The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Second Sunday of Advent 8th December 2024

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"Make straight his paths," we hear John the Baptist proclaim today. How do we do so? John's primary message throughout the whole region answers that question: We must repent of our sins. Our sins are the obstacles that block the path of the Lord, that make it more difficult for him to enter our hearts. True repentance allows for God's forgiveness to clear those obstacles, to make straight the Lord's path into our heart. Let us resolve today to repent of our failings and see God's forgiveness. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2023 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 8th December	**The Second Sunday of Advent**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 10th December		7.30pm
Sunday 15th December	**The Third Sunday of Advent**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 8th December	**The Second Sunday of Advent**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 12th December		12.30pm
Sunday 15th December	**The Third 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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £101.51 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£124.29;** Holy Souls £5 **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.

An Advent Calendar with a difference. Please look at the Advent Giving Calendar in the porch at Buntingford and on the Notice Board at Puckeridge and bring one of the gifts suggested to put into the hamper in the Porch at Buntingford, and the one by the Altar at Puckeridge, next week so we that can share the gifts with the local food bank.

Layston Grove. Eight of our parishioners are living at Layston Grove. Please sign the card at the back of church in Buntingford today so we can share our Christmas greetings with them when we take them communion later today.

BASH. This local group of volunteers offer lifts to local people who need help getting to medical or dental appointments. If you would like to help, please contact Val on 07733 091731.

Church Decoration. If you would like to help decorate the church in Buntingford for Christmas, please come along after the 9.15 Mass on Sunday 22nd December. Any help will be greatly appreciated.
In Puckeridge, the preparation will be after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 22nd. Offerings of Greenery and Flowers/Plants are more than welcomed. Please speak to Sarah Howitt if you wish to donate something.

Epiphany. To celebrate this great feast (a day early) please join us for a Bring and Share Brunch in Benson Hall after the 9.15 Mass at St Richard's on Sunday 5th January.