The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Second Sunday of Easter

12th April 2026

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Today we hear the well-known story of Saint Thomas, the apostle who doubted that Jesus had truly risen, refusing to believe until he touched the nailmarks in the Lord's hands. Out of mercy for the single apostle who had missed his first appearance after rising from the dead, Jesus returned to invite Thomas to probe his wounds. Thomas, with the faith we hope to emulate, immediately exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we ask God to strengthen our faith to overcome our doubts so that we too may see the risen Lord in our midst.

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 12th April	Second Sunday of Easter	9.15am The Intentions of Neil & Lesley McDougall
Tuesday 14th April		7.30pm
Sunday 19th April	Third Sunday of Easter	9.15am Keith Bradly RIP

Puckeridge

Sunday 12th April	Second Sunday of Easter	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 16th April		12.30pm
Sunday 19th April	Third 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: Keith Bradly

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's Easter collection, which came to £287.25 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £542.92; and for your Regular Standing Orders. Holy Places £214.21; CAFOD £60.00 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford £132.30.

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.

Wedding Anniversary. Today Neil and Lesley McDougall celebrate 40 years of marriage and our parish community will mark this significant milestone with a special Blessing for them both at the end of the Mass.

Holy Hour. We will start to observe the Holy Hour again every Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm beginning from Friday 17th April. You are welcome to pop in for just a few minutes to say a prayer, or to pray with us in silence for the whole hour. The Holy Hour ends with Benediction.

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. See the poster in St Richard's porch for details of how to get tickets.

The Dignity of Human Life. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked each parish to join them in a Holy Hour for an end to abortion, and to oppose moves to make assisted dying legal. Please join us at St Richard's from 4.30pm on Sunday 19th April.

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, followed by her burial at St Hugh's Cemetery, and a reception in Benson Hall.

Easter Offerings. It has always been the case that people's Offering on Easter Sunday and on Christmas Day are your gift to the Priests, 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). Details need to be handed in by Wednesday, 15th April 2026.

St Thomas of Canterbury School. - Nursery places available for September 2026. St Thomas nursery is a welcoming place for children of all faiths, and they provide a nurturing environment for your little ones to thrive. They are a 30 hour provider which means you can be assured that your child will be looked after throughout the day. If you are interested in securing a place for your child, please contact Mrs Sellers, Office Manager admin@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk or call 01920 821450.



