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The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th November 2024

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Today and next Sunday we celebrate the final Sunday's of the liturgical year. The readings at this time of year traditionally focus on the last days: the time when this world will come to an end. Consequently, we hear of tribulations and horrors, of "a time unsurpassed in distress." We may scoff at such "The world is ending!" paranoia, but in the back of our minds we know that one day, one way or another, the earth will be no more. May our trust in a loving and merciful God console us. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, instituted by Pope Francis in 2016. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2023 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 17th November	**The Thirty Third Sunday**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 19th November		7.30pm
Friday 22nd November		12.00 noon Funeral Mass
		8.00pm Holy Souls
Sunday 24th November	**Christ the King**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 17th November	**The Thirty Third Sunday**	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 24th November	**Christ the King**	11.00am People of the Parish

Please note that there will be no weekday Mass in Puckeridge this week. Normal Service will resume next week.

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: Colin Horgan

For those who have died recently: Marilyn Haughton,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £68.16 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford **£115.20**, **and for your regular standing orders.**

Funeral this week. The Funeral Mass for the late Marilyn Haughton will be celebrated in St Richard's Church, Buntingford on Friday 22nd November at 12.00 noon.

Second Collection – Sick and Retired Priests' Fund Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday morning as usual. We look forward to seeing you there. You are especially welcome if you are visiting this parish this weekend.

Puckeridge. The 11.00 Mass is now being celebrated at Puckeridge each week. If you are attending Mass at Puckeridge regularly, please sign up today for one of the ways in which you can help. The School Car Park will be available for Parishioners to use between 10.30 and 1.00pm each Sunday. **The gates will close automatically at 1.00pm.**

The Holy Souls. Please take the purple sheet and envelope from the porch and return them as soon as possible with the details of those who have died so that we can offer prayers for them this month.
On Friday 22nd November there will a Mass at 8.00pm in St Richard's Church for the Holy Souls. We will remember by name the people from the two Parishes who have died in the past year.

Assisted Dying. Please contact Chris Hinchcliff, MP, to urge him to vote against the bill to legalise assisted dying which will be voted on in Parliament on Friday 29th November.
There are postcards available at the entrance to the Church for you to take away and send to our MP. All you have to do is write his name on the righthand side, your name and address on the left, and put a stamp on it!

P.T.O

Lights of Life. Churches Together will have a stall at the annual Christmas lights event on Friday 29 November. We need volunteers from our parish to take turns running the stall. Please sign up on the list in the porch.

Mince Pies and Sweets. At the stall we intend to give out mince pies and have a lucky dip bucket. We would ask each family to bring a box of mince pies and a bag of sweets to Mass next weekend to supply the stall.

Advent. To mark the start of Advent, please join us at the morning of reflection, followed by a shared lunch, in Benson Hall from 10.00 – 12 noon on Saturday 30th November. Sign up in the porch if you would like to join us.

Christmas Tree Festival. We plan to enter the Christmas Tree Festival at Aspenden Church on the weekend of 14th/15th December. Please speak to Deacon Paul if you would like to help to decorate our tree.

Holy Hour. Each Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm St Richard's in Buntingford will be open for a time of quiet prayer and adoration. Please feel free to join us for the whole hour or to pop in for just a few minutes.

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. Deacon Paul will arrange a suitable date for you.

Parishioners Details Forms. If you have not done so already, please take one light green form per household from the porch to complete and hand it in to Deacon Paul next week.

World Gifts Christmas Catalogue By buying World Gifts, you can make a world of difference to families fleeing conflict, farmers battling the climate crisis and a community protecting the Amazon. World Gifts is a present that keeps giving. Three easy ways to buy your World Gift: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or scan the QR Code in the Catalogue; 0808 14 000 14 Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 5.30pm; freepost order form attached to the catalogue. The World Gifts Christmas Catalogue is available at the entrance to the Church. Thank you!

