The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th July 2025

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When we want something from a friend, whether it's something they have or a favour they could do for us, we normally just go ahead and ask. Jesus tells his disciples today that we should approach God the same way. He assures us that the Father in heaven listens to our prayers and that we should persist in prayer, for we are a needy people, ultimately dependent on God. Our lives are in God's hands and so we pray that God watches over us, forgives us, and has mercy on us, as we proclaim when praying how Jesus taught us.
Before we hear Jesus teach his disciples to pray, we see Abraham persistently petition God to show mercy toward the people of the city of Sodom. In the Gospel, Jesus confirms how important it is to show this kind of persistence. Our Father in heaven, Jesus teaches us, is generous beyond human generosity, having given the Holy Spirit to be with us always, and so we should freely ask for our needs, assured that we will be heard.

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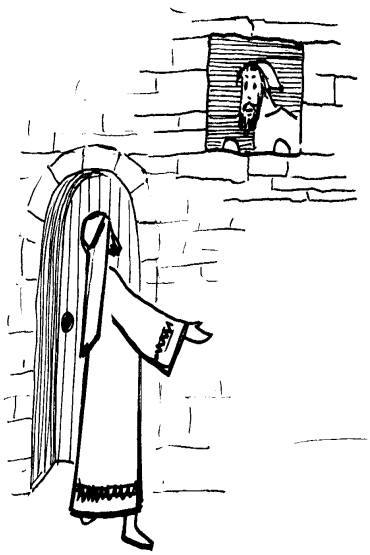
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 27th July	**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am Sim Tan RIP
Tuesday 29th July		7.30pm
Sunday 3rd August	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am Michael O'Connor RIP

Puckeridge

Sunday 27th July	**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 31st July		12.30
Sunday 3rd August	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish



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: Sim Tan,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £51.50 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £109.10; 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 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.

Deacon Paul. Please offer prayers for Paul who has travelled to Myanmar to Baptise his grandson Joshua in St Mary's Cathedral Yangon on Tuesday 29th July.

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.

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.