

**A Report on the Catholic Parish
of St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston**

9th May 2011 – 5th May 2012

by

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For the Parish AGM on 6th May 2012

B – Bude

H – Holsworthy

L – Launceston

May 2011

- 3rd L: Cleaner hired for Charles Langdon Room and Presbytery
- 8th L: Unified Bank Account to be known as PRCDTR St Cuthbert Mayne RC Parish
- 10th L: New photocopier for the office. The old one was not up to the job
- 10th L: Redundant electrical cables to Old Hall disconnected and removed
- 22nd L: Diocesan Pilgrimage in honour of St Cuthbert Mayne. Successful, good weather, well supported

June 2011

- 12th B: Chalice re-gilded
- 12th L: Tabernacle for priest's oratory restored and re-polished
- 12th L: Mass of First Holy Communion at Pentecost. 10 candidates
- 12th L: Exhibition of photos of Launceston Pilgrimage
- 21st L: Transfer of Blessed Sacrament to Oratory
- 29th L: Electricity poles removed from churchyard

July 2011

- 1st L: Survey of Presbytery and Church by Vickery Holman
- 28th L: Church banners put in Oratory and cleaned up

August 2011

- 2nd B: Reception into church of David Colwill
- 12th L: Gift of silver monstrance from nuns at Sclerder. Placed in Oratory
- 18th L: Gift of Joan Dauncey's painting of Druyton Bridge. Placed in office
- 21st L: Brunch Barbeque in Presbytery garden. Fine weather, about 60 present
- 21st L: Green cope presented to Parish by Bohdan and Rosemary Meeson

31st L: Outside railings repainted red.

September 2011

- 4th L & B: New translation of the Ordinary ie main parts of the Mass introduced
- 18th L: Brass crucifix from temporary church cleaned by Janette Kirkby and placed on altar of Oratory
- 18th H: Proposed withdrawal of Mass from Holsworthy announced
- 20th B: PPC votes to withdraw Mass from H subject to permission from Bishop and Dean. Renovation proposals for L also accepted
- 25th L: Stone pillars on steps leading from St Stephen's Hill to church re-pointed and made safe

October 2011

- 8th H: Open discussion after Mass to explore possible alternatives to Mass at H
- 10th B: New notice board placed outside church
- 16th L: Sale of cakes and Christmas cards for Dalit children
- 19th B: First meeting of First Holy Communion. Two candidates
- 20th H: Shared Harvest Lunch at Market Hall £111 raised for CAFOD
- 22nd L: Six wooden statues re-oiled and treated for woodworm by Steve Dauncey and Cath Butland
- 23rd L & B: Annual Mass attendance count: 202. In 2010 it was 204
- 24th L: Bishop Christopher gives permission to withdraw Mass from H after Advent Sunday
- 30th L: New slate notice placed at bottom of steps to St Stephen's Hill
- 30th L & B: Dave Thomas appointed Parish Treasures in succession to Geoff Penn

November 2011

- 6th L: Road signs to Catholic church fixed on St Stephen's Hill
- 6th L: Peter Hazard appointed Building Co-ordinator and supported by Colin Barrett, Philip Stephenson and David West who will be consultants

- 6th B H & L: Books of Remembrance begin to be up-dated. One copy to be in each church
- 9th B: Meeting with Rev Bob Jones RIP and his Elders at URC church to discuss use of UR church to ease crowding in July, August and possibly September. They approved subject to the approval of whole congregation
- 11th L: Some lopsided gravestones straightened by families of the deceased at their expense
- 17th L & B: Fr David invited to publish Christmas Message for Devon and Cornwall Post
- 17th L: Renovated historical information boards placed at back of church
- 19th H: Vestments brought to L
- 20th L: Cake sale in aid of Dalit children
- 20th L: leaflet written to commemorate our four anniversaries
- 26th H: Last Mass to be celebrated in Anglican church. Liturgical books and chalice brought to L
- 27th L: Advent shared Parish Brunch after Mass. Well supported
- 29th L: Solemnity of St Cuthbert Mayne. Mass to celebrate our anniversaries. About 40 present.

December 2011

- 14th L: Concert in church by the *Mediaeval Baebes*. About 100 present
- 18th L: New red notice board placed outside church
- 21st L: Anthony Suter reads extracts from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in church
- 28th L: Anthony Suter reads prose and poems of Oscar Wilde in Charles Langdon Room
- 30th L: £200 donated to Launceston Food Bank

January 2012

- 4th B: Reading material reviewed and renovated
- 10th L: Secretary Rachel begins huge task of identifying and classifying photos in Parish archive 1886 -2012
- 12th L: New hangers for copes and chasubles

- 13th L: New transformer fitted to organ: can be used again in renovated organ
- 14th B: Application for permission to restore sanctuary to what it was
- 15th L & B: Year of Faith to commemorate Second Vatican Council (1962) and Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992) October 2012 –November 2013. First Parish initiative: the Parish Pen
- 16th – 26th L: Topographical survey, a preliminary for obtaining permission to install sound system and lighting in church
- 22nd L: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Fr David preaches at Ecumenical Service at Tregadillett
- 26th L & B: Work Begins on expanding and updating Arthur Wills' Parish History of 1977
- 31st L: Visit of Mgr Draper, Vicar General and former Parish Priest

February 2012

- 1st L & B: Anne Reece-Pinchin agrees to become Gift Aider for the whole parish, with some help from L
- 5th L: St Cuthbert Mayne banner (1977) returned to Shrine
- 5th L: Cake sale for Dalit children. £57.20 raised
- 5th L & B: Year of Faith initiative: Prayer cards for vocations to the priesthood
- 9th L: Lectern and credence table from H placed in Oratory
- 10th L & B: Received grant of £2,500 from the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom
- 11th L: Agnus Dei medallion (1925) renovated and restored to Shrine
- 12th L: Youth Mass music group established
- 12th L: Re-organising and classifying of Parish Archive material begins: finished on 1st March
- 14th B: site visit from Liturgy Commission to consider proposal to return sanctuary to its former use
- 21st L: North Cornwall Deanery cluster meeting in Presbytery
- 23rd L: Fr David visits St Joseph's School: year 3 class to talk about history and St Cuthbert Mayne

March 2012

Second Tues every month: L: Meeting of SVP conference

- 3rd B: Discussion after Mass on using URC church and possibly sharing it
- 7th L & B: Books of Remembrance up-date finished. Copies in sacristies
- 9th B: Approval of whole congregation of URC church for plans to use it in the holiday months
- 20th L: Electrician begins work repairing lights in the church and presbytery and installing extra power points
- 23rd L: Work on landscaping of churchyard begins
- 24th B: First Holy Communion candidates presented to the people at Mass
- 27th L: A group from St Stephen's School visits the church
- 29th B: Our parish hosts the Lent Study group at the URC church
- 31st L: New relic cabinet delivered to Shrine

April 2012

- 4th L: Rachel Bourgoïn represents the Parish at the Chrism Mass in Plymouth Cathedral
- 6th L: Landscaping continues with new area laid to grass and new fence and gate. Planning permission to remove lime tree refused
- 7th L: Blessing of food for Polish Community on Holy Saturday. About 100 there
- 8th L & B: Year of Faith initiative on Easter Sunday: Catholic identity card given by the Catholic Bishops
- 14th B: Safari Lunch for St Loyes charity organised by Roz Dolphin
- 18th L: More pictures reframed
- 19th L: Decaying lime tree outside Old Hall reduced in size but not removed
- 22nd L: Relic Cabinet blessed at Mass, Easter III
- 29th L: Cake sale for Dalit children raises £97.70