The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16th August 2026

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Mary was a normal human being like each of us. But what made her special was that she was shown God's favour in an extraordinary way. This was because she was faithful in her relationship with God, was available, ready to do whatever God asked of her and was eminently teachable. We honour her on the feast of her Assumption and pledge ourselves to follow her example.

Please note: Fr John will be on holiday during August, so there will be no Weekday Mass in Buntingford or Puckeridge.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 16th August	The Assumption of the Virgin Mary	9.15am People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd August	Twenty-First Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 16th August	The Assumption of the Virgin Mary	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd August	Twenty-First 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:** Bob Jackson, Adam Potter,
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 £107.50 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £103.85; and for your Regular Standing Orders.

The Photos of the Centenary Mass taken by the Diocese' Photographer can be viewed at:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicwestminster/albums/72177720334550711

Baptism. We look forward to welcoming Matilda into our Catholic community when she is baptised at 12.00pm on Sunday 23rd August. Please pray for her and her family as they prepare for one of the most important days in Matilda's life.

Funeral. The Funeral of Bob Jackson, a long-standing parishioner at Puckeridge and Old Hall Green, will take place at St Richard's at 1.00pm on Friday 28 August. Please pray for the repose of Bob's soul, and for his family as they prepare for the funeral ceremonies.

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.

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.

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.

Assisted Suicide. Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11 September, the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference encourages Catholics to urgently write to their MPs to ask them to oppose the bill. Please contact our MP at chris.hinchliff.mp@parliament.uk

Sponsored Bike and Hike. Have fun cycling or walking round our local churches and raise money for their maintenance and restoration. Sponsorship packs are available at the back of church and more details can be found bedshertshct.org.uk.