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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 3rd August 2025

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"You can't take it with you." It's a reminder that the wealth we accumulate in this world does not transfer to the next. In our secular society, this saying often implies that you should spend your wealth now while you can enjoy it, but our faith demands that we look at wealth differently. Building up material wealth is irrelevant to our vocation as disciples and can distract us from what is truly important. Let us lift our hearts and raise our voices to God, who is the source of our true wealth.

"Vanity of vanities," we hear right off the bat today, a condemnation of our inclination to labour and obsess over the many material goods we have or hope to accumulate. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to listen to a parable that addresses this pointless avarice. We get to hear the surprise awaiting the rich man whose harvest was so huge his barns couldn't hold it. In between, we hear Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians: "seek what is above." It's too late for the rich man in Jesus' parable, but it's always timely advice for us.

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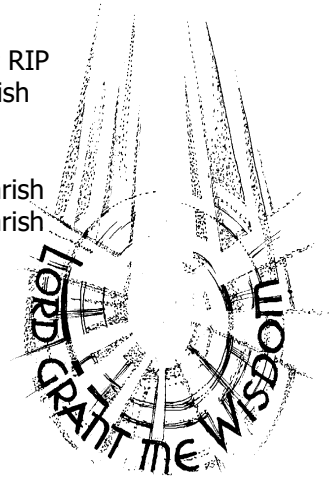
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 3rd August	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am Michael O'Connor RIP
Sunday 10th August	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 3rd August	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 10th August	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish



The Weekday Masses have been cancelled during August.

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time: We are asked to pray for:
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Europe;
Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Seafarers.

For those who are ill: **For those who have died recently:** Ann Parker,
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Michael O'Connor

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £46.50 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £150.62; and for your Regular standing orders.

Wedding. Thursday 7th August at 1.30pm – Conor Yexley and Sarah McCallig

Come and See. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic, please speak to Deacon Paul and sign up for this course which starts in September.

Baptism. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul after Mass if you would like your child to be Baptised so that we can fill out an Application Form.

Holy Hour. Each Friday the church at St Richard's in Buntingford will be open from 5.00 to 6.00pm. Please pop in to light a candle and say a prayer. The hour will usually end with Benediction.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments in Benson Hall after the 9.15am Mass as usual. 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.

