

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Fourth week of Advent: Year A**



#### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December ~ First Mass of Sunday**

Bude	4:00pm	Penitential Service ( <i>both Fr John and Fr Kevin will be available for the sacrament of Penance</i> )	
	5:00pm	Holy Mass	Int: Fr John Buckley RIP

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Callington	8:30am	Holy Mass	Int: Bernard (Bernie) Williams RIP
Launceston	10:30am	Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish
	3:30pm	Sakrament pokuty / Sacrament of Penance (in Polish)	
	5:30pm	Msza Święta / Holy Mass (in Polish)	

#### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Launceston	6:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Silence	
	7:00pm	Holy Mass	Int: Sick and Housebound Parishioners

### The Season of Christmastide

#### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December ~ Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

Launceston	10:00am	Holy Mass	
Bude	5:00pm	Vigil Mass with carols from 4:30pm	
		Int: Mollie d'Issa-Boomgardt RIP	
Launceston	10:00pm	Mass of the Night with carols from 9:30pm – followed by mince pies & Mulled wine in the hall	



#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December ~ The Nativity of the Lord**

Callington	8:30am	Dawn Mass	Int: The Parish Community
Bude	10:00am	Day Mass	Int: Harry and Mary Matthews RIP
Launceston	10:30am	Day Mass	Int: Peace in the World

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December ~ St Stephen ~ Protomartyr**

Launceston	10:00am	Holy Mass	Int: Holy Souls
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#### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December ~ St John ~ Apostle and Evangelist**

Launceston	9:30am	Sacrament of Penance	
	10:00am	Holy Mass	
	10:30am	Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	

#### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December ~ First Mass of Sunday**

Bude	4:00pm	Penitential Service	
	5:00pm	Holy Mass	Int: Anna and Robert Raw RIP

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Callington	8:30am	Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish
Launceston	10:30am	Holy Mass	Int: Andrzej & Beata Matysik

Wishing you all a Merry  
**Christmas**  
and a Happy New Year. Fr John



### Blessing of Cribs

If you would like Fr John to bless your Christmas cribs, or a part of it, **please bring it to Mass this weekend (20/21<sup>st</sup> December)**. Please place your crib before the altar and Fr John will bless them at the end of Mass.

### Sacrament of Penance in Advent

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

### Bude Penitential Service

There will be a Penitential Service at St Peter's Church at **4pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at St Peter's Church. Fr John and Fr Kevin will both be available for the Sacrament of Penance.

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 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

This means that this will be a three-week newsletter.

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

## Octave of Christmas A: Psalter 1

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December ~ First Mass of Sunday

Bude 5:00pm Holy Mass Int: Anna and Bob Raw RIP

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

Launceston 10:30am Holy Mass Int: Andrzej & Beata Matysik

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December ~ Sixth day of the Christmas Octave

Launceston No Mass Today

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December ~ Seventh day of the Christmas Octave

Bude 10:00am Holy Mass

## A HOLY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

Launceston 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Pamela Boutcher RIP

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January ~ Basil the Great Bp Dr (c.330-379)

Callington 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January ~ Weekday of Christmas

Launceston 9:30am Sacrament of Penance

10:00am Holy Mass

10:30am Rosary & Exposition

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January ~ First Mass of Sunday

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January ~ Second Sunday after the Nativity

Callington 8:30am Holy Mass Int: Migrants and Refugees

Launceston 10:30am Holy Mass Int: Lorna Rodriguez

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Bude 10:00am Holy Mass

Callington 10:00am Holy Mass

Launceston 7:00pm Holy Mass

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Bude 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Private Intention

Callington 11:00am Funeral Mass Int: Bernie Williams RIP

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Launceston 9:00am Holy Mass Int: Sick & Housebound parishioners

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Callington 10:00am Holy Mass Int: Holy Souls

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Launceston 9:30am Sacrament of Penance

10:00am Holy Mass

10:30am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January ~ First Mass of Sunday

Bude 5:00pm Holy Mass

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Callington 8:30am Holy Mass Int: For vocations to the priesthood

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



### Pope's Intention for the month of December: For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



### Pope's Intention for the month of January: For prayer with the word of God.

Let us pray that praying the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



### 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 + 26) 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.

### St Petrocs Winter Appeal - Will you help us ensure that no one has to face storms alone?

Envelopes for the St Petrocs Appeal are available in Church, or you can use the cashless giving stations, to help provide safe, warm shelter and vital support for homeless in Cornwall.



The funeral of **Bernard (Bernie) Williams RIP** will take place at Our Lady of Victories Church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. Bernie will be received into the Church at 3pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

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



### The Baptism of the Lord: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January Bishop Nicholas in Launceston

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Nicholas to our parish as he joins us at St Cuthbert Mayne Church in Launceston to preside and preach at Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

### Foodbank Shortages

Thank you for all your generous donations to our local foodbanks, they are very much appreciated and going into hampers to help people over the festive period. They are however extremely short of personal hygiene items and toiletries. If you can help, there are collection points in the local supermarkets. Thank you.

## Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission

*A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson*

21 February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre



Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission".

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#) or email: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)



### Children's Liturgy at Christmas

Children's 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 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of December. Many Thanks, Cath.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Annex (PL7 4JU)  
10am-12:30pm

- Covers safeguarding for both children and adults.
- Face to face training.
- Fulfills the training requirement to have been completed before commencing/continuing a role with vulnerable groups: no further online training will be required.

All are welcome to attend, whether you are a volunteer or not. Please bring along a packed lunch to eat, refreshments will be provided.



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### In Person Safeguarding Training

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> January, Our Lady of Lourdes Church Annex, Plympton (PL7 4JU)

Open to all, and covering safeguarding for children and adults. This face to face training fulfils the training requirement to have been completed before commencing/continuing a role with vulnerable groups, No further online training will be required!

To find out more please email [Plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk) or call 01752 331288.

### Residential for Teens (13-17 years old)

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor.

*"I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matt 25:35*

Youth Events is working alongside the charity Stories of Hope and Home, to bring a group of Asylum Seekers and Refugees to tell their story. The weekend offers young people a chance to ask these people questions about this experiences, why they became Asylum seekers, what was their journey to the UK like? During the weekend we will also have the opportunity to explore what God is asking of us, how should we react to these stories? How does this relate to the encyclical paper, *Laudato Si*?

There is a £50 contribution towards cost. Please contact Saskia for more information or to book a place [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

### The Hope of Christmas

God, our dayspring and our dawn, we turn to you when we fear the dark and all around us weep.

We pray you greet us with your shining light that we may spread your warm embrace and kindle the hope of Christmas in all whose lives remain in shadow.

Come and be our strength O Lord, our hope and our salvation. Amen.





## 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**

### Local hospital chaplains

As a first point of contact it is recommended that you call the chaplaincy phone number at the relevant hospital.

#### **Barnstaple, North Devon District Hospital**

Chaplain: Fr. Peter Morgan

Email: [peter.morgan@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:peter.morgan@prcdtr.org.uk)

(01271) 322362

#### **Exeter, Royal Devon & Exeter**

Chaplain: Fr. Petroc Cobb

Email: [petroc.cobb@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:petroc.cobb@prcdtr.org.uk)

Tel: (01392) 402024

#### **Plymouth, Derriford Hospital**

Chaplain: Rev. Deacon Simon Fletcher

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Chaplaincy (01752) 245255



### Children's Liturgy

**Every Sunday at St Cuthbert  
Mayne Church**



#### **The Legion of Mary**

Every Sunday at 9am in the  
church Hall.

*Prayer and service under  
the patronage of Mary*

*Tel. Steve 07765088510*

### Safeguarding Reps:

**Tom O'Sullivan (Bude) Tel: 01288 361984**

**Stephen Winders (Callington) Tel: 07821532052**

**Hannah Cadden (Launceston) Tel: 07493054164**

### 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,

Jason Mather,

Cath Butland, Leah Bennett, Jenny  
Potier, Su Paget, Jane and Kevin  
O'Mahoney, Marlene Provis and  
Barbra 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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**Facebook:** Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne Church

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