The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Twenty Second Sunday of the Year 1st September 2024

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The greatest gift each of us has ever received was the gift of life itself. That gift was given to us most directly by our parents, whose life in turn was given to them by their parents, and so on. But ultimately the author of all life, the giver of every great gift, is God. We come together today in thanksgiving for that precious gift, which led to the gift of eternal life, promised by God's Son to all who follow him. Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, when we pray that together we can work to ensure that the world God made can be enjoyed by future generations for centuries to come. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2023 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st September	**Twenty Second Sunday of the Year**	9.15am Sim Tan
		11:00am People of the Parish
Sunday 8th September		9.15am People of the Parish
		11.00am People of the Parish

All Masses are celebrated in the Church of St Richard of Chichester, Buntingford

Prayer Intentions. At this time of the year we are asked to pray for: 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: Maralyn Haughton,
For those who have died recently: Sim Tan, Angela Hart, Jean House,
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection which came to £107.99, and for your Regular Standing Orders.

Volunteers Needed. Most of our rotas are now running well but we need more volunteers to count the collection after 11.00 Mass each Sunday. The more volunteers we have the less often each volunteer needs to do the count. If you are interested, please sign the list in the porch or speak to Deacon Paul.

March for Life. Please pray for the success of the annual March for Life which takes place in London on Saturday 7th September. If you would like to find out more or be involved, please check their website at March for Life UK

Sponsored Hike and Bike Saturday 14th September. There are two ways to be involved. If you would like to be sponsored to hike or bike around local churches, please take a pack from the porch. If you would like to be on the rota to welcome hikers and bikers to the church, please sign the list on the porch noticeboard.

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.

Parishioners Details Forms. We are collecting 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 hand it in to Deacon Paul 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. There will be refreshments after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday morning as usual. 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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "To hope and act with Creation". Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action but one embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity. This season, we are also uniting our Christian voices through a joint advocacy initiative to support the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty which calls for a halt to new fossil fuel projects.