The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th August 2025

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In this day and age when we can look up just about anything online and determine what is true and what is real, it's tough to have to rely on faith. But this is what God has asked us to do for thousands of years. One day our time on earth will come to an end or the world itself will come to an end and no internet source knows when that will be. We should be prepared at all times, just in case. Let us pray that then we gather together each week to worship God with our community of faith, our own faith is strengthened so that we can face our future with hope and resolve.
Today's selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith. Abraham's faith was so strong that he was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have faith sufficient to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in his return, for which they should always be prepared. May today's reading remind us to ask ourselves what we need to do to prepare ourselves for that day.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 10th August	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish
Sunday 17th August	**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 10th August	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 17th August	**Twentieth 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; Europe;
Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Seafarers.

For those who are ill: **For those who have died recently:** Ann Parker,
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Friday is the Feast of the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have been unable to find a Priest to come and celebrate Mass on the day. The advertised Holy Day Mass times in the surrounding Parishes are:

Ware: 10.00am & 7.30pm **Bishops Stortford: 9.00am & 7.30pm**
Hertford: 10.00am & 8.00pm **Royston: 9.15am & 7.30pm**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £53.85 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £130.98; and for your July standing orders at Puckeridge £252.00 and at Buntingford £698.00; Online Donations £210.00.

Fr John will be on holiday from this Sunday evening until late Tuesday 26th August. Fr Tom will be looking after Waltham Cross Parish while he is away. Fr Tom will come to Buntingford and Puckeridge on both of the Sundays

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.

Holy Hour. Holy Hour is cancelled during August. It will return in September.

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.