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

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## Third Sunday of Easter

## 19th April 2026

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Today, on the third Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the two disciples who encounter the risen Lord as they walk the road to Emmaus. They listen to this stranger as he opens the scriptures to them, explaining that the Christ had to suffer and die before rising in glory. After inviting him into their home, they recognize him when he breaks bread with them at their table. Every Sunday we live out this experience. We listen to the risen Lord speak to us through God's word. Then we receive him in the Eucharist. May we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, invite him into our midst.

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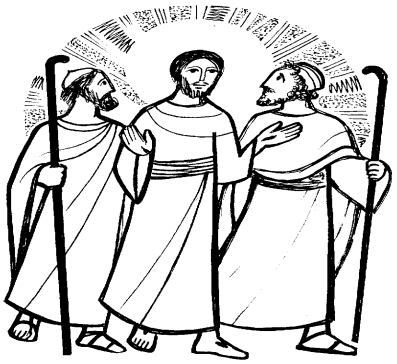
**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**



**Buntingford**

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| Sunday 19th April | Third Sunday of Easter | 9.15am Keith Bradly RIP |
| Tuesday 21st April | | 7.30pm |
| Sunday 26th April | Fourth Sunday of Easter | 9.15am Elizabeth Jones RIP |

**Puckeridge**

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| Sunday 19th April | Third Sunday of Easter | 11.00am People of the Parish |
| Thursday 23rd April | | 12.30pm |
| Sunday 26th April | Fourth Sunday of Easter | 11.00am People of the Parish |

**Prayer Intentions.** During Easter: We are asked to pray for: 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 Offertory collection, which came to £64.40 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £128.50; and for your Regular Standing Orders.**

**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.

**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.

**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 this afternoon from 4.30pm.

**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.

**Adult Confirmation.** Please pray for Emma Ronan who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Paul MacAleenan at the 6.00pm Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25th April. If you are an adult who has been Baptised but not yet Confirmed, please speak to Deacon Paul about how to receive this Sacrament as an adult.

**Pots.** There are several plant pots at the front of the church and around the Marian Statue which would benefit from some tender, loving care. If you are willing and able to help look after the pots, please speak to Deacon Paul. It would be good if several people could take up this responsibility over the summer months.

**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.

**Confident Parenting in a world of screens – 29th April at 8.00pm.** Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world.)

**Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family – 2nd June at 8pm.** As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith-filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships. To reserve your place, book now by visiting https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

