

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

1st June 2015 – 31st May 2016

by

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For the Parish AGM on 12th June 2016

Key:

- P – Whole Parish
- B – Bude
- C – Callington
- L - Launceston

June 2015

- 7th P: Corpus Christi Processions at each church.
- 11th C: New lectern installed and sanctuary temporarily re-ordered.
- 13th C: Safari Supper with four courses in each of the local churches, organised by Churches Together in Callington.
- 15th B: Requiem Mass for Gill Thomas RIP, former organist. Greatly missed. Four priests on the sanctuary.
- 17th B: Priest's chair transferred from Callington.
- 24th L: Ivy removed from some gravestones.

July 2015

- 1st B: High wooden fence along boundary with URC completed.
- 3rd L: New organ finally completed.
- 5th B: Mike Richardson begins to play organ.
- 12th L: New microphone at lectern used for first time.

August 2015

- 1st L: Wedding of Walter Medicott and Hannah Cooper.
- 8th L: Wedding of Elizabeth Bourgoïn and Julien Nowak.
- P: Updating of Parish Census begins.
- 17th L: Extra cupboards installed in kitchen by Marie and Rob Shaw.
- 30th L: Two brass candlesticks restored by John Williams.

September 2015

- 6th B: Priest's chair renovated by Catherine Abbots.
- 13th L&B: Blessing of new church organs.

- 19th L: Wedding of Louise Graham and Adam Blinman.
- 23rd L: Requiem Mass for Jim Dauncey RIP, a parishioner since 1959.
- 24th L: Major survey of church roof.
- 27th L: Curtains in upper room washed for first time in twenty years and re-lined by Barbara and Jonathan Wolstenholme.

October 2015

- 2nd P: Funeral at Bradworthy of Allan Wright RIP, one of the founders of the former Chapel at Derriton.
- 3rd B: Harvest Festival display by Nikki Ware.
- 4th L: Official opening of the Richard McElroy Room, formerly the Upper Room, named after Fr. Richard McElroy, founder of the Launceston Pilgrimage.
- C: Four-course Harvest Supper with fifty guests including the Portreeve of Callington and Mayor of Bude. Photos by Marie Towl.
- 7th C: Patronal Festival (Our Lady of the Rosary) and refreshments.
- 8th L: CCTV installation at church and presbytery completed.
- 10th L: Mayor and two Councillors present at Mass for Cllr. Graham Facks-Martin RIP.
- 18th P: Start of Parish Building Fund for church improvements.
- 19th L: Requiem Mass for Geoff Penn RIP.
- 20th L: Pupils from St Joseph's School visit the church.
- 23rd L: Removal of some dead trees overlooking St Stephen's Hill.
- 25th P: Annual Mass Count: Average number 212. Last year 185.
- 29th P: Diaries for 2016 delivered: 200.
- P: Books of Remembrance updated during this month.

November 2014

- 8th C: Fr. David represents our parish at wreath-laying ceremony and afternoon Service of Remembrance.
- 17th C: Money owed to our parish by Tavistock finally repaid: £3,382.
- 19th B: New Lidl supermarket opened by Mayor Lea Deely.
- 22nd L: Framed photos of Canon Charles Langdon and Fr. Richard McElroy placed in parish rooms named after them.
- C: Prayer for Priestly Vocations placed next to votive candle stand, as at Bude and Launceston.
- 27th L: Trees and bushes near main entrance to church pruned.
- 29th C: Fr. David attends Advent Praise at the Anglican church.

December 2015

- L: Large candle-holder from Penzance restored by Catherine Abbots and placed in the Richard McElroy Room.
- 6th L: Dallas Barrett holds knitwear sale of work after Mass.
- 14th B: Letterbox fitted near church door.
- 18th L: After many delays, overgrown tree in lower car park is finally reduced in size.
- B: Collection of Christmas treats for the Poor Clare nuns at Lynton organised by Peter and Nikki Ware.

January 2016

- 1st L: Chemin Neuf Community visits for Mass and lunch.
- 10th L: First version of my Statement of Faith given to Confirmandi. Revised several times in the light of wise comments from parishioners.
- 15th P: Parish Census updating completed.

25th B: Double-glazed main door installed. Blessed after Mass on 30th January. Hook fitted 3rd February.

February 2016

1st L: Photos of parish life in the 1950s donated by former parishioner. Colin Barrett identified most of the characters.

4th L: Slate plaque placed outside entrance to Shrine of St Cuthbert Mayne.

B: Storage heaters and heating lights fitted.

5th-9th P: St Padre Pio Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Blessing of pilgrims with major relic at Launceston early morning before departure.

7th L: Large old hornbeam tree fell over late at night into the churchyard. Fortunately no one was around.

P: Building Fund: £3,810 raised so far.

8th B: Medium-size tree falls in Presbytery garden.

14th L: Presentation of First Holy Communion candidates at Mass.

L: Exhibition of 1950s photos with explanations in Charles Langdon Room.

18th P: Bishop Mark cordially approves Statement of Faith.

L: New photocopier delivered to parish office.

19th P: Statement of Faith put on parish website.

21st L: Presentation of Confirmandi at Mass.

22nd-23rd L: Most of the fallen tree removed.

23rd C: Radiator and PA system moved to prepare for installation of new pipe organ.

P: Parish telephone numbers: updating completed.

- 27th L: All-day conference on Dying Matters in the Charles Langdon Room.
- 28th C: Trade Craft stall after Mass, organised by Noah Breslin, a young Server. £56.55 raised.
- 29th C: Installation of pipe organ begins.

March 2016

- 1st L: PAT testing of electrical items in the church.
Old carpets removed from the Shrine and the Chapel of Our Lady.
- 2nd B: PAT testing of electrical items in the church.
- 4th B: Women's World Day of Prayer held at our church. Fr. David gives blessing. Copious refreshments follow.
L: Decrepit fence on Mayne Close car park replaced and undergrowth removed.
- 6th C&P: Fr. David blesses three Mercy Crucifixes for our three main altars.
- 7th L: Various doors eased. Chapel floors re-stained.
- 13th C: Ornate brass crucifix cleaned by Peter Scott. Stainless steel washbowl and jug presented to the parish for use on Maundy Thursday.
- 15th L: Burial of ashes of former parishioner Geoff Penn RIP.
- 17th B: Catholics lead Ecumenical Lent course at URC.
- 19th P: Confirmandi group makes devotional visit to Plymouth Cathedral: Door of Mercy and prayers at the Divine Mercy Shrine.
B: Fr. David represents parish at Farewell Supper for URC Minister Rev. Barbara Bennett on her retirement.
- 20th P: Solemn Palm Sunday Processions in all three churches.

- 21st L: New gate fitted to churchyard enclosure.
Doorsteps re-varnished.
Huge picture, 7'x4', of Divine Mercy image given by nuns of Lanherne. Small picture moved to Callington. Now all three churches have a prominent image of this Devotion.
- 23rd P: The 'Cornish Times' publishes Fr. David's Easter Message.
- 24th L: Shelving from former Upper Room fixed in parish store room.
- 25th P: Good Friday: many Services, all well-attended.
- 26th L: Holy Saturday Blessing of Polish food: about 150 attended and were given details of Mass times and Sacramental preparation programmes.
- 27th P: Very encouraging attendance at all the Easter Sunday Masses.

April 2016

- 3rd P: Confirmation Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday with Bishop Mark. Eleven candidates. Huge numbers necessitated extra 'no-frills' Mass at 12 noon.
- 5th L: Requiem Mass for Connie Quirk, formerly from Holsworthy, widow of Deacon Neil. Buried in churchyard.
- 7th L: Grant Awards Ceremony in Town Hall. We received £250 towards churchyard maintenance expenses.
- 10th L: Martin Michell, formerly organist at Sclerder Abbey, covers three Sundays while our musicians have a well-earned holiday.
L: Confirmation Certificates distributed at Mass.
P: Fourth and hopefully final revision of Fr. David's Statement of Faith.
- 14th L: Partial replacement of dingy lights in the Charles Langdon Room with chandeliers and LED lighting.

- 16th B: Reception after Mass for George Emery, recently confirmed.
- 24th P: Exhibition of Confirmation photos in all churches.
- C: New organ played for first time at Mass.

May 2016

- 1st C: Crowning of Our Lady's statue, blessing of new organ and placing of framed Decree of Union joining Callington with Bude and Launceston. Prominent report in the 'Cornish Times'.
- B: Jason Towl, a young parishioner, begins to fundraise for the NSPCC. All churches participate in sponsorship.
- 7th P: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: Reunion of most pilgrims with Mass at Callington and lunch at 'The Sleepy Hollow' restaurant.
- C: Megan O'Kelly makes appeal for sponsorship. She will be doing a 5 kilometre walk for Cancer Research on 19th June.
- 8th L: Cake Sale organised by Marie and Rob Shaw. £176 raised.
- 10th L: St Joseph's School Year 4 visit our church.
- 12th L: Fr. David represents parish at Mayor Choosing Ceremony.
- 15th L: Pentecost Mass of First Holy Communion. Eleven candidates. Huge number necessitated a 12 noon relief Mass.
- C: New Credence Table made by Marcin Misztela and a cheque for £500 collected by the pilgrims to Rome towards the restoration of a worthy Tabernacle. Both items presented at the end of Mass.
- 26th L: Funeral Service for Marie Purvis RIP, a long-standing parishioner.