The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd November 2024

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In this month of November, we Catholics remember in a special way all those who have died. We pray for and to our loved ones who have passed away, secure in the hope that they are, in the words from today's Gospel, "not far from the kingdom of God." Jesus teaches us today that loving God with all our being and loving our neighbour as ourselves will put us on the road to eternal life. Let us take that to heart as we thank and praise God for the promise of heaven.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 3rd November	**The Thirty First Sunday**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 5th November		7.30pm
Sunday 10th November	**The Thirty Second Sunday**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 3rd November	**The Thirty First Sunday**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 7th November		12.30pm
Sunday 10th November	**The Thirty Second Sunday**	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: Colin Horgan
For those who have died recently: Marilyn Haughton,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £134.31, and for your regular standing orders.

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

Puckeridge. The 11.00 Mass is now being 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 you can support this important step. Going forward, the School Car Park will be available for Parishioners to use between 10.30 and 1.00pm each Sunday. **The gates will close automatically at 1.00pm.**

The Holy Souls. November is the month when we remember especially those who have died. Please take the purple sheet and envelope from the porch and return them as soon as possible with the details of those for whom we should offer prayers this month.

Remembrance Sunday. Following the remembrance ceremony at the war memorial on Sunday 10th November, there will be a special service at the United Reformed Church on Baldock Road. Please do come along.

Assisted Dying. The Cardinal has urged us to take part in the debate that will follow the introduction 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)

Lights of Life. Churches Together will have a stall at the annual Christmas lights event on Friday 29 November. We need volunteers from our parish to take turns running the stall. Please sign up on the list in the porch.

Advent. To mark the start of Advent we are having a morning of reflection, followed by a shared lunch, in Benson Hall from 10.00 to 12.00noon on Saturday 30th November. Please sign the list in the porch if you would like to join us.

Christmas Tree Festival. We plan to enter the Christmas Tree Festival at Aspenden Church on the weekend of 13th/14th December. Please speak to Deacon Paul if you would like to help to make this happen.

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.

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.