The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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All Saints

1st November 2026

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We set every Sunday aside to worship the Lord, but today we also remember the saints. These men and women served the Lord during their time on earth and continue to give witness to the Lord by the example of their lives. During this month at the end of autumn, when we give thanks for the abundance of the harvest for another year, we also give thanks to God, whose harvest of souls in heaven we recognize in all the saints. May we one day join them and reap the heavenly reward that our Lord has won for us.

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 1st November	All Saints	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 3rd November		7.00pm
Sunday 8th November	Thirty Second Sunday of the Year	9.15am James Rafferty Anniversary

Puckeridge

Sunday 1st November	All Saints	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 5th November		12.30pm
Sunday 8th November	Thirty Second Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time: Autumn: We are asked to pray: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families.

For those who are ill: Alan Tan, Maurice Piggott,
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 £122.40 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £104.31; and for your Regular Standing Orders

Prayer Group. You are invited to join people from our parish, and from the other Christian communities in Buntingford, for a time of informal prayer in the Lady Chapel with contemporary hymns, scripture reading and reflection. We meet again at 7.00pm on Sunday 22nd November.

November Memorial Mass. At 8.00pm on Friday 13th November at St Richard's there will be our special annual Mass for all those from the parish who have died in the last year. Their relatives are specially invited to attend.

Celebration of Christmas. From 6.00pm on Friday 11th December at St Richard's students from St Edmund's College will lead us in a selection of Christmas songs, carols, and readings. After the concert a glass of wine and mince pie will be served in Benson Hall. Please use the QR code on the poster in the porch at St Richard's to reserve your place.

Christmas Cards and Gifts. On the way out of the church please collect one of the brochures for Christmas cards and gifts sent to us by the Catholic Children's Society and CAFOD. Please support these charities by buying some of your cards and gifts from them.

Donate a Christmas Dinner. The local food bank has invited us to give a Christmas hamper to a local person or family by donating non-perishable foods from the list provided. It is not too early to start collecting. Please see the poster in the porch and cross off from the list the item you wish to donate. Start bringing your donations next week.

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.

Holy Hour. The Holy Hour at St Richard's is celebrated each week at 10.00am on Wednesday morning in a new format. It is followed by tea and coffee in Benson Hall. The Holy Hour will include morning prayer, a time of silence, and Benediction. Feel free to pop in for a few minutes or stay for the whole hour.
The Holy Half Hour takes place at St Thomas' before the weekday Mass each week. It will run from 11.50 to 12.20.

St Ignatius College Alumni. Please join St Ignatius for a Fish & Chip Supper at the College on 20th November, 2026, 6.00-9.00pm, £20. This will be one of the final opportunities to visit the current school building before major building works start in 2027. Full details, and booking information are on the Poster on the Notice Board.

November Holy Souls. November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Purple Sheets for the November Dead List and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Churches. Please return them both, and the lists of names will be placed in the Book of the Dead, which will be on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November. Mass will be celebrated for the Holy Souls each week, and the Annual Mass for all those from the Parish who have died in the last year will be celebrated at 8.00pm on Friday 13th November.

CAFOD Volunteer. Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org,uk or call 07776 493162.

