The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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PENTECOST SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024

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On this day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world to stay with us always. Three months ago, we began our journey from Lent to Easter, from winter to spring, from darkness to light, from death to new life. It is a journey conversion and transformation, not only for those who were baptized, confirmed, or received their first communion during this time, but for all of us. The arrival of the Holy Spirit fulfils Jesus' promise to his disciples and blesses us as we live our new lives in the Risen Lord.
We hear two different versions of how the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. One takes place after Jesus has ascended to the Father. The Holy Spirit appears as tongues of fire, leading them to proclaim God's mighty acts in different tongues. In the other, Jesus himself breathes upon the apostles, gently releasing the Holy Spirit upon them. Listening to God's word, may we be reminded that the Holy Spirit comes to us and our neighbour in different ways and at different times.

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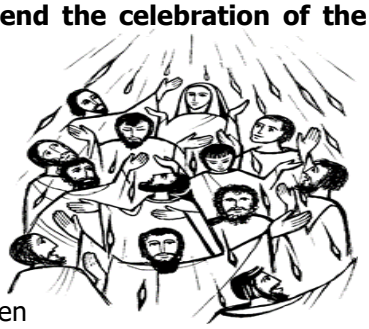
A MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN CUNNINGHAM

The Diocese has appointed me as Parochial Administrator of the Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge in succession to Fr Peter Harris with effect from this weekend. I am the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Waltham Cross. I have had some contact with the Parishes in the past. I was the Dean, and had oversight of the Parishes when Fr Ian became ill and while Fr Clement came here, and them again when Fr John White was unwell. For the past six months I have been supporting St Thomas' Primary School in Puckeridge. I have been told that the appointment is for the foreseeable future.
Fr Peter has asked me to thank you all for the support, understanding and patience that you have given him and Deacon Paul over the past six months. In turn, on your behalf, I would like thank Fr Peter for all that he has done.

Going forward, we will continue to be dependent on Supply Priests to ensure the celebration of the Sunday Masses. However, on a regular basis, the Supply Priest will celebrate the morning Masses in Waltham Cross and I will come to Buntingford.

For the time being, starting from the first Saturday in June, we will suspend the celebration of the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on a Saturday evening.



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th May		6.00pm Monica Giles Intention
Sunday 19th May	**Pentecost Sunday**	9.15am The People of the Parish
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Saturday 25th May		6.00pm Jennifer Reinl Anniversary
Sunday 26th May	**The Most Holy Trinity**	9.15am The People of the Parish
		11.00am First Holy Communion Children

All Masses will be celebrated in the Church of St Richard of Chichester, Buntingford

First Holy Communion. Please pray for our eight children who are making their final preparations for their first Holy Communion. They will receive Communion for the first time at the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 26th May.

Sacraments. If you, or your children, would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, please speak to Deacon Paul after mass today about how we can help you to prepare to do so.

St Richard's Feast Day. The feast day of St Richard has been moved from 3rd April because it falls during Eastertide and is instead celebrated on 16th June. As 16th June this year is Father's Day, we would like to mark his feast this year a week later on Sunday 23rd June with a special Mass and a picnic in the church grounds. Save the date - details to follow.

Contact Details. It would be useful for Deacon Paul to have the contact details of those willing to offer help and support to our parish. There will be an opportunity to share your details after masses over the next weekends. These details will be used for church purposes only and we will follow all GDPR protocols.

Mass Intentions. If you have previously booked a Mass Intention, or would like a mass offered for an intention, please write the details on an envelope along with your offering and hand it in at the sacristy after mass.

Refreshments after Mass. Please join us in Benson Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.15 mass this morning. If you attend the 11.00 mass, you are invited to come early so that you can join us before mass. We look forward to seeing you there.