The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Fourteenth Sunday of the Year 7th July 2024

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Each Sunday the Holy Spirit draws us here to hear God's word, to receive Christ in the Eucharist, and to worship the Lord. We pray that our faith is strengthened by this time we spend in prayer. When Jesus preached in his hometown, he was amazed at the lack of faith of his neighbours. They came to the synagogue to pray but left questioning how this unassuming neighbour could teach with such authority. May we look beyond surface impressions to find nourishment for our faith. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2023 World Library Publications*

For the time being, we will suspend the celebration of the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on a Saturday evening.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th July	**Fourteenth Sunday of the Year**	9.15am Eva and Tony Walker 60th Wedding Anniversary
		11:00am Robert Keating RIP
Sunday 14th July		9.15am People of the Parish
		11.00am People of the Parish

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

Prayer Intentions. At this time of the year we are asked to pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers.

For those who are ill: Sim Tan, Marilyn Haughton,
For those who have died recently: Monica Giles, Robert Keating, Robert Denham
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Danuta Brzozowska

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection £175.05, and for your Regular Standing Orders.

Parishioners Details Forms. We are collecting 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.

Counting and Cleaning. We are now looking for volunteers to help to count the collection after mass each weekend, and to help to clean the church so it is ready for mass on Sunday. Please sign one of the list on the table in the font area at the back of the church. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We will be in touch shortly.

Sacraments. If you, or your children, would like to receive the sacraments of baptism, first communion, or confirmation, or if you yourself would like to become a Catholic, please speak to Deacon Paul after mass today to collect an application form.

Catechists. We also need Catechists to help prepare candidates to receive 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.

Mass Intentions. If you 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. Deacon Paul will be able to arrange a suitable date for you.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments after the 9.15am mass this Sunday morning as usual. 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.

Sea Sunday. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you. There will be a second collection after all the Masses next weekend.

When were you last surprised to learn something from an unexpected source? From someone you thought unlikely to be able to help? Like the people in Jesus' home town we often close our eyes and ears to what our neighbours are saying; yet we might just learn something if we open ourselves to the possibility that people we're familiar with might have something to offer us.

