The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2026

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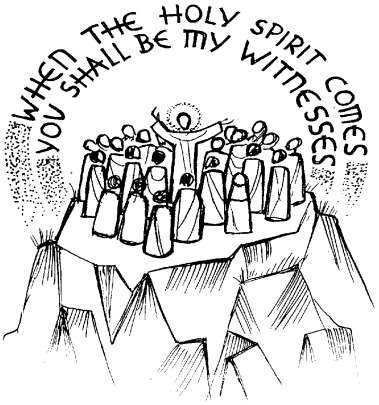
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Two weeks before we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost, we hear of the Spirit both before and after that blessed event. In the first reading, the people of Samaria receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John come to lay hands on them. In the Gospel, Jesus promises the disciples that the Holy Spirit will stay with them always. As we listen to God's word, may we realize the Holy Spirit's enduring presence in our lives.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be an extra Mass in Buntingford at 6.30pm, and in Puckeridge the Mass that day will be at 2.00pm.



MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 10th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 12th May		7.30pm
Thursday 14th May	The Ascension of the Lord	6.30pm
Sunday 17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.15am Sim Tam RIP

Puckeridge

Sunday 10th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 14th May	The Ascension of the Lord	2.00pm
Sunday 17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	11.00am People of the Parish

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

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to £86.95 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £104.26; and for your April Standing Orders £232.00; Online Donations £1,000.00 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £650.00; Online Donations £225.00.

Volunteers. Please consider offering your time to support the work of our parish in one of the following roles: reader, musician, server, driver, counter, catechist, serving tea and coffee and the maintenance of our building and grounds. Sign up on the sheets at the back of the church.

Sacramental Programmes. From September we will start Preparation for First Communion for children in Year 3 and above, and Confirmation for children in Year 10 and above. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul to collect an Application Form for your children.

Becoming Catholic. Are you considering becoming Catholic and want to find out more? We are starting a Course in September for those who want to explore the Catholic Faith. Please speak to Father John or Deacon Paul to find out more and get an Application Form.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound. Please contact the parish office if you know someone who is sick or housebound and would appreciate a visit from the parish. We have volunteers who have been approved for such visits and could take communion to them.

Priests Training Fund. Archbishop Richard has asked that the Diocese have a Month of Prayer for Priestly Vocations, starting today, Good Shepherd Sunday, and culminating in the Feast of Pentecost. He asks that people make a Holy Hour each week in the company of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We know that it is from among his people that God calls his shepherds, and between now and Pentecost the whole Diocese will be united in prayer that more men will respond to that call. Leaflets are available at the entrance to the Church, and there are further resources available on the Diocesan Website: https://rcdow.org.uk/month-of-prayer-for-priestly-vocations/

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 observe a Holy Hour at St Richard's every Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm and this week at St Thomas' at 1.45pm before the Thursday Mass. 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. At St Richard's the Holy Hour ends with Benediction.

Grounds. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help maintain the pots around the church gardens. We would also appreciate some support is setting up the water butt near the garage. We have the water butt and some bricks on which to stand it but would need to get some piping. Please let Deacon Paul know if you can help.

No Mow May. Inspired by the recent Planet in Need event held at Benson Hall, and as part of our response to the Pope's call to care for our common home, we want to help local insect life to flourish by taking part in the national movement to let our lawns grow during the month of May.

Rosary. The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and we would like to mark it by saying the rosary before Sunday Mass each week throughout the month - at 8.45 at St Richard's, and at 10.30 at St Thomas'. Please let Deacon Paul know if you would be willing to help lead the rosary each week, perhaps on a rota basis.

Understanding children's spirituality in today's society. The Margaret Beaufort Institute is running a course to help participants develop an understanding of Children's Spirituality and consider what supports and what hinders its development. Details of the course are on the poster in the porch.

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School Foundation Governor Required. Voluntary role for practising catholic at our small, rural Catholic Primary School. Help preserve and develop the school's religious character while overseeing strategic direction, financial performance and holding leadership accountable.

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School Nursery Places Available. Government funding scheme available for 15 and 30 hours Flexible attendance options to best suit your family's individual needs. Additional places available in selected year groups. Please contact: 01920 821450; admin@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk.

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

