



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

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'in manus tuas domine'



St Boniface, Patron of the Diocese, and the Origin of the Christmas Tree

Did you know that it was our own Saint Boniface who is associated with the very first Christmas tree? He is patron of our Diocese of Plymouth, born in Crediton and educated in Exeter. He and his companions were great missionaries to Germany.

A large stained glass in our Cathedral in Plymouth depicts the story of Boniface cutting down the huge Oak Tree dedicated to the god, Thor. The pagans were amazed that there was no retribution visited on Boniface. The great Saint then took the opportunity to teach them about Jesus Christ and the Gospel, especially using a little fir tree, which lay behind the Oak tree,

as a tool of evangelisation. Pointing to it he said:

“This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace... It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness.”

Awed by the destruction of the oak tree and Boniface's preaching, the Germans were baptized.

The Christmas tree in your home could provide an opportunity to share something of your faith with your family, and those who come to your home.

(Please go to our Facebook page and share a picture of your Christmas tree.....)

Week beginning Sunday 23rd December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year C

'O Emmanuel'

Sat 22 nd Dec	Bude	5.00pm	First Mass of Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year C Int: Jim White
Sun 23 rd Dec	Launceston	10.00am	Int: Agata, Family & Friends
	Callington	5.00pm	Int: People of the Parish

Christmas Eve ~ Vigil of the Nativity of The Lord

Mon 24 th Dec	Bude	4.30pm 5.00pm	Christmas Carols Vigil Mass Int: Mary Thornley RIP
	Launceston	9.00pm	Night Mass ~ <i>followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Hall</i>

Christmas Day ~ The Nativity of The Lord

Tues 25 th Dec	Callington	8.30am	Dawn Mass
	Launceston	10.00am	Day Mass
Wed 26 th Dec	Bude	10.00am	ST STEPHEN - <i>Protomartyr</i>
Sat 29 th Dec	Launceston	10.00am 10.30am – 11.30am	ST THOMAS BECKET Bp M Adoration and Benediction, Rosary and Confessions
	Bude	5.00pm	First Mass of Sunday <i>THE HOLY FAMILY</i> Int: Kathleen & Norman Suckley RIP
Sun 30 th Dec	Launceston	10.00am	Int: People of the Parish
	Callington	5.00pm	Int: Gillett Family



Message from Fr John:

A big thank you for your cards and, in anticipation, for your Christmas offerings, and especially for your prayerful support since I arrived in the parish 3 months ago. 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.

Week beginning Sunday 30th December 2018
Octave of Christmas: Year C

Sat 29 th Dec	Bude	5.00pm	First Mass of Sunday <i>THE HOLY FAMILY</i> Int: Kathleen & Norman Suckley RIP
Sun 30 th Dec	Launceston Callington	10.00am 5.00pm	Int: People of the Parish Int: Gillett Family
<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>			
Tues 1 st Jan	Launceston Bude	10.00am 10.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass Int: Charles Leslie Pretty RIP
Fri 4 th Jan	Callington	10.00am 10.30am – 11.00am	Holy Mass Adoration, Padre Pio Rosary and Devotional prayers
Sat 5 th Jan	Launceston	10.00am	Holy Mass Int: Paddy Cox RIP 10.30am – 11.30am Adoration and Benediction, Rosary and Confessions
	Bude	5.00pm	First Mass of Sunday <i>VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i> Int: People of the Parish
Sun 6 th Jan	Launceston Callington	10.00am 5.00pm	Int: Beata & Andrzej Matysik Int: Marjorie Jenny RIP



After Mass, Father John will bless our Christmas tree, after which the lights will be turned on. Father will then invite children to help decorate the tree with decorations and to sing a carol. He will also bless the nativity cribs.



The Gate of the Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Minnie Louise Haskins

A gentle reminder that all Offertory Collections over Christmas will be for Fr John. There are available at the back of the church CLERGY CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS envelopes (red/white), if you wish to use them. Thank you for your generosity.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
the sick and housebound and especially for
Ivan Reeves, Colin Barrett,**

**Patrick Fitzgerald, Andrew Armitage, Peter Scott,
Jim White, Cath Butland, Gillett Family and Sandra Mallett.**

Due to the latest data protection legislation (GDPR) we are currently unable to list the names of the sick, unless we have written permission to do so.

May the Lord bless them and all who care for them.

Safeguarding Reps

Geoff Provis, tel: 01566 775820(Launceston)
Piri Gallington, tel: 07958 614222 (Callington)

Going into hospital?

If you would like to see a Catholic chaplain, please ring:

For Barnstaple Hospital:	Fr John Conroy	01271 343312
For Derriford Hospital:	Rev. Simon Fletcher: mobile:	07854 816523
For Exeter Hospital:	Fr Kieran Kirby	01392 272815
For Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske:	Margaret Shute	01872 252883 margaretshute@nhs.net

Most hospitals do not inform chaplains of incoming Catholics, so you have to make the first move. Alternatively, keep me informed and I can ask the chaplain to call.



A Poem for Reflection - Behold I Stand

When the night is deep with the sense of Christmas
and expectancy hangs heavy on every breath

Behold I stand at the door and knock

When the floor is knee deep
in discarded wrapping paper
and the new books are open at page one
and the new toys are already broken

Behold I stand at the door and knock.

When the family is squashed elbow to elbow
around the table
and the furious rush for food is over
and the only word that can describe
the feeling is FULL

Behold I stand at the door and knock

And when Christmas is over and the television is silent
for the first time in two days
and who sent which card to whom is
forgotten until next year

Behold I stand at the door

And when the nation has finished
celebrating Christmas without Christ
a birthday without a birth
the coming of a Kingdom without a King
and when I am Forgotten; Despised; Rejected; Crucified

Behold I stand.

Author Unknown