The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Second Sunday of Easter

27th April 2025

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In 1931, a young Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska saw Jesus appear with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. He asked that an image of his divine mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter Sunday, which had long been associated with the final day of the Octave of Easter. On April 28, 1935 – nearly exactly ninety years ago, Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated for the first time with a completed painting of her vision of the merciful Lord. In 2000, Saint John Paul II decreed that this feast be made official worldwide.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 27th April	**Second Sunday of Easter**	9.15am Stan Wadge RIP
Sunday 4th May	**Third Sunday of Easter**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 27th April	**Second Sunday of Easter**	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 4th May	**Third Sunday of Easter**	11.00am People of the Parish

There will be no Mass on Tuesday and Thursday this week, Fr John will be away.

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: Stan Wadge,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £210.52 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£416.05;** and also for the Holy Places Collection on Good Friday: £35.80 at Puckeridge and £133.60 at Buntingford **and for your regular standing orders.**

Thank You. We would like to express our appreciation for the hard work that so many parishioners put in to making our Easter celebrations so successful.

Confessions. Fr John will be available each week after the Tuesday evening Mass in Buntingford.

Wedding. Please keep in your prayers Edward Giles and Evelyn O'Carroll who were married at St Richard's Buntingford on Saturday 26th April.

Rosary. Each Sunday morning during May please join us to pray one of the Mysteries of the Rosary at 8.45am at Buntingford and at 10.30am at Puckeridge.

The Marian Garden. We want to do some work to improve the area around the statue of Our Lady in the church car park. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Deacon Paul.

VE Day. Deacon Paul will be presiding at the VE Day Service at the War Memorial in Buntingford on Thursday 8th May. Please come along to support.

St Richard's Feast Day. We plan to celebrate the Feast of St Richard with a picnic at Buntingford on Sunday 22nd June. Please save the date.

Holy Hour. Each Friday the church at St Richard's in Buntingford will be open from 5.00 to 6.00pm. Please pop in to light a candle and say a prayer. The hour will end with Benediction.

Hymn Books. We raised £869.80 for the New Hymn Books. Thank you.

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.

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.

Missio Red Boxes 2024. In 2024, St Edmunds & English Martyrs, including St Thomas's raised £495 through the Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Edmunds & English Martyrs and St Thomas's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glenn MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit, missio.org.uk to find our more.

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