The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th February 2025

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Jesus teaches us today about the kingdom of God, our eternal hope. There, those who are now poor or hungry or grieving or maligned will be rewarded. Luke adds that Jesus warns the people who came to listen to him that those who are rich and satisfied will suffer later. God's values are not society's values. Whose values do we imitate? Let us pray that we may align our values with those of God's kingdom and live them out in bringing Jesus' Good News to those in need.

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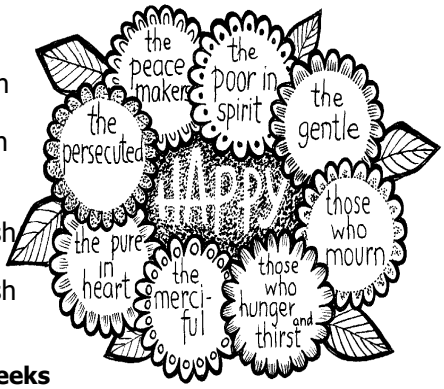
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 16th February	**The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd February	**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 16th February	**The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd February	**The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish

There will be no weekday Masses for the next three weeks

Holy Hour. There will be no Holy Hour this week.

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, Christine Welch **For those who have died recently:** Frances Barron,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £55.00 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£97.55; 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raise £800 to buy a new set of hymn books for St Richard's Buntingford to replace the current ones which are worn and outdated.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, 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 your name and the details of the person or persons to whom you would like the hymn book dedicated. Please collect an envelope from the porch and hand it in next week.

A Day With Mary. Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1st March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). For further information visit https://www.adaywithmary.org/ or https://eventcatholic.com/

First Holy Communion. The Preparation Sessions for children will resume at St Thomas's Puckeridge after 11.00 Mass on Sunday 2nd March. There will be a session for parents in the Church at the same time.

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.

P.T.O

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.

VOCATIONS: 'COME AND SEE' – 2025

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Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register your attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor - Vocations Promoter rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Tito Pereira – Assistant Director Permanent Diaconate 07977 599110. We look forward to hearing from you.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – BUNTINGFORD 2024

Income

	£
Offertory	14,146
Tax Refunds	2,023
Catechetics	50
Candles & Repository	627
Parish Centre	7,408
Christmas, Easter, & Masses	2,539
Specific Donations	1,843
Sundry Income	66
Third Party Collections	1,093
Bank Interest	2,393
	32,188

Balances at 1 January 2024	£74,777
Balances at 31 December 2024	£60,723

Expenditure

	£
Clergy Salaries	270
Travel	990
Supply Priests	4,997
Housekeeping	114
Catechetics	152
Liturgical Expenses	1,543
Candles & Repository	168
Repairs & Maintenance	9,876
Heat, Light & Water	4,301
Council Tax & Insurance	3,931
Parish Centre	933
Office & Admin	344
Parish Activities	310
Mass Stipends Distributed	10
Miscellaneous	2,189
Fixed Assets	13,897
Diocesan Assessment	1,530
Third Party Collections	686
	46,242

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – OLD HALL GREEN & PUCKERIDGE 2024

Income

	£
Offertory	7,653
Tax Refunds	1,400
Rent from 77 High Street	7,149
Parish Centre	35
Christmas, Easter, & Masses	641
Specific Donations	20
Third Party Collections	157
Bank Interest	3,696
	20,751

Balances at 1 January 2024	£101,160
Balances at 31 December 2024	£77,343

Expenditure

	£
Clergy Salaries	270
Travel	828
Supply Priests	5,060
Housekeeping	80
Catechetics	386
Liturgical Expenses	974
Candles & Repository	168
Repairs & Maintenance	21,581
Heat, Light & Water	5,613
Council Tax & Insurance	3,992
Parish Centre	2,657
Office & Admin	344
Parish Activities	293
Miscellaneous	2
Diocesan Assessment	2,209
Third Party Collections	110
	44,568