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Easter Sunday

20th April 2025

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Alleluia! He is risen! Jesus Christ, having made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our sins, has been raised from the dead. He has atoned for our sins and conquered death. Neither death nor sin have the final say any longer. We are a people redeemed, pilgrims of hope on a journey to new life. We gather today in joy in this holy place to hear the testimony of his earliest disciples, to renew our baptismal promises, and to partake in the Eucharistic feast and receive the risen Lord. Truly this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!
On Easter Sunday, we hear some of Jesus' earliest disciples testify to the unprecedented event they had witnessed. Saint Peter addresses an assembly of Gentiles, teaching them about Jesus and how God raised him from the dead. Saint Paul preaches about the effect Christ's resurrection has had on his life. In the Gospel, Saint Mary Magdalene, the first to see the empty tomb, frantically announces the news to two of Jesus' closest disciples. None of his disciples yet understood that Jesus had to rise from the dead, but the disciple whom Jesus loved believed at once. Let us consider how we ourselves testify to the Resurrection. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2025 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 20th April	**Easter Sunday**	9.15am Keith Bradley RIP
Tuesday 22nd April		7.30pm
Sunday 27th April	**Second Sunday of Easter**	9.15am Stan Wadge RIP

Puckeridge

Sunday 20th April	**Easter Sunday**	11.00am Bert Gomez RIP
Thursday 24th April		**2.00pm In The School**
Sunday 27th April	**Second Sunday of Easter**	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Easter, we are asked to pray for: Europe; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right use of the Media; The Church; Human Work

For those who are ill: Colin Horgan, **For those who have died recently:** Mary Ronan, Pamela Gale,
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Keith Bradley, Bert Gomez

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £64.53 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£121.50; and for your regular standing orders**

Wedding at St Richard's. Saturday, 26th April at 12.30 – Edward Giles and Evelin O'Carroll

Friday. From Friday 25th April St Richard's will be open again for a time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 5.00 to 6.00pm. Everyone is encouraged to visit the Church at this time, perhaps just for a few minutes, to light a candle and offer a prayer.

Hymn Books. Thank you to all those who donated towards the cost of buying a new set of hymn books for St Richard's. We have reached our target and bought 100 copies of the book. We have been using the new books for the first time during the Sacred Triduum which we have celebrating this weekend.

A New Sound System for St Thomas' Church in Puckeridge. The new Sound System has been installed and is working. As always with a completely new installation, it will need some fine tuning over the next few weeks to get the settings exactly as we want them. If you wish to make a donation towards the cost, there are envelopes (and Gift Aid Forms for those who are tax payers) available on the table at the back of the Church.

Easter Offerings. It has always been the case that people's Offering on Easter Sunday and on Christmas Day are your gift to the Clergy, and not a donation to the Parish as such. For those people who normally donate by Standing Order, there are Easter Envelopes available at the entrances to the Church.

First Holy Communion Preparation. The sessions for children preparing to receive First Communion start again after Mass at St Thomas's on Sunday 27th April. There will be a final meeting for parents to discuss practical arrangements for the First Communion Mass.

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.

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.

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.

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 so that we can arrange a suitable date for you.

Assist us to live, not to die Please encourage our MP (Chris Hinchliff) to attend Parliament and vote against the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill at Third Reading. There are post cards at the entrance to the Church, please take one and fill it in and post it to your MP at the House of Commons.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL

St Thomas of Canterbury School have places available for Nursery from September 2025. We have an "outstanding" Early Years provision (Ofsted Inspection February 2023) and a judgement grade of "outstanding" for Catholic Life and Mission (Diocesan Inspection February 2024).

We are a nurturing, half form entry Catholic Primary School in rural Puckeridge, East Hertfordshire. We strive to provide the best possible education in a caring, Christian environment.

"Pupils enjoy being part of this close-knit school community. They are proud of their school. Pupils have positive attitudes towards learning and towards each other." (Ofsted Inspection February 2023)

We offer 30 hours Nursery provision, Monday to Friday (08:45 - 15:15) term time only.

Please contact the School for further details for an application form or see the school website for further details: www.stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk



