The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year 26th July 2026

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Each Sunday when we come together to worship God, we are nourished first by God's word in the readings, psalm, and Gospel and then by Christ's own body in the Eucharist. We may take both for granted, because each is available to us every Sunday, but these are gifts that are meant to be treasured. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a great treasure buried in a field, bought by a person lucky enough to have found it. But we have our treasure right here and right now, given to us by a God of infinite generosity. May we be blessed with the wisdom to see the treasures we have in the Word and Eucharist.

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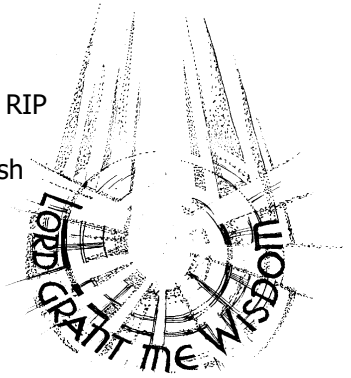
MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 26th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	9.15am	Michael O'Connor RIP
Tuesday 28th July		7.30pm	
Sunday 2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	9.15am	People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 26th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	11.00am	Celia Baxter RIP
Friday 31st July		12.30pm	
Sunday 2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	11.00am	Anna Miles RIP

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: **For those who have died recently:** Angela Girandola, Tony Watts, Bob Jackson,
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 £85.91 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £82.65; 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

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.

Baptism. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul after Mass if you would like your child to be baptised.

Holy Hour. The Holy Hour that usually takes place on Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm is suspended until September. It will start again but may be at a different time during the week.

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.

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.

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