The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year 13th October 2024

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We come here today in various states of disrepair. Perhaps we are worn down by an exhausting week of work. Perhaps we are trying to cope with family or marital difficulties. Perhaps we have been wracked by grief, or guilt, or despair. The truth is that this is the human condition. We're human; we're imperfect. We would do well to recognize this. We need to repent, to forgive, to reconcile. We need to look to God, who makes all things perfect. May Jesus' words to his disciples give us the hope we need: "All things are possible for God.".

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th October	**Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year**	9.15am People of the Parish
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Sunday 20th October		9.15am People of the Parish
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At the moment, 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: Marilyn Haughton,
For those who have died recently: Samantha Dreelen

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £164.20, and for your regular standing orders. Candles £40.85.

The celebration of a weekly Mass at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening in Buntingford will commence this Tuesday, 15th October.

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.

Assisted Dying. In his pastoral letter the Cardinal urges us to take part in the debate about assisted dying that will follow the introduction of a bill in support of it next week. Please use the following link to sign a petition against this measure and to contact our MP, Chris Hinchcliff, to urge him to vote against the bill. You can find the link at Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law (righttolife.org.uk)

Columban Fathers. Thank you for making Fr Tom from the Columban fathers so welcome last week and for your generous contributions which came to £428.06. There are envelopes in the porch, it's not too late to make a donation. Details of their work can be found here Columban Fathers - Missionary Society of St. Columban.

Harvest Offering. Thank you for your generous contributions of non-perishable foods last Sunday for the Buntingford Food Bank. We have now bagged them up ready for delivery. With your support, we hope to develop an ongoing relationship with the local Food Bank.

Harvest Lunch. Last Sunday, as part of our commitment to Churches Together in Buntingford, fifteen of our parishioners represented St Richard's at the Harvest Lunch kindly hosted by this Sunday by the URC church in their hall on Baldock Road. It was a great opportunity for us to meet members of the other Christian communities who serve the local area.

Holy Hour. At the heart of everything we do is prayer. Starting on Friday 18th October the church will be open between 5.00 and 6.00pm for a time of quiet prayer and adoration. Please feel free to join us for the whole hour or to pop in for just a few minutes.

Halloween. Our church will be open between 5.00 and 8.00 on Thursday 31st October so that families who are out on the streets for Halloween can pop in to light a candle and say a prayer. If you would like to be a steward that evening, please sign the list in the porch.

We are pleased to announce that St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Puckeridge will re-open on Sunday 27th October.

The 11.00am Mass will be celebrated there each week.