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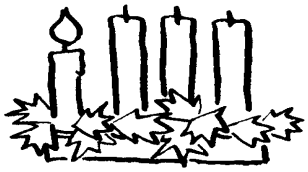

The First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2024

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On this first day of December, this first day of the season of Advent, and this first day of a new liturgical year, we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew. Even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as an infant on Christmas night, we can also make this season an opportunity to receive him more deeply into our hearts and make him more central to the way we live our lives. Let us resolve to give Jesus a new birth in our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of his birth into the world. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2023 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 1st December	**The First Sunday of Advent**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 3rd December		7.30pm
Sunday 8th December	**The Second Sunday of Advent**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 1st December	**The First Sunday of Advent**	11.00am People of the Parish
Monday 2nd December		2.00pm
Thursday 5th December		12.30pm
Sunday 8th December	**The Second Sunday of Advent**	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Advent, we are asked to pray for: Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers

For those who are ill: Colin Horgan
For those who have died recently:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £67.21 at Puckeridge; Holy Souls £1.35; and at Buntingford **£84.81;** Sick & Retired Priests Collection £10, £ Holy Souls £20 **and for your regular standing orders.**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Puckeridge – 3.00pm There will be Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 3.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If any young person wishes to take a more active role in this celebration, please see Deacon Paul.
Christmas Day - Puckeridge – 10.00am
Christmas Day - Buntingford – 10.00am

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments in Benson Hall after the 9.15am Mass as usual. We look forward to seeing you there. You are especially welcome if you are visiting this parish this weekend.

Parishioners Details Forms. If you have not done so already, please take one light green form per household from the porch to complete and hand it in to Deacon Paul.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass Offered, please write the details on an envelope along with your Offering, and hand it in at the Sacristy after Mass. Deacon Paul will arrange a suitable date for you.

Holy Hour. Each Friday between 5.00pm and 6.00pm St Richard's in Buntingford 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.

Christmas Tree Festival. Come along to the festival to see our very own St Richard's tree at St Mary's Church, Aspenden, between 11.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December.

World Gifts Christmas Catalogue By buying World Gifts, you can make a world of difference to families fleeing conflict, farmers battling the climate crisis and a community protecting the Amazon. World Gifts is a present that keeps giving. Three easy ways to buy your World Gift: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or scan the QR Code in the Catalogue; 0808 14 000 14 Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 5.30pm; freepost order form attached to the catalogue.

Scam Emails. We have been warned by the Diocese that there are scam emails targeting parishioners. They impersonate the parish Priest, often using a similar email name. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. **Never purchase gift cards for the parish priest based on an email request. Double check any suspicious email by phoning the Parish Office on the number given at the top of the Newsletter. Never share personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.**

An Advent Calendar with a difference. The Caritas Advent Giving Calendar is available at the entrance to the Church. Instead of giving you a piece of Chocolate each day, it makes a suggestion of something that you could give to the Food Bank. Please take a copy, or go to the link
https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security/#advent-giving-calendar