The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Fifteenth Sunday of the Year 14th July 2024

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As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist today, we are reminded that we are the Lord's disciples. In today's Gospel, the twelve apostles are sent out on their own for the first time. Jesus instructs them to preach repentance, cure those who are sick, and drive out demons. Jesus did not accompany them in person, but he was surely with them in spirit. This is our calling now. With the spirit of the Lord and the Holy Spirit in us, Jesus calls us to preach the Good News, to bring his healing touch to those in need, to confront evil, and to forgive wrongs. Let us listen to his instructions today. Today also is Sea Sunday, when we pray for the safety of all seafarers.

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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 14th July	**Fifteenth Sunday of the Year**	9.15am People of the Parish
		11:00am People of the Parish
Sunday 21st 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: 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 £137.67, and for your Regular Standing Orders.

Counting and Cleaning. We have some volunteers to help count the collection and clean the church but not enough. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We will be in touch shortly. Would everyone please consider signing one of the lists on the table in the font area at the back of the church.

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.

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.

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 today. 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 this weekend.

Thank you. Debbie, Parish Secretary, from Bishop Stortford Parish, would like to say *' Thank you very much for my bottle of Bucks Fizz and lovely biscuits, it was extremely kind and very much appreciated!'*