The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st June 2026

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In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that his heavenly Father will watch over them so vigilantly that every last hair on their heads will be accounted for. On Father's Day, let us celebrate our fathers and father figures who watch over us, guide us, and do their best to make sure that not a hair on our heads will be harmed.

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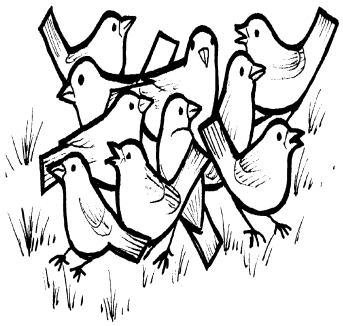
MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 21st June	Twelfth Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 23rd June		7.30pm
Sunday 28th June	Saints Peter and Paul	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 21st June	Twelfth Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 25th June		12.30pm
Sunday 28th June	Saints Peter and Paul	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 £116.90 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £139.70; and for your Regular Standing Orders

Day for Life. On Sunday 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

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 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.

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.

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 11.50am 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.

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.

Ebola Epidemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The National Bishops' Conference of the Congo has written to the Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales, requesting prayers for the people in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo, who are affected by an ongoing Ebola Epidemic. Please keep those affected in your prayers. CAFOD are delivering vital support to communities affected and their work can be supported here: https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/ebola-outbreak-in-drc

We Believe Festival. Friday 24 – Monday 27 July 2026, St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham We Believe Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Book your tickets at webelievefestival.com.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life. All are welcome to join the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday 1 August 2026, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. More details, including information on coach transport, can be found on the poster (attached) and the website: https://prolifepilgrimage.org/. If you cannot join in person, please consider uniting with the pilgrims in prayer.

