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The Most Holy Trinity

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It's one of the deepest mysteries of our faith: how three persons can be united in one divine being. On the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we praise God the Father for sending the Son to save us from our sins and the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. The Holy Spirit draws us together as the body of Christ to receive the Son in the Eucharist and give glory to God the Father, in whose image we have been created. Let us praise and give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the infinite love and mercy we have received.

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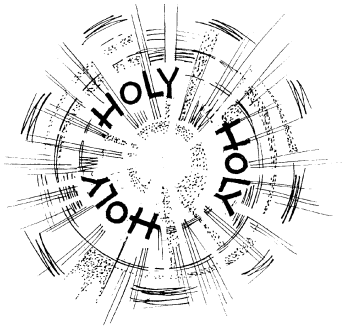
MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 31st May	The Most Holy Trinity	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 2nd June		7.30pm
Sunday 7th June	Corpus Christi	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 31st May	The Most Holy Trinity	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 4th June		1.00pm
Sunday 7th June	Corpus Christi	11.00am People of the Parish

Please note: the Mass this week in Puckeridge will be at 1.00pm in the school.

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time: We are asked to pray: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers.

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 £51.30 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £178.01; and for your regular Standing Orders

St Thomas's Centenary. From this week there is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Thomas's for you to sign to secure your tickets for the Centenary Mass on Sunday 5th July which will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Moth. Please sign your name and indicate how many tickets you will need for your family.

First Communion. Please pray for Arthur and Rian who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.00 Mass in Puckeridge today. It is a rare opportunity to celebrate First Communion during the regular Sunday Mass. There will some extra guests and we are sure that it will be a joyful celebration.

Feast of St Richard. Please save the date for Sunday 14th June and make a special effort to be there as that is the day when we will celebrate the Feast of St Richard with a special brunch after the 9.15 Mass. It will be a great way of commemorating our patron saint and celebrating the community to which we belong.

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. The deadline for Applications is Sunday, 28th June.

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. The deadline for Applications is Sunday, 28th June.

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.

Rosary. The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and we have marked 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's. I hope that you were able to join us on at least one occasion. Please take the Rosary leaflets from the porch so you can continue to pray the rosary at home.

Baptism. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul after Mass if you would like your child to be baptised.

Holy Hour. We observe a Holy Hour at St Richard's every Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm and at St Thomas' at 11.20am before the Thursday midday 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.

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 have tried to help local insect life to flourish by taking part in the national movement to let our lawns grow during the month of May. There will be a first cut next week to prepare for our picnic brunch on the Feast of St Richard.

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.

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

St Edmund's College Sixth Form Open Evening. Come along to St Edmunds Sixth Form open evening on Thursday 11th June, at 6.30pm. Discover their brand-new Sixth Form Centre (opening September) with new subjects and new spaces designed to give their students the best possible experiences. Tel. 01920 824247; email. admissions@stedmundscollege.org.

Marriage Care Relationship Counsellors. Marriage Care is looking for empathetic individuals committed to supporting adult relationships to train on their Certificate in Relationship Counselling and then to volunteer with them to make a real difference to couples and families. There are costs associated with the training, but no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. For more details, visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

