# The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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## The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th November 2025

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Today's readings warn us that the day is coming when we will be tested severely. How do we prepare for the ultimate test? We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us. The Holy Spirit draws us to this place each week where we are nourished and strengthened in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit nudges us to obey our conscience. The Holy Spirit fills us with the virtues we need to do God's will. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will watch over us and guide us through all our trials and tribulations. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2025 World Library Publications*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

### Buntingford

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| Sunday 16th November | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.15am The Nolan Family - Intentions |
| Tuesday 18th November | | 7.30pm |
| Sunday 23rd November | Christ the King | 9.15am Chris Peirce RIP |

### Puckeridge

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| Sunday 16th November | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11.00am People of the Parish |
| Thursday 20th November | | 12.30pm |
| Sunday 23rd November | Christ the King | 11.00am People of the Parish |

**Prayer Intentions.** During Ordinary Time - Autumn: We are asked to pray for: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

**For those who are ill:** Alan Tan, **For those who have died recently:** Anna Gizzi,
**For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

**Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £71.52 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £179.08; and for your Regular standing orders**

**Annual Mission Appeal.** This weekend we welcome one of the Comboni Missionaries who will make the Annual Foreign Mission Appeal. He will talk to us to raise awareness of the Order's missionary vocation, and to encourage people to be more involved in the missionary work of the church. The Comboni Fathers were founded in Verona in 1867 by St David Comboni. Today they live and work in four continents and some forty different countries. There will be a second collection after all the Masses this weekend to support the work of all the Foreign Missionary Societies.

**Confessions.** Fr John will be available for Confessions after the evening Mass at St Richard's Buntingford each Tuesday.

**Funeral this week.** The Funeral Mass for the late Anna Gizzi will be celebrated on Tuesday 18th November at 11.30am

**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.

**Baptism.** Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul after Mass if you would like your child to be baptised.

**Refreshments after Mass.** There will be refreshments in Benson Hall after the 9.15am Mass at St Richard's today. 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.

**Men's Breakfast.** Thank you to all those who have already signed up for our first Men's Breakfast which will take place in Benson Hall from 9.00 to 10.30am on Saturday 22nd November. There will be coffee, tea, juices, and a range of hot and cold breakfast foods, followed by a short talk and discussion. There are still spaces so please sign up on the sheet near the font at the back of church, indicating any dietary requirements.

**Lights of Love.** On the evening of the lighting of the Christmas lights in Buntingford on Friday 28th November we would like to ask you to sign up to help us keep St Richard's open for visitors. It would be great for us to able to offer some kind of refreshments outside and let people pop in to light a candle and say a quiet prayer.

**Celebration of Christmas.** There will be a Christmas Carol Concert at St Richard's at 7.00pm on Friday 12th December with readings and reflections. After the concert there will be mince pies and mulled wine in Benson Hall. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will be available from Buntingford Live. All money raised will go to support the work of Home Start.

**November Holy Souls**. November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Purple Sheets for the November Dead List and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church. Please return them both to the Sacristy or Church and the lists of names will be placed in the Book of the Dead, which will be on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November.

**Icons of Hope.** There will be a short series of talks taking place on Monday evenings, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, at Vaughan House entitled 'Icons of Hope, which will invite us to reflect on where we can find blessed hope in our lives. The dates and speakers are as follows:
24th November, Caroline Hull, National Director of Aid to the Church in Need
Please register attendance beforehand with Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

**Learn to Pray.** This online course starts on Friday 15th November. It is a six-session course for people who want to develop a personal prayer time that helps them develop their relationship with Jesus. Earlier in the year the diocese was blessed to have Andre Regnier with us to deliver this course in person and would now like to offer it online for those in Westminster Diocese who might be interested. We would particularly welcome people who could facilitate this course taking place locally in the future. To find out more and book, please visit:
https://forms.monday.com/forms/a21a12bb63a164f048a8d15af72fba36?r=euc1&text0=

**Pilgrim Mass.** As part of the Jubilee Year there will be a mass for pilgrims in Westminster Cathedral at 2.00pm on Saturday 22nd November. This Mass is open to those who have walked the Westminster Way during the year or completed other pilgrimages (walking and otherwise), and those who would have liked to have gone on a pilgrimage but have not been able to do so. Westminster Cathedral is itself one of our Jubilee Churches, so the journey to the Mass could be considered a pilgrimage in itself.

**The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection is next week.** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **73** retired priests, at a cost of **£1,270,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.
You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular donation and become a **Patron** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations** - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

