The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Easter Sunday 5th April 2026

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We begin today's liturgy in joy. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he did so in triumph, as a hero would when returning from a victorious battle. What the crowds did not truly realize, but we do today, is that Jesus' battle was just beginning. More importantly, the battle would look to be lost when he dies on the cross, when instead this was his victory over sin and death. Therefore, as we hold these branches high and sing hosannas to acclaim our king, we do so not only with heaviness in our hearts for Jesus' suffering and death, but with joy as well, for it is on the cross that Jesus redeems us from our sins. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2025 World Library Publications*

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 7th April		7.30pm
Sunday 12th April	Second Sunday of Easter	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 9th April		12.30pm
Sunday 12th April	Second Sunday of Easter	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Easter: We are asked to pray: Europe, New Members of the Church, Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church; Human Work.

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £85.67 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £103.50; and for your March Standing Orders £262.00 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £760.00; Online Donations £215.00.

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.

Lister Hospital. John O'Neil is the Roman Catholic Chaplain at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage. He can be contacted on the following numbers: Mobile: 07876 526935 or Telephone: 01438 285518.

Passover Supper. Thank you to all those who joined us for this wonderful event with representatives from the other Christian communities and from the local community. We want to give a special thanks to all those who stayed on so late after the supper to clear up and wash up.

Welcome. Please pray for Faye Andrews on her reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this weekend and keep her and her family in your prayers as she starts to live out the great gift of faith she has been given.

Holy Hour. There will be no Holy Hour on Friday 10th April. We will start to observe the Holy Hour again every Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm beginning from Friday 17th April

Planet in Need. Please join us for a showing of this film about the current climate crisis at 7.30pm on Friday 17 April in Benson Hall. The film will last about 50 minutes and will be followed by a discussion of the issues it raises.

Funeral. Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bridie Wadge who died recently. Her Funeral will be at 2.00pm on Thursday 23rd April at St Richard's.

Easter Offerings. It has always been the case that people's Offering on Easter Sunday and on Christmas Day 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 are Easter Envelopes available at the entrances to the Church.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2.30pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

