The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Holy Family

29th December 2024

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We hope to care for our children and raise them in a loving home as Mary and Joseph did for Jesus. We hope to respect and obey our parents as Jesus did when he was growing up. On this feast of The Holy Family we celebrate a family we hope to emulate. May the Holy Family be a model of love, respect, and understanding for our own today.
On this feast of the Holy Family we are reminded of another family we belong to: the family of God. Hannah offered her son, whom she had struggled to conceive, to the Lord, to serve God as long as he lived. John reminds us that we are children of God and that if we love one another, Jesus remains in us and we in him. In the Gospel, Jesus chooses to remain in the temple for it is his Father's house. As we too sit in our Father's house and listen to God's word, may we be reminded that we to are part of a holy family. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2023 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 29th December	**The Holy Family**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 31st December		7.30pm
Sunday 5th January	**The Epiphany**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 29th December	**The Holy Family**	11.00am People of the Parish
Wednesday 1st January	**Mary, The Mother of God**	12.30pm
Sunday 5th January	**The Epiphany**	11.00am Dan O'Mara RIP

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

For those who are ill: Charlie Gallagher, Colin Horgan
For those who have dies recently: Dan O'Mara

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £79.16 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£96.55; and for your regular standing orders.**

SVP Vinnie Packs. The SVP are distributing over 10,000 homeless packs (Vinnie Packs) during the extreme cold weather. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

LIGHTS FOR UKRAINE APPEAL – DO YOU HAVE LEFTOVER CANDLES?

The Ukrainian community based in Waltham Cross, are actively supporting a local Rotary Club campaign "Lights for Ukraine" to supply candles to families in Ukraine from mid January 2025 to cover the 2nd half of the winter when they will be needed most. They are collecting both used and new candles, which will provide light and heat during the power cuts. The Rotary Club has an arrangement with local candle makers to melt down partly used candles to make new ones, if you have any new, or partially used candles you do not need, please bring them in and put them in the boxes we used for the Advent Giving Calendar.