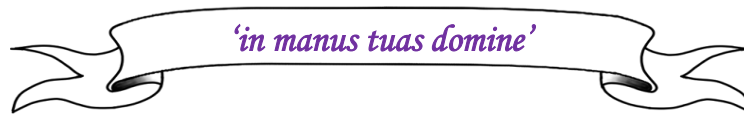


**CATHOLIC PARISH OF St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston
incorporating the communities of
St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington**



Week beginning 19th December 2021

Fourth week of Advent: Year C

THREE WEEK NEWSLETTER

Saturday 18th December ~ *First Mass of Sunday*

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: Pauline Boothroyd RIP

Sunday 19th December ~ *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: Gerry Brown

Tuesday 21st December

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Tom Dauncey

Wednesday 22nd December

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Frances Porter RIP

Thursday 23rd December

Launceston 8.30am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Friday 24th December ~ *Christmas Eve*

Bude: 4.30pm Carols
5.00pm Vigil Mass Int: Nora Walshe

Launceston: 9.30pm Carols
10.00pm Night Mass Int: Jayne Dauncey

Saturday 25th December ~ *Christmas Day*

Callington 8.30am Dawn Mass Int: Christina Abbots and Gregory O'Kane RIP

Bude 10.00am Day Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Day Mass Int: Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday 26th December ~ *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Octave of Christmas: Year C*

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

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

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish



It is now legally mandated that face coverings must be worn in places of worship (unless you have an exemption). It is strongly recommended that congregational singing within church buildings continues with the applied face coverings. Disposable masks are available in all three Churches.

Please sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the Church.



May I take this opportunity to wish you peace and joy at Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Fr John



The Parish Office will be closed from 2.30pm on Tuesday 21st December until Thursday 6th January 2022.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome since I started here in April. It's been a strange time to start a new job and everyone has been very patient, understanding and kind whilst I have been find my feet. The new office, in the old Church Hall kitchen, should be fully functioning by the 6th January (Covid permitting) and can be accessed in office hours from the door next to the Hall entrance. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, Clare.

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.

Christmas Crib

Please bring your Christmas cribs, or a part of it, to Mass on the **4th Sunday of Advent**. Place them before the altar and Fr John will bless them at the end of Mass.

Sacrament of Penance in Advent

Fr John will be available for confession before **all** Masses during the season of Advent.

Our advent preparation, to remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, should include a sacramental confession. Plan ahead and arrange to go in this Parish or elsewhere.

Five bible studies on the Advent Sunday gospels

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels:

Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | **22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time)**.

Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube.
Info & Registration:

<https://comeandsee.org/advent>



Pope's Intention for the month of December: Evangelization - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witness, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Walking Together: Our Synodal Journey

Listening to All

Following feedback from Parish facilitators the Diocese have produced a short questionnaire as part of our Synodal listening journey aimed at to those who may not participate in parish events. (A small number of hard copies of this material will be available at the back of Church and to download from the newsletter section of the Cuthbert Mayne website).

The aim of this material is to gather feedback from as wide a group as possible. We would invite you to share these questions with friends and family and we hope the guidance around sensitive conversations is helpful.

You can access the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9MVCQ7M>

Download it (along with supporting documents) from:

<http://www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk/newsletters.html>

Alternatively, if you wish to participate in the conversation face to face you can come along to one of the Parish Synodal Journey sessions taking place (details on the next page)

Please remember your local foodbank this Christmas. There are food donation points in Tesco in Callington and Launceston and at the Coop in Launceston. You can donate online to Bude at <https://budefoodbank.org.uk/donate/>.

Launceston currently need: (all_tined) potato, carrots, peas, ham plus Christmas pudding and rice. There will be a basket for donations at St Cuthbert Mayne Church

Volunteers needed: We need a couple of volunteer collection counters at St Cuthbert Mayne Church to count the collection after Mass. Please speak to Fr John if you are able to help. Thank you.



Epiphany Blessing of Chalk

It is the custom on the feast of the Epiphany to bless chalk. This blessed chalk is then taken by the faithful to inscribe the initials of the Wise Men (for this year it would be 20 + C + B + M + 22) on the lintel of their homes and to invoke God's blessings.

Fr John will be blessing chalk at Epiphany Masses for those of you who would like to take it. Prayer sheets with instruction on how to bless your house will be available at the back of Church.



Pope's Intention for the month of January: For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Walking Together: Our Synodal Journey

Local Groups



There will be groups at each of our 3 churches, led by lay facilitators. **They are time for prayer, reflection, listening to the Word of God, and to each other.** Leaflets will be provided for each week which contain passages of scripture, reflections, and questions to ponder.

- **Bude:** Monica Soby. St Peter's Church Bude will sessions after **Wednesday morning** Masses at **11.40am**.
- **Callington:** Kevin Grant. **Wednesday** evenings, beginning **6pm** at Our Lady of Victories Church Callington.
- **Launceston:** Peter Hazard. **Week 4** (let us dream) will be on **Wednesday evening 15th at 7 pm**

WEEK 4: theme 4 – Dream

This week our Walking Together journey has a focus on Dream.

“In his freedom, the Holy Spirit knows no borders, nor does He allow Himself to be limited by memberships. If the parish is home to all in the neighbourhood, not an exclusive club, I recommend: leave the doors and windows open... Allow all to enter...” Pope Francis

We are invited to reflect this week on what is Gods dream for us and our Parish? How might our parish ‘walk better together’? We are also asked to consider, in the light of the last 18 months living with Covid and your reflections on the four themes, what are we most looking for from the Church/Diocese moving forward?

If you are not able to attend a parish listening event, you can find all the materials and guidance about how to send through your thoughts and views on the Diocesan website

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/key-documents/parish-resources/> If you have any questions you can email synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk

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### Feedback from Week Three- Celebrate: Bude

- 1) I celebrate the presence of God by
  - a) participating fully in the liturgy and private prayer and the joy of receiving communion,
  - b) by participating fully in other ceremonies and sacraments of the Church.
  - c) by reading the Bible prayerfully.
  - d) by the singing of hymns when possible-(beautiful words and melodies deepen emotions.The liturgy format may be the same but the prayers and readings focus the mind and heart and the sermons are more "targeted".
- 2) Many parishioners carry out various roles in the services and the running of the parish. All parishioners are encouraged to take part fully in services including hymn singing, readings etc.  
As Catholics, we should make ourselves known more in the town and surrounding area. No "on site" priest doesn't help nor the lack of a Catholic school or institutions in the district. We also feel the lack of a Function Room.  
We need to be more involved in Churches Together events and take a more active part in faith events e.g. Good Friday Walk of Witness. Etc
- 3) The wider church celebrates and promotes journeying together by holding services and events for the participation of everyone, also by being involved with teaching the young and with charities and good works.

## Walking Together: Our Synodal Journey Local Groups.



### Feedback from Week Three: Callington

A summary from the meetings at Callington will be available after all completed.

### Feedback from Week Three – Celebrate: Launceston

- We celebrate the presence of God through silent prayer and recited prayers and sometimes in petition, but mainly through the entrustment of all we have to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Our Parish comes together primarily at Holy Mass on Sundays but also during the week with public Rosary and Exposition.
- Journeying together is done through a prayerful attitude and belief in the Holy Eucharist which is the source of all Unity for we are all one in Christ.
- Prayer leads to understanding God's thinking, not ours. The two are not always in sync. Prayer is 'the hard work'.
- Hearing leads to accepting. We share a journey through prayer.
- People are welcome, not excluded. Catechists, RICA, Legion of Mary.
- Encounter is prayer. Prepare before Mass- readings-study early beforehand.
- Try to focus on the Eucharist. We also have the Rosary and Exposition.
- There is a Polish focus group to train to undertake evangelisation.
- Prayer is important throughout the day; to focus on the day. Prayer changes one.
- Prayer feeds into everything we do.
- I was cross before I found the Lord, now joyful and peaceful. I listen to find the right path and am given inner strength.
- Do we engage with the Mass in a deep sense? Do we engage outside of Mass on Sunday?
- Celebrate-Fulfilment of our gifts. Be aware of the gifts we have, therefore celebrate because they are God given.
- People have died for their faith.
- We do not always recognise our gifts; therefore, can we celebrate?
- Acceptance that we may not have gifts.
- Singing intensifies our understanding.
- Ask others not 'what is your faith?' but 'what do you want of your life?'
- Exposition: not all are called. Do we understand? If we comprehend the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we have a responsibility to accept, that we are last and the servants of all.
- By celebrate do we understand this to be the method of practice of our faith?
- Practice respect in receiving the Eucharist and other Sacraments.
- Our Church should be a place of sanctity and quiet and treated as such.
- Belief is a process. Some ask, 'is it worth my time?' Do we join in?
- You cannot find things on your own, you need prayer and the help of others.
- Continue learning, teaching is crucial. We all stumble.
- Polish formation group-study, then share.

You can read the diocese update on the Synodal journey at <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Nov-Synodal-newsletter.pdf>



### 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.**

£583.38 weekly standing orders for November

**Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support:** Support line open 7 days a week between 7.30pm – 9.30pm.  
**Tel:** 01752 916076.

### Safeguarding Reps:

Geoff Provis (Launceston) Tel: 01566 775820  
Piri Gallington (Callington) Tel: 07704 651422  
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)



### 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/>

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

and especially for:

**Colin Barrett, Jenny Hill, Marie Shaw, Kevin O'Mahoney, Christina Murphy, Jason Mather, Cath Butland, Leah Bennett, Robert McCurrach, Sheila Mower, Brian Walker, Ellen and Michael Shanley, Jenny Potier, Su Paget and Gina Dias**

*May the Lord bless them, and all who care for them*

*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 **Tel:** 01566 773166

**Parish Office hours:** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm

**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:** Clare Hartley-Mead: 07754439830

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**Week beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021 ~ Octave of Christmas: Year C**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December ~ St John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December ~ The Holy Innocents ~ Feast Day**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December ~ St Thomas Becket Bp M ~ Feast Day**

No Mass today

**Thursday 30<sup>st</sup> December**

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass

**Week beginning Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 ~ Octave of Christmas: Year C**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Launceston 9.30am Sacrament of Penance

10.00am Holy Mass

10.30am Rosary

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January ~ First Mass of Sunday**

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass Int: Monika

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January ~ Second Sunday after the Nativity**

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Launceston 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord**

No Mass today

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January ~ Epiphany of the Lord**

Bude 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Father for his protection and his Church

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass

Launceston 7.00pm Holy Mass

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Callington 10.00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Launceston 9.30am Sacrament of Penance

10.00am Holy Mass

10.30am Rosary

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January ~ First Mass on Sunday**

Bude 5.00pm Holy Mass

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January ~ The Baptism of The Lord**

Callington 8.30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10.30am Holy Mass

**Christmastide ends**