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The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th JUNE 2024

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Today's readings are especially timely at this point of the year. Two of the passages concern nature, specifically the growth of large trees and plants. As we head into summer, we can appreciate the shade from an expansive, leafy tree. On this Father's Day, a sturdy tree that provides shelter and comfort may remind us of our own father, or fathers we know. Like trees and plants during the summer, like fathers who love us and care for us, the seeds we sow and nurture grow slowly and steadily, producing fruit that builds the kingdom of God in our midst.

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For the time being, we will suspend the celebration of the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on a Saturday evening.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Sunday 16th June	**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am Danuta Brzozowska RIP
		11.00am The People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd June		9.15am The People of the Parish
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All Masses will be celebrated in the Church of St Richard of Chichester, Buntingford

Prayer Intentions. At this time of the year we are asked to pray for: 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: Sim Tan
For those who have died recently: Prima Stead, Monica Giles, Greg Philo, David Williamson
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Danuta Brzozowska,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection and for your Regular Standing Orders.

Lifts for Priests. Thank you to all those parishioners who have joined the list of those who are willing to offer our supply priests a lift back and forth to say Mass at Buntingford when necessary.
Counting and Cleaning. We are now looking for volunteers to help to count the collection after Mass each weekend, and to help to clean the church so it is ready for Mass on Sunday. Please sign one of the lists on the table in the font area at the back of the church.

Sacraments. If you, or your children, would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or if you yourself would like to become a Catholic, please speak to Deacon Paul after Mass today to collect an Application Form.

Catechists. We also need Catechists to help prepare candidates to receive the Sacraments. If that is something you have done before, or if you would like to find out more about what it involves, please speak to Deacon Paul.

St Richard's Feast Day. We will celebrate the feast day of St Richard of Chichester on Sunday 23rd June with a special Mass and a picnic in the church grounds. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. To ensure that we have a good variety food to share, please write what you plan to bring on the list in the notice board in the porch.

Parishioners Details Forms. We are trying to collect the details of our parishioners so that we can keep in contact with you. Please take one light blue form per household from the porch to complete and return next week.

Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass offered for an Intention, please write the details on an envelope along with your offering and hand it in at the Sacristy after Mass. Deacon Paul will be able to arrange a suitable date for you.

Refreshments after Mass. Please join us in Benson Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.15 Mass this morning. If you attend the 11.00 Mass, you are invited to come early so that you can join us before Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

New Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster. Pope Francis has appointed a new Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese. He is Mgr Jim Curry, The Mass of Ordination will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 12 noon. All are welcome, there is no need for tickets – Just turn up.

Day for Life. Today, we will celebrate the Day for Life. This year we focus on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. The Bishops' Conference has a dedicated section of their website on this topic.
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/