The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Christ the King

23rd November 2025

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The Kingship of Jesus Christ has been affirmed going back to when Jesus was called the Messiah, but the actual feast was only added to the liturgical calendar one hundred years ago, in 1925. In the wake of World War I, history's first truly global war, Pope Pius XI created the feast as the antithesis of the divisive nationalism that led men to take up arms against their brothers, as well as an antidote to the growing secularism that denied the world's unity under God. One hundred years later and nearly two thousand years after Jesus began his public ministry, we still recognize his kingship over all the earth. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2025 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 23rd November	Christ the King	9.15am Chris Peirce RIP
Tuesday 25th November		7.30pm
Sunday 30th November	First Sunday of Advent	9.15am Eric Pratt RIP

Puckeridge

Sunday 23rd November	Christ the King	11.00am People of the Parish
Friday 28th November		12.30pm
Sunday 30th November	First Sunday of Advent	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 £68.67 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £101.52; and for your Regular standing orders. Comboni Mission Appeal £123.05 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £96.75.

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection is this week. Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, the Cardinal and the Diocese are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. Last year, the Diocese provided care to **73** retired priests, at a cost of **£1,270,000**.
By giving a gift today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews. There is a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out section 4 on the envelope form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. By becoming a Patron, and assuring income to the fund, the Diocese can plan its continued care for our retired and sick priests. Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

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

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.

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=

