The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th February 2025

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Today we hear how two key figures in the Bible – Isaiah and Peter are called. God calls Isaiah in a vision. Jesus calls Simon Peter after performing a miracle. Though both go on to great things on the Lord's behalf, each initially feels unworthy of their call. Only after being reassured do they respond affirmatively. We may well feel unworthy ourselves of a call to join Jesus on his mission. Let us consider how we can still respond as Isaiah did: "Here I am… send me.".

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 9th February	**The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	9.15am Keith Bradly RIP
Tuesday 11th February		7.30pm
Sunday 16th February	**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 9th February	**The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 13th February		12.30pm
Sunday 16th February	**The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

For those who are ill: Dick Kelly **For those who have died recently:** Frances Barron,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £91.06 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£85.10; and for your regular standing orders.**

Hymn Books. We would like to raise £800 to buy a new set of Hymn Books for St Richard's Buntingford to replace the current ones which are worn and outdated. Each copy of the hymn book costs £8.00 and parishioners are invited to make a donation to cover the cost of one or more of them. You will have the opportunity to dedicate each copy of the hymn book to one of your Prayer Intentions. Write the details of your Prayer Intention which could be for your family, or for a friend or relative, or for some other Intention. If you would like to donate, please put your donation into an envelope marked 'Hymn Books' with details of the person or persons whom you would like the book dedicated to and hand it in at Mass.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. The Mass is on Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm in the Cathedral. Please give your parish these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). Details of attendees are then sent by the parish to family@rcdow.org.uk

Lent Groups. If you would be interested in meeting with other parishioners for an hour each Wednesday evening in Lent for a talk about our faith, please sign up on the list at the back of church by Sunday 23rd February.

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 are new to the Parish, or have not done so already, please take one light green form per household from the porch to complete and hand 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 our 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 07787 183288.

P.T.O

It has been suggested that the box at the Altar Rail in Puckeridge, which has been used for the Advent Giving Calendar, and the Lights for Ukraine Collections should stay in place as an ongoing drop off point for people who wish to donate items to be passed on to one of the local Food Banks.

