The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year 22nd September 2024

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As summer transitions to autumn, farmers' thoughts turn toward the coming harvest. Speaking of harvesting, in the second reading Saint James declares that those who cultivate peace will sow the fruit of righteousness. Besides the traditional autumn harvest of apples and pumpkins, may we all also savour the fruit of righteousness that is, of moral goodness and justice which in turn brings peace to our world, our nation, and our communities. Let us sing and praise the God who makes all this possible.
Today's readings can be quite unpleasant. Envious instigators plot revenge against a righteous soul. St James explains that greed and envy are at the root of conflict between people. Jesus again warns his disciples that soon he will be handed over to men intent on killing him. But there is a loving Christian response to all this. Listening to today's readings, note the difference selflessness can make.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 22nd September	**Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year**	9.15am Samantha Dreelen
		11:00am People of the Parish
Sunday 29th September		9.15am People of the Parish
		11.00am People of the Parish



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

Prayer Intentions. At this time of the year we are asked to pray for: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

For those who are ill: Maralyn Haughton,
For those who have died recently:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection which came to £122.22 and for your Regular Standing Orders. Candles - £114.77

Celebrate. Deacon Paul will be away this weekend as he will be in Birmingham attending the Celebrate Conference, a gathering of Catholic families from across the nation. Shalom World TV and Radio Maria will be broadcasting the conference so please feel free to watch using the links on their websites.

Harvest Festival. As part of Churches Together in Buntingford, you are invited to a free lunch hosted by the URC church in their hall on Baldock Road from 12.30pm on Sunday 6th October. Further details of how to sign up will follow as soon as possible.

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.

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. The deadline for applications is Monday 30th September.

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 hand it in to Deacon Paul next week.

Volunteers Needed. Most of our rotas are now running well but we need more volunteers to count the collection after 11.00 mass each Sunday. The more volunteers we have the less often each volunteer needs to do the count. If you are interested, please sign the list in the porch or speak to Deacon Paul.

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.

Waltham Cross Phone Line. The Parish Phone Line at Waltham Cross is going digital on Monday. There will be a short period of time when there will be no connection, but don't worry, we will be back. So if at first you don't get an answer, just try later in the day.