

Catholic Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne

General points and questions from Parishioners after the close of the Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday 8th May 2011, in the Charles Langdon Room, Launceston replied to by Fr David.

Launceston:

Q: Need for a sound system at Launceston church.
New lights needed to replace old-fashioned strip lighting.
Incense can be overpowering, could windows be opened?
The order of the Offertory Procession gifts was questioned.

A: A sound system is a legal requirement, however the paperwork is complex because of the church's status as a listed building.

Fr David is concentrating on the forthcoming Pilgrimage, Pentecost and First Holy Communion. After these events he will turn his attention to building matters once more. These will include: demolishing the Old Hall and the garage, painting the church ceiling (white) and the ceiling to the St Cuthbert Mayne shrine (red), the sound system.

It was suggested that:

Fr David consult David West who did much preparatory work on sound and lighting systems some years ago.

Someone from the parish should take responsibility.

Fr David is planning to alter the Offertory: once the altar has been prepared the Eucharistic gifts and the SVP basket will be brought up. Taking the collection should not hold up the Mass. The arrival of the children from their liturgy also needs to be coordinated.

Bude:

Q: Bude church requires new vestments.
What is happening about turning the church around?
A walk-about microphone would be useful.

A: Fr David is aware of the need for new vestments; he is trying to source these at a reasonable cost and might ask Polish parishioners for help as vestments are cheaper in Poland.

The church will be turned around but this has to be done via the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and may take some time.