The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st June 2025

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Guided by the Holy Spirit, whether we're conscious of it or not, we are drawn together in this place for our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. Out of our individual homes from near and far, we come together as a community of faith. Today's Gospel reminds us that not only is our faith community one, but the entire Christian community around the world can be one: one in our faith in Jesus Christ, who himself is one with the Father, and gathered as one by the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate the Eucharist today, may we realise our unity with all who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 1st June	**Seventh Sunday of Easter**	9.15am The Plater Family
Tuesday 3rd June		7.30pm
Sunday 8th June	**Pentecost**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 1st June	**Seventh Sunday of Easter**	11.00am Alan Digby
Thursday 5th June		12.30pm
Sunday 8th June	**Pentecost**	11.00am People of the Parish

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

For those who are ill: Colin Horgan, **For those who have died recently:** Alan Digby
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Monica Giles

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £62.18 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford £89.20; and for your Regular standing orders

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

Come and See. If you are not Catholic and would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, or a Catholic adult who has not yet been Confirmed, please ask Deacon Paul about this Course which starts in September.

Baptism. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul after mass if you would like your child to be baptised. We would love to work with you to make the necessary arrangements.

The Sacraments. If you would like your child to receive First Holy Communion (Year 2 and above) or be Confirmed (Year 9 and above), please ask Fr John or Deacon Paul for an Application Form for the Programmes starting in September.

Rosary Group. If you would like to be part of a rosary group that meets once a week in Benson Hall to pray for the parish, please speak to Deacon Paul.

St Richard's Feast Day. We plan to celebrate the Feast of St Richard with brunch in Benson Hall at Buntingford after the 9.15am Mass 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.

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.

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.

P.T.O.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be leading a Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College, Ware on Saturday 12th July.

St Edmund's College, the oldest Catholic College in England, is a continuation on English soil of the famous college that was founded Cardinal William Allen at Douay in Flanders in 1568. It is important to us because it was probably the strongest single agency by which Catholicism was kept from perishing in England. Originally intended as a seminary to prepare priests to work in England to keep the faith alive, it soon also became a Catholic boys' school, debarred as they were by the laws of the land from having such institutions at home. Many of its students, both priests and laymen, returned to England to be put to death under the anti-Catholic laws of the time, and the College has among its alumni 20 canonised and 133 beatified martyrs. The seminary part of the College moved to Allen Hall in Chelsea in 1975, but the school, now co-educational, continues to this day. Buried in its grounds are the bodies of some of the Vicars Apostolic who looked after the Church in the south of this country before the restoration of the Hierarchy in 1850.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

11am	Pilgrims are invited to arrive and gather. Confessions will be available. There is ample parking
12noon	Solemn Mass for the Jubilee Year celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Nichols in the school grounds – please bring suitable clothing etc in the event of rain.
1.30pm	Picnic lunch (bring your own); tours of the College. Adoration and Confessions in the Chapel during this break.
2.45pm	Procession of the Blessed Sacrament; please gather outside the College Chapel for the procession to the school grounds where Mass was celebrated and where Benediction will now be given.
4pm	Departures.

If you wish to attend the Pilgrimage, a completed Registration Form has to be submitted to the Pilgrimage Office for Health and Safety purposes, and more importantly, for ground staff and Stewards to know who is authorised to be on site on the day, and to avoid disappointment in case of oversubscription.
Private vehicles, cars are most welcome to reserve their place by completing and submitting a registration form. This can be found on the Diocesan Website, just type **Diocese of Westminster Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Edmund's Ware** into your search line.

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

