The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Body and Blood of Christ

7th June 2026

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It's a scientific fact that the human body cannot last long without food or drink. We need to eat and drink to survive. But what Jesus offers is food and drink of another sort. It is the food and drink of eternal life. Today we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ, which he gave as a sacrifice for our sins and continues to give each time we celebrate the Eucharist. We consume his Body and Blood so that we can be nourished in carrying out his mission in the world and sustained on our journey to eternal life.

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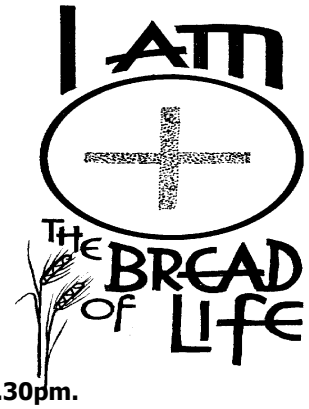
MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 31st May	Corpus Christi	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 2nd June		7.30pm
Sunday 7th June	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 31st May	Corpus Christi	11.00am People of the Parish
Friday 12th June		12.300pm
Sunday 7th June	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish

Please note: the Mass this week in Puckeridge will be on Friday at 12.30pm.

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 £75.14 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £109.21; and for your regular Standing Orders

St Thomas's Centenary. 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.

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 in Buntingford, 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.

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.

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.

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.

