The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th July 2025

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Today we hear the story of the good Samaritan, the parable that Jesus told to explain how far-reaching the concept of neighbour is and how to show love to our neighbour in need. Remember, Samaritans were looked down upon by the Jewish people in that era. If even Samaritans were neighbours, then everyone was. If this undesirable Samaritan is the only person willing to minister to this injured man, we should do the same, ministering to anyone in need, no matter how different they are. May we heed this lesson today just as Jesus taught it two thousand years ago.
Having shared with the Chosen People the commandments that God spoke to him on Sinai, Moses tells them how simple it is to keep them. If they take them to heart, then they only have to act with all their heart. In Jesus' story of the good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan whose heart is moved with compassion and treats the injured man as God commands we must. May we take God's word to heart.

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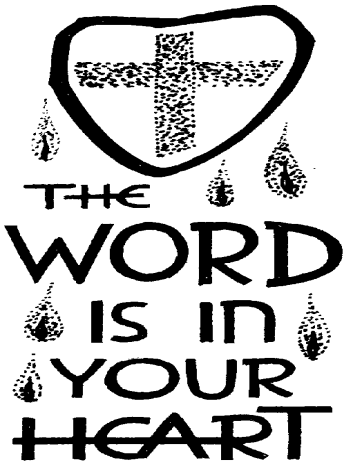
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 13th July	**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am Richard Dent
Tuesday 15th July		7.30pm
Sunday 20th July	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday 13th July		11.00am Richard Dent
Thursday 17th July		12.30pm
Sunday 20th July	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time: We are asked to pray for:
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life;
Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights;
Europe; Seafarers

For those who are ill: Colin Horgan, **For those who have died recently:** Bob Robinson, Mary Ronan
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Richard Dent

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £66 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford £109.13; and for your June standing orders at Puckeridge £252.00; Online Donations £260.00 and at Buntingford £548.00; Online Donations £210.00.

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

Sea Sunday. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. There will be a Second Collection after all the Masses this weekend.

Catechists. We would like to train a team of Catechists to support our parishioners as they prepare to receive the Sacraments. Training is being offered by the Diocese in the parish in the autumn. Speak to Deacon Paul for details.

Fire Wardens. To keep ourselves safe in church, we need to recruit fire wardens for St Richard's and St Thomas's. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul if you are able to help.

Come and See. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic, please speak to Deacon Paul and sign up for 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 (at present in Year 2 and above) or be Confirmed (at present in Year 9 and above), please ask Fr John or Deacon Paul for an Application Form for the Programmes starting in September. Please return the Forms by Sunday 20th July.

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.

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 usually 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.

Site Manager Vacancy. St Thomas' Primary School in Puckeridge are looking to employ a new Site Manager. This is a permanent Part-Time Position of 25 hours per week. The Salary Range is £24,790 - £26,409. The start date is 1st September this year.
Please contact Wendy Sellers (01920 821450) or admin@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk if interested, or you can apply online: https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148495/EDV-2025-STCCPS-06372

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

