The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year 20th October 2024

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Today is World Mission Sunday, a day on which we bring to mind the missionaries who preach and live the gospel to those who have not yet heart or understood it. In the gospel, we hear Jesus ask James and John, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' Their response betrays their self-centeredness. We ought to remind ourselves that what Jesus has already done for us exceeds all we could possibly ask. Rather than following the example of these two disciples, let us look to the author of Hebrews, who called us to approach Jesus to receive mercy and to find grace. Let us do so as we receive him in the Eucharist. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2023 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th October	**Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year**	9.15am People of the Parish
		11:00am People of the Parish
Tuesday 22nd October		7.30pm
Sunday 27th October		9.15am People of the Parish
		11.00am People of the Parish

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:

For those who have died recently: Marilyn Haughton,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £146.36, and for your regular standing orders. Columban Mission £50.00

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.

Puckeridge. From Sunday 27th October the 11.00 Mass will be celebrated at Puckeridge each week. We will need to work together to make this work. If you plan to attend mass at Puckeridge, please sign up today for one of the ways in which we you can support this important step.

First Holy Communion. After 11.00 Mass today, the children who are preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion will begin their Programme of Preparation. Please keep the children, their parents, and their catechists in your prayers as they begin this journey.

Assisted Dying. Last week the Cardinal urged us to take part in the debate that will follow the introduction this week of a bill to legalise assisted dying. Please contact our MP, Chris Hinchcliff, to urge him to vote against the bill. You can use the template at the back of church or use the link at Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law (righttolife.org.uk)

Holy Hour. At the heart of everything we do is prayer. Each Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm the church will be open 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.

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.

Parishioners Details Forms. We are collecting the details of our parishioners so that we can keep in contact with you. Please take one light green form per household from the porch to complete and hand it in to Deacon Paul next week.

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

From then on the 11.00am Mass will be celebrated there each week.