The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th July 2025

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We do not know when, where, or how our Lord will come to us. He could appear as a stranger, as someone in need whom we have never met before. Or maybe we'll encounter Jesus in a dream, while in deep reflection, or in prayer. We are assured of encountering him here and now in a number of ways: as an assembly gathered in his name, in the priest celebrating Mass, in each other, and certainly in the Eucharist, when we receive his Body and Blood. Our readings today remind us that the Lord comes in many ways and we are called to always respond with attention a kindness.
In the first reading, Abraham and Sarah offer hospitality to three travellers, one of whom foresees a momentous event. For Paul, the momentous event is Christ winning us salvation, salvation that is offered to all. In the Gospel, sisters Martha and Mary offer hospitality to Jesus, but take on different roles while he visits. Let us show God's word hospitality, listening attentively and prayerfully.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 20th July	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish
Sunday 27th July	**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am Sim Tan RIP

Puckeridge

Sunday 20th July	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 27th July	**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish

Please note, there are no Weekday Masses this week. Normal Service will resume the following week. And then the weekday Masses will be cancelled during August.

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

For those who are ill: For those who have died recently:
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £46.65 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford £100.17; and for your Regular standing orders.

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

Sea Sunday. Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Buntingford raised £105.70; and at Puckeridge £59.20. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk.

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.

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 so that we can fill out an Application Form.

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 Today, 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

