

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



THREE WEEK NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 17th December 2023 Third Sunday of Advent: Year B

Saturday 16th December ~ First Mass of Sunday

Bude 5:00pm Holy Mass Int: For people with disabilities

Sunday 17th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Callington 8:30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10:30am Holy Mass Int: Colin Barrett RIP

Tuesday 19th December

Launceston 7:00pm Holy Mass Int: Fr Francis Thomas Hayes RIP

Wednesday 20th December

Bude 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

Launceston 4:00pm Reception of the Body

Thursday 21st December

Launceston 1:30am Requiem Mass Int: Colin Barrett RIP

Friday 22nd December

Callington 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls



Saturday 23rd December

Launceston 10:00am Holy Mass Int: For vocations to the priesthood

10:30am Rosary & Exposition

Saturday 23rd December ~ First Mass of Sunday

Bude 5:00pm Holy Mass Int: For CARITAS Diocese of Plymouth

Sunday 24th December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Callington 8:30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Launceston 10:30am Holy Mass Int: For Peace in Our World

Bude 4:30pm Carols

5:00pm Vigil Mass Int: Mollie d'Issa-Boomgardt RIP

Launceston 9:30pm Carols

10:00pm Mass of the Night ~ followed by mince pies & Mulled wine in the hall

Monday 25th December ~ The Nativity of the Lord

Callington 8:30am Dawn Mass Int: For those who are homeless

Bude 10:00am Day Mass Int: For Peace in our World

Launceston 10:30am Day Mass Int: People of the Parish



Pope's Intention for the month of December: For People with Disabilities

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusion programmes that value their active participation.



A big thank you for your cards and, in anticipation, for your Christmas offerings, and especially for your prayerful support. It's a real privilege and blessing to serve as your priest. I am very grateful to all those who give so much time and energy in the various ministries and work that needs to be done to ensure that our 3 communities continue to thrive.

May God bless you all with peace and joy this Christmas and into the New Year. I wish you all and your families a very happy Christmas, and I look forward to working with you ever more in the New Year. Fr John

Advent talks at St Cuthbert Mayne (Charles Langdon Room):

A series of 3 Advent sessions will be led by priests on **Wednesdays in Advent, 7.00pm – 8.30pm**. All are welcome.

- **20th December: The Blessed Virgin Mary: Fr Peter Coxe**

If you would like to attend but are unable to do so in person you can join in on Zoom at:

Topic: Advent Talk 3: Blessed Virgin Mary by Fr Peter Coxe

Time: Dec 20, 2023 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561785780?pwd=Mkc4TCtpdC8zSHBoQ3gzVlJxRFpsQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 6178 5780

Passcode: 685700



Sacrament of Penance in Advent

Fr Kevin and Fr John will be available for Sacrament of Penance on after 10am Mass on Saturday 23rd December at St Cuthbert Mayne Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary will take place as usual. On that day there will be **no** confessions from 9.30am to 10.00am.

Diocesan Administrator Canon Paul Cummings Advent Message

You can watch a video of Canon Paul's advent message here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xb3kqblNCL0>



Please pray for **Colin Barrett** who passed away recently and for his family and friends. Colin was sacristan and MC at St Cuthbert Mayne Church for several decades and has been a cornerstone of our community. His body will be received into the church at 4pm on Wednesday 20th December and his funeral Mass will be at 1:30pm on Thursday 21st December.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



GIFT AID NUMBER

Christmas Offerings

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.

The Parish Office will be closed from 2.30pm on Tuesday 18th December until Thursday 4th January 2022.

This means that this will be a three week newsletter.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, Clare



DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

Charity No 1155945

Routes to Roots
Christian action on homelessness

St Petrocs



'Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.' Galatians 6:2

Online Event

How can we respond to the crisis of homelessness?



Wednesday 17th January 2024
6.00pm-7.00pm

All are welcome to join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth for an evening of prayer and reflection about how we can respond to those experiencing homelessness. Guest speakers include St Petrocs, Cornwall and Routes to Roots, Dorset

To register use the QR code or the link
<https://forms.office.com/e/VVp5t5qU7F> or
email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk



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God of Joy

God of Joy
Remind me to rejoice
Wrapped up in my Christmas gifts
Tied down in my debts
I have forgotten

God of peace
Remind me of your calm
In my anxiety
And in my haste
I have forgotten

God of all
Remind me
Of the true light of Christmas
Of your gifts shared

In my own wants
And in my own needs
I have forgotten
Wrapped up in my little world
Remind me of your world
God of joy, remind me
To rejoice
Amen

Linda Jones / CAFOD

A call to our altar servers:

St Stephen is the patron saint of altar servers. His feast day falls on **Tuesday 26th December**. Our altar servers are invited to come to the **10.00 am Mass and receive a special blessing**. And, those enrolled in the Guild, to renew their guild promise.

Volunteers Needed St Peter's, Bude

St Peter's are looking for volunteers to help with church cleaning and flower arranging. A sign up sheets will be available for those who are interested and able to help. It doesn't need to be a huge time commitment...one cleaning session a month would be greatly appreciated.



Coffee and Tea after Mass:

This takes place after each of our Sunday Masses. It is an opportunity to meet others and build community. **All are welcome**

The legion of Mary, a pious organisation in church dedicated to praying the rosary and propagating the gospel welcomes new members to her weekly meetings held every Sunday at 9:am in the upper room at St Cuthbert Mayne Launceston

Our Lady Queen of Peace (OLQOP) Online Prayer Group

OLQOP Prayer Group meet **online every Monday evening at 7pm – 8pm**, all are welcome. Each week we pray one of the mysteries, followed by some special prayers from Pope Francis, a bible reading relating to the rosary mystery followed by one of Our Lady's messages from Medjugorje. The meeting concludes with The Divine Mercy Chaplet.

If you would like to join us, please either email mark@pearsononline.org or call Mark on 01566 782647.



Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday at St Cuthbert Mayne Church

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
Tom O'Sullivan (Bude) Tel: 01288 361984
Stephen Winders (Callington) Tel: 07821532052

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

and especially for:

Jenny Hill, Christina Murphy, Jason Mather, Cath Butland, Leah Bennett, Jenny Pofier, Su Paget, Gina Dias, Jane and Kevin O'Mahoney and Barbara Daly.

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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

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, Thursday & Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm

Website: www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk

Facebook: Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne Church

Parish Administrator: Clare Hartley-Mead: 01566 773166

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Christmas Crib

St. Francis of Assisi first popularized the Christmas manger. He wanted to see how Christ was born with his own eyes, and so he had a stable and some images made before Christmas and then invited his neighbours and friends to come and join him at his "Bethlehem."

You are welcome to visit the crib scene in our churches over the Christmas season and offer your own prayer. Or you can offer this one:

*O God, whose mighty Son was born in Bethlehem long ago,
lead us to that same poor place where Mary laid her tiny Child,
and as we look on in wonder and praise,
help us welcome him in all new life,
see him in the poor,
and care for his handiwork. the earth, the sky and the sea.
O God, bless us again in your great love.
We pray for this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST – ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. **The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis.** We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. May God bless all our supporters and donors.

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 + 24) 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 the gift of diversity in the church

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community, and to discover the richness of different ritual tradition in the heart of the Catholic Church.



Children's Liturgy at Christmas

Childrens Liturgy will not be available for the Christmas Night Mass or the Christmas Day Mass, although will be available for the Sunday Masses of the 17th, 24th, and 31st of December. Many Thanks, Cath.



Christmas Flowers

Thank you for your generous donations to our Christmas Flower collections last weekend. St Peter's raised £95.52 and St Cuthbert Mayne £66.02.

The Season of Christmastide

Monday 25th December ~ The Nativity of the Lord

Callington 8:30am Dawn Mass
Bude 10:00am Day Mass
Launceston 10:30am Day Mass

Tuesday 26th December ~ St Stephen ~ Protomartyr

Launceston 10:00am Holy Mass Int: For our Altar Servers

Wednesday 27th December ~ St John ~ Apostle and Evangelist

Bude 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

Thursday 28th December ~ The Holy Innocents

Launceston **NO MASS TODAY**

Friday 29th December ~ St Thomas Becket Bp M (1118-1170)

Callington 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Saturday 30th December ~ Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave

Launceston 9:30am Sacrament of Penance
10:00am Holy Mass Int: For vocations to the priesthood
10:30am Rosary & Exposition

Octave of Christmas B: Psalter 1

Saturday 30th December ~ First Mass of Sunday

Bude 5:00pm Holy Mass Int: Kathleen & Norman Suckley RIP

Sunday 31st December ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Callington 8:30am Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish
Launceston 10:30am Holy Mass Int: Andrew Browne RIP

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

Bude 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Private Intention
Launceston 10:00am Holy Mass Int: For all parents and families

Second Week in Christmastide B:Psalter 1

Tuesday 2nd January ~ Basil the Great Bp Dr (c.330-379)

Launceston **NO MASS TODAY**

Wednesday 3rd January ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Bude 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound Parishioners

Thursday 4th January ~ Weekday of Christmas

Launceston 8:30am Holy Mass

Friday 5th January ~ Weekday of Christmas

Callington 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

Saturday 6th January ~ Weekday of Christmas

Launceston 9:30am Sacrament of Penance
10:00am Holy Mass Int: For vocations to the priesthood
10:30am Rosary & Exposition

Saturday 6th January ~ First Mass of Sunday ~ Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

Bude 5:00pm Holy Mass Int: People of the Parish

Sunday 7th January ~ The Epiphany of the Lord (transferred)

Callington 8:30am Holy Mass Int:
Launceston 10:30am Holy Mass Int: For peace in the World