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

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## First Sunday of Advent 30th November 2025

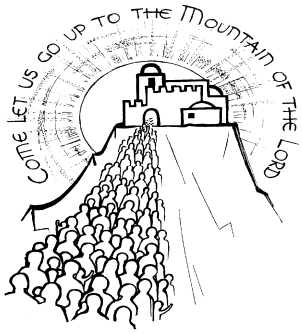
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During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world and our hearts throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**




**Buntingford**

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| Sunday 30th November | First Sunday of Advent | 9.15am Eric Pratt RIP |
| Tuesday 2nd December | | 7.30pm |
| Sunday 7th December | Second Sunday of Advent | 9.15am People of the Parish |

**Puckeridge**

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| Sunday 30th November | First Sunday of Advent | 11.00am People of the Parish |
| Thursday 4th December | | 12.30pm |
| Sunday 7th December | Second Sunday of Advent | 11.00am Eddie Griffin RIP |

**Prayer Intentions.** During Advent: We are asked to pray for: Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

**For those who are ill:** Alan Tan, **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 £67.41 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £92.90; and for your Regular standing orders. Sick and Retired Priests Collection £120.00 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford £79.88.**

**The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Thank you.** Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You can become a **Patron** by setting up a regular donation by completing section 4 on the envelope form. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

**Christmas Mass Times.** At Puckeridge – Christmas Eve at 8.45pm; and at Buntingford – Christmas Day 10.00am.

**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.

**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.

**Christmas Offerings.** It has always been the case that people's Offering on Christmas Day and on Easter Sunday are your gift to the Clergy, and not a donation to the Parish as such. For those people who normally donate by Standing Order, there will be Christmas Envelopes available at the entrances to the Church.

**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.

**Library.** We have refreshed the parish library near the font at the back of church with some more up to date texts about the Catholic faith. Please feel free to borrow and return books. If you wish to donate religious books to the library, please speak to Deacon Paul first.

**Explore The Chosen.** From 2:00 to 4:30pm on Saturday 6th December at Vaughan House. The Chosen TV series on the life of Jesus provides us with a wonderful opportunity to invite people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and the makers of this production are keen to encourage Evangelistic efforts. We would therefore love to see anyone who has or would like to show The Chosen as a means to opening up spiritual conversations that help people come closer to Christ. This will be an interactive afternoon that we hope will inspire watch parties, Bible studies and conversations about the Good News throughout the diocese. The event is free and open to all. For more information and to book, please visit https://forms.monday.com/forms/82fce391acf81a899009f03ec11915b0?r=euc1&text0=

**Christian Art App.** Christian Art's mission is to offer a pathway to grow closer to God through the beauty of art and the Gospel. They offer a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day, they select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short reflection on the two. With over 70,000 subscribers, their goal is to bridge the gap between the art world and the Catholic Church to facilitate a magnificent pairing of art and the Christian Faith. Please subscribe at CHRISTIAN ART | Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection

**SVP**. The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support.

