# The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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## The Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year 29th September 2024

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We come together today to worship God, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist, to encounter him in each other, and to open ourselves to God's continuing revelation in the word. Today's Gospel is a difficult one, with severe warnings about sin and hell. The second reading isn't much easier to take, warning of the corrosive effects of wealth and pleasure. Let us accept the challenge of taking a good long hard look at our lives and deciding what we need to cut from it in order to remain on the path to the kingdom.

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

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| Sunday 29th September | **Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year** | 9.15am People of the Parish |
| | | 11:00am People of the Parish |
| Sunday 6th October | | 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**: Samantha Dreelen

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

**Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £169.12, and for your regular standing orders.**

**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.

**Columban Fathers.** A Missionary Priest from the Columban Fathers will be coming to celebrate Mass with us on Sunday 6 October. He will be making an appeal for your support for the work they are doing all round the world so please come ready to give generously. Details of their work can be found here Columban Fathers - Missionary Society of St. Columban

**Harvest Offering.** As part of our parish's celebration of the Harvest Festival this year we are asking you to bring contributions of non-perishable foods to the Masses next weekend. With your help we hope to make a generous donation of food to the Buntingford Food Bank.

**Harvest Lunch.** Churches Together in Buntingford invite you to a free lunch hosted by the URC church in their hall on Baldock Road from 12.30pm on Sunday 6th October. Please sign up today on the sheet in the porch if you want to come as we need to let them know numbers by tomorrow.

**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.