The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th June 2026

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After celebrating the fifty day season of Easter, culminating with Jesus' ascension to heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, we are emboldened to become disciples ourselves, proclaiming Jesus' message of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven through our words and actions. Let Jesus' final words in today's Gospel propel us on our mission: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Without cost we have received the salvation Jesus won for us; without cost we are to share this gift. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2026 World Library Publications*

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 14th June	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 16th June	St Richard of Chichester	7.30pm Danuta Brzozowska
Sunday 21st June	Twelfth Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 14th June	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 18th June		12.30pm
Sunday 21st June	Twelfth Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish



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: Danuta Brzozowska

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to £79.42 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £117.00; and for your May Standing Orders £232.00 at Puckeridge, and at Buntingford; £485.00; Online Donations £215.00.

St Thomas's Centenary. Thank you to all those who have helped in so many different ways to help us prepare for the visit of Archbishop Richard Moth on Sunday 5th July. There will be one more planning meeting for thirty minutes after the Mass in Puckeridge on Sunday 28th June to make final arrangements.

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 the four children from our parish who have been preparing since September to receive Holy Communion for the first time. This will take place at a special Mass at St Richard's at 3.00pm on Sunday 21st June. We look forward to welcoming their friends and family and look forward to a joyful celebration.

Feast of St Richard. The official Feast Day of St Richard of Chichester is on Tuesday 16th June and we are starting the celebrations today with a special picnic brunch after the 9.15 Mass at Buntingford. Please join us in the parish gardens in glorious sunshine to mark this special occasion.

Fr Peter Harris's Retirement. Our local Dean, Fr Peter, was a great help to our parish when we were left without a priest in November 2023. There are two events in Bishop's Stortford parish grounds to mark his retirement: a hog roast for adults only at 7.30pm on Saturday 11 July, and a family afternoon tea party at 3.00pm on Sunday 12 July. Tickets may be obtained from the Bishop's Stortford parish office.

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, sacristan, cleaner, fire marshall, 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.

More Human. Pope Leo has just published a new encyclical ***Magnifica Humanitas***. It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially with in the age of AI.
There will be three short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer. They will take place in St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, Mondays 13th July, 21st September, 23rd November, 7.30-8.45pm. All Welcome! Register to attend on https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26
These workshops will also be online, email info@fcjecojustice.co.uk for more information

The Prayer of St Richard

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen



