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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st August 2025

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This weekend we recognize and honour all those who work. There is a dignity in work no matter how humble the task or job may seem or whether it is paid or not, and all who work or who are looking for work are celebrated on Labour Day. As we gather today around the table of the Lord, we hear Jesus teach guests also gathered around a banquet table of the importance of humility. May we approach both our work and the Eucharistic table with humility, recognizing God's grace in making us worthy of both.
The virtue of humility is extolled throughout today's readings. Sirach teaches, "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favour with God". The psalmist writes that God makes a home for the poor, orphans, widows, prisoners, and the forsaken. Though not directly mentioning humility, the author of Hebrews alludes to the signs of the old and new covenants, which leave us humbled. Finally, Jesus teaches the Pharisees that God exalts those who humble themselves. May God's word inspire us to embrace humility.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 31st August	**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 2nd September		7.30pm
Sunday 7th September	**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 31st August	**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 4th September		12.30pm
Sunday 7th September	**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish

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:
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £55.65 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £137.93; and for your Regular standing orders

Confessions. Fr John will be available for confessions after the evening Mass at St Richard's Buntingford each Tuesday.

Welcome. Please welcome Steven and Kelly, whose daughter Grace will be baptised next Sunday.

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. The Holy Hour starts again in September. 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.

The Sacraments. If your child is in Year 3 or above in September, and you would like them to receive First Communion, please collect an Application Form after Mass today.
If your child is in Year 10 or above in September, and they would like to be Confirmed, please collect an Application Form after Mass today.

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.

Quiz Night. St Peter's Church are holding their Annual Quiz Night at Benson Hall from 7.00pm on Saturday 20th September. Tickets are available on their Facebook page.

CAFOD: RESPONSE IN GAZA

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.

