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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Did anything so great ever happen before? Moses asks in today's first reading. After celebrating Easter and then Pentecost, we may ask the same question. Throughout Eastertide, which has just come to a close, we recalled how the Son made the ultimate sacrifice for us, the Father raised him from the dead, and then they sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Indeed, as we celebrate the Holy Trinity today, we realize that nothing so great as all this has ever happened before. And that those events of two thousand years ago continue to happen for us each day.

In each of today's readings, the speaker points out God's remarkable uniqueness. Moses tells the people that no other God had ever done all the one of a kind wonders that the Lord had done for them. Paul writes that through the Holy Spirit we have been adopted as God's own children, a relationship with God that is like no other. In telling the disciples to make disciples of all nations, he commands them to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, a new way of baptism. How fortunate we are to receive the grace we do from our unique God.

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A MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN CUNNINGHAM

For those who did not see the Newsletter last week. -- 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 then 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.

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 25th May		6.00pm Jennifer Reinl RIP Anniversary
Sunday 26th May	**The Most Holy Trinity**	9.15am The People of the Parish
		11.00am First Holy Communion Children
Sunday 2nd June		9.15am Eva Gutowska RIP - Anniversary
		11.00am

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

Prayer Intentions. During Easter we are asked to pray for: Europe; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church; Human Work.

For those who are ill:

For those who have died recently: Prima Stead, Monica Giles.

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Jennifer Rienl

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 11.00am mass this weekend.

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.

Catechists. We need catechists for each of the preparation programmes for the Sacraments. If that is something you have done before, or if you would like to find out more about what it involves, please speak to Deacon Paul.

St Richard's Feast Day. We will celebrate the feast day of St Richard of Chichester on Sunday 23rd June with a special Mass and a picnic in the church grounds. Please save the date. More details will follow soon.

Parishioners Details Forms. We are trying to collect the details of our parishioners so that we can keep in contact with you. Please take one light blue form per household from the porch to complete and return next week.

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.