The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th May 2025

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As we continue this glorious Easter season, we approach the solemnity of the Ascension, marking Jesus' ascent from this earth to be with the Father in heaven forever. In John's account of the Last Supper, Jesus, knowing that his time here was short, prepared the disciples for the future. He specifically promises to leave them with two gifts: his peace and the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks for the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit, two incomparable gifts which nearly two thousand years later we have been given as well.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 25th May	**Sixth Sunday of Easter**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 27th May		7.30pm
Thursday 29th May	The Ascension of the Lord	6.00pm
Sunday 1st June	**Seventh Sunday of Easter**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 25th May	**Sixth Sunday of Easter**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 29th May	The Ascension of the Lord	12.30pm
Sunday 1st June	**Seventh 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:**
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 £49.68 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford £299.76; and for your Regular standing orders

The Ascension of the Lord. To celebrate this solemnity there will be the usual Mass at Puckeridge at 12.30pm, and a Mass at Buntingford at 6.00pm on Thursday 29th May.

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.

The Sacraments. If you would like your child to receive First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) or be Confirmed (Year 10 and above), please ask Fr John or Deacon Paul for an Application Form for the Programmes starting in September.

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.

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.

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.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL

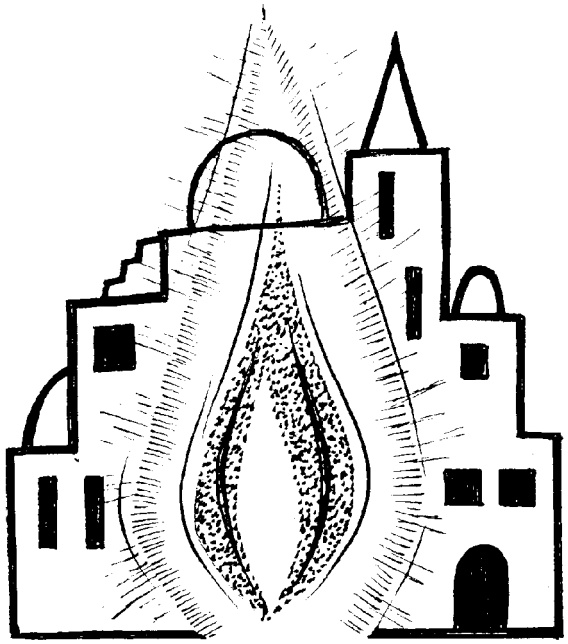
St Thomas of Canterbury School have places available for Nursery from September 2025. We have an "outstanding" Early Years provision (Ofsted Inspection February 2023) and a judgement grade of "outstanding" for Catholic Life and Mission (Diocesan Inspection February 2024).

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



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