

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

2nd June 2014 – 30th May 2015

by

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For the Parish AGM on 31st May 2015

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

May 2014

31st B: Phoenix Jeffs makes First Holy Communion.

June 2014

1st P: Parish AGM after Mass.

8th L: Mass of First Holy Communion: two candidates.

15th P: Trinity Sunday Mass of Confirmation at Launceston with Bishop Mark: eleven candidates.

L: New garage and storeroom and toilet now usable.

19th P: My History of the Launceston Pilgrimage now available and on sale.

20th L: Work begins on demolition of 1980 organ and building of a new one.

21st-22nd B&L: Corpus Christi Mass and open air Procession.

26th L: Electronic piano temporarily installed while new organ is being built.

28th B: New “green” car park usable for first time.

30th L: Visit to the church by Class 7, St. Stephen’s Academy.

July 2014

1st L: Tarmac on new driveway completed.

3rd P: Press report and photo of new book in “Cornish & Devon” local paper.

8th L: Started visiting schools, T.I.C. etc with copies of the new book.

31st P: TRANSFER OF THE MAJOR RELIC OF ST. CUTHBERT MAYNE FROM LANHERNE TO LAUNCESTON, first proposed by Bishop Christopher in October 2013.

Donated small relic of St. Cuthbert Mayne from Launceston in exchange.

August 2014

- 9th B: Major relic of St. Cuthbert Mayne on display at both churches
10th L:
13th L: Rotten cherry flowering tree in churchyard cut down.

September 2014

- 4th - 17th L: Three letters in local newspaper, "Cornish & Devon Post", complaining about the exhibition of the major relic. I replied twice.
5th L: Lower wall on driveway completed and car park restored to full use.
7th L: Private visit to Launceston's Holy Well.
10th L: Coach group from Salford Diocese calls in for Rosary and Benediction. Lots of books of mine sold, and generous donation given.
18th L: Diocesan Insurers visit: we are allowed to put major relic on display, with safeguards.
27th L: Quiet Day for twelve Ministers of Holy Communion from Newquay Parish, with their priest. Major relic shown, several books sold.
B: Harvest Mass, church decorated.

October 2014

- 3rd L: Lights on church drive installed.
5th P: Annual Mass Count begins.
P: Diocesan Pilgrimage at Launceston
1. Procession from Town Hall led by Town Band. Bishop Mark and the Mayor of Launceston, Cllr. David Gordon, in attendance.
2. Ecumenical Service led by Bishop Mark in Town Square.
3. 3pm Prayer Walk.

4. Benediction and Veneration of the major relic in church at 5pm, and tea.

- 14th L: Visit to church by group of Year 2 pupils from St. Joseph's School.
L: John Ellacott from Friends of Launceston Priory presents parish with framed pictures of the Launceston Pilgrimage.
- 16th L: Press report in local paper, Cornish & Devon Post, on the Launceston Pilgrimage.
- 18th B: Four Elders from the nearby United Reformed Church attend Mass by invitation.
- 19th B: Ecumenical lunch at URC followed by United Service at 2.30pm.
- 21st B: Outdoor Cross on wall overlooking main road restored and re-positioned by Martin Vigg. Red cross on side wall removed.
- 22nd B: Survey of church and presbytery (Vickery Holman).
- 26th P: Annual Mass Count ends: average number 185 (202 in 2013).
- 31st L: Daffodil bulbs planted along churchyard wall.
B: Catenian Dinner in Bideford, with Bishop Mark.

November 2014

- 6th P: Presented with a relic of St. Edmund Campion at the end of the Clergy Requiem Mass by SND Sisters.
- 7th L: Railings on driveway overlooking car park finally completed.
- 8th L: Disabled car parking spaces finished.
- 10th L: Iron bars supporting old organ pipes on side of wall removed and large hole in stonework plugged. Wooden floor blocks near organ console re-laid.
- 13th L: Fixed wiring survey of presbytery.
- 15th L: Upper stone wall finished.
- 17th L: Front row of organ pipes installed behind stone screen.
- 23rd P: Finance Committee Meeting after Mass.

- 28th P: Fr. David attends St. Cuthbert Mayne Day at the School in Torquay with Bishop Robert Atwell of Exeter. He gives a talk on St. Cuthbert Mayne and presents the School with copies of his book on the Launceston Pilgrimage and pictures of the Saint.
- 29th L: St. Cuthbert Mayne's Feast Day. Fr. Boniface Hill OSB of Downside Abbey celebrates usus antiquior in Shrine Chapel and presents parish with Agnus Dei blessed by Blessed Pope Paul VI.
- 30th B: Advent Sunday lunch in URC church hall.
- C: This community becomes part of parish of St. Cuthbert Mayne from today, with new Mass time: Sunday at 5pm.

December 2014

- 2nd L: Members of the Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey call for lunch, Benediction and Mass.
- 3rd L: Church roof over Upper Room repaired, yet again.
- 4th L: First Meeting for five Candidates wishing to make First Holy Communion in May 2015. Two more joined during 2015.
- 5th L: Organ swell box installed.
- 8th L: Blinds in office and hall repaired.
- 19th L: Right-hand railings bordering graveyard put in place.

January 2015

- 2nd B: Severe damp in presbytery. Authorised letting agents call in experts.
- 4th L: Two bishops on holiday present incognito at Epiphany Mass.
- 8th L: Inspection of church stonework by surveyor David Scott of Truro. Very enthusiastic about our building.
- C: Fr. David attends his first meeting with Churches Together in Callington. Receives warm welcome.
- 18th C: New red notice board attached to church wall.
- 30th C: Scan and store photos of the church from the 1950s.

February 2015

- 4th L: Top railings around churchyard. All work on driveway FINALLY FINISHED.
- Organ console and pedals put in place.
- Loose cowl on boiler house chimney replaced.
- Loose flagstones outside church entrance repaired and made safe.
- 14th B&L: First daffodils appear in church grounds.
- 16th L: Three statue alcoves painted Pugin red, replacing the flaking pink paint.
- 20th L: Shrine Chapel re-opened. Ceiling re-plastered and damp woodwork replaced. Painted Pugin red, as it originally was.
- 22nd L: Finance Committee Meeting: agreed to have brief regular meetings, every three months.

March 2015

- 6th C: Catholic community hosts Women's World Day of Prayer. Service followed by lunch.
- 7th B: Safari charity lunch hosted by Ros Dolphin and other inhabitants of Poundfield Close.
- 9th L: Prepared selection of photos of October's Launceston Pilgrimage.
- 11th L: Fr. David gives talk on the Launceston Pilgrimage to the Launceston group of the Old Cornwall Society. A good turn-out, and he sold at least twenty books about the pilgrimage. Much interest in the skull!
- 12th L: New garden seat given by Hilary and David in memory of her parents.
- 19th L: Electric piano returned.
- B: Roman Catholics lead Lent course in URC Hall.
- 20th P: Celebration of St. Cuthbert Mayne's Baptism on this day in 1544. Mass at Shirwell church, where the font still exists, with Bishop

Mark O'Toole. Tea, talk by Fr. David on the Saint, Benediction and Veneration of the major relic. Eight of our parishioners represented our parish.

21st B: Clive Hammond received into full membership of the Catholic Church.

22nd L: New organ played publicly for the first time. Not one complaint!

April 2015

5th L: Easter Sunday: photo of altar servers: the first since 1984.
30th anniversary of Fr. David's Reception into the Catholic Church.

9th L: Garden bench installed in churchyard.

L: Panel in fencing repaired.

14th L: Requiem Mass for Beryl Reeves, RIP. Greatly missed.

22nd L: Three-seater garden bench installed in churchyard.

25th B&L: Fifth anniversary of Fr. David's first Sunday Mass in this parish.

30th L: Leaflet on new organ with photos presented by David Gridley.

May 2015

2nd L: New kitchen cupboard installed in Hall.

3rd-7th P: Fr. David represents Catholic Church leaders on ecumenical pilgrimage to Landévennec Benedictine monastery, Brittany.

10th L: Bring and Buy cake sale organised by Carolina Langthorne. £133.55 raised for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal, to be distributed by the Missionaries of Charity.

17th P: Ascension Day Mass of First Holy Communion held at Launceston. Seven candidates from the three communities.

20th P: Callington officially becomes part of St. Cuthbert Mayne Parish after discussion by the Diocesan Council of Priests.

