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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th October 2025

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We are a needy people. We each stand before God as someone in need. No matter how well off we are, how healthy we are, or how satisfied we are with our lives, we are all in need of God's saving mercy. If we look at ourselves honestly, we see that we are far from perfect, that we in fact are sinful and always in need of forgiveness. May we, like the tax collector in today's Gospel, be aware of our neediness so that no matter our situation in life we too may humbly pray, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2025 World Library Publications*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 26th October	**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time**	9.15am Neville Gresty RIP
Tuesday 28th October		7.30pm
Sunday 2nd November	**All Saints**	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 26th October	**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	11.00am People of the Parish
Thursday 30th October		12.30pm
Sunday 2nd November	**All Saints**	11.00am People of the Parish



Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time - Autumn: 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: Alan Tan, **For those who have died recently:** Chris Peirce, Anna Gizzi,
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £61.84 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £85.65; 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.

Catechists. At St Thomas's last Sunday Bishop Paul blessed our two catechists, Marianna Healey and Natalie Spinnazola, and commissioned them to lead this year's First Holy Communion programme for the five children who have signed up and their families.

The Marian Garden. To honour Mary our Mother in her special month of October we will be blessing the Marian Garden behind the church after Mass today and saying the Angelus prayer together. Please do stay on and join us to ask for Our Lady's intercession for our parish.

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.

Baptism. Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Paul after Mass if you would like your child to be baptised.

Remembrance. After the Service at the Buntingford War Memorial on Sunday 9th November there will be a short ecumenical Remembrance Service at 11.30am at St Richard's to which we will welcome members of the other Christian communities in Buntingford. Please join us for the Service and, afterwards, for refreshments in Benson Hall.

Christmas Tree Festival. Last year we submitted a Jesse Tree to the festival at Aspenden church. This year we are inviting some of you to work together to create St Richard's entry for this year's festival on the weekend of 13/14th December. Please speak to Deacon Paul if you would like to take a lead on this.

Men's Breakfast. We plan to run a men's breakfast on a Saturday morning this autumn, date to be confirmed. If you are interested in meeting other men from the parish and finding out more about our faith, please sign the list at the back of the Church. We will contact those who sign up to work out a suitable date.

Celebration of Christmas. There will be a Christmas Carol Concert at St Richard's at 7.00pm on Friday 12th December with readings and reflections. After the concert there will be mince pies and mulled wine in Benson Hall. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will be available from Buntingford Live. All money raised will go to support the work of Home Start.

November Holy Souls. November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Purple Sheets for the November Dead List and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church. Please return them both to the Sacristy or Church and the lists of names will be placed in the Book of the Dead, which will be on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November. Mass will be celebrated for the Holy Souls each week and the Annual Mass for all those from the Parishes who have died in the last year will be celebrated at 8.00pm on Friday 14th November in St Richard's Church in Buntingford.

Refreshments after Mass. There will be refreshments in Benson Hall after the 9.15am Mass at St Richard's today. 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.

Seeds of Hope Evangelisation Day– Saturday 1st November in Potters Bar. Many people have an ache in their heart for those around them who no longer believe or no longer come to Church, at the same time we are hearing of the quiet revival that is stirring the faith of young adults. At our Seeds of Hope Day, we will explore how to help people become friends with Jesus. It will be interactive with times of prayer, conversation, workshops and resources to take away. All parishioners are welcome. To find out more and book please visit: https://forms.monday.com/forms/ef6f2ffb75d89388496a0eabea7f1abc?r=euc1&text0=

Icons of Hope. There will be a short series of talks taking place on Monday evenings, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, at Vaughan House entitled 'Icons of Hope, which will invite us to reflect on where we can find blessed hope in our lives. The dates and speakers are as follows:
3rd November, 'Sacred Art', Sr Carolyn Morrison, Outreach Chaplain, London Universities
10th November, 'Saints, Blesseds and Pilgrimage', Elizabeth Uwalaka, Diocese of Westminster Pilgrimage Coordinator
24th November, Caroline Hull, National Director of Aid to the Church in Need
Please register attendance beforehand with Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

The Bible Timeline Course. Grasp the Big Picture of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, with this Free, world-renowned course presented live online by Mauro Iannicelli. Continues on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm (8 Wednesday evenings). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org

Exhibition: 'Defiant Love in Times of War': Holiness under the Third Reich. To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War an art exhibition will be on display at Farm Street Church throughout the month of October, sharing powerful stories of unknown heroes, daring to choose love amid the hatred of the Third Reich.

Stop Assisted Suicide - Further Action Needed. Sending a physical letter carries particular weight with Members of the House of Lords. Right To Life UK has created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers, each focused on a specific area of concern. You can then print them, or copy them out by hand, sign, and post them. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

Catholic Teaching Internships. Kickstart your career in a Catholic school with hands-on experience, mentorship, and growth opportunities. Make a difference in students' lives while developing your skill and faith. Open to Catholic undergraduates in the second-year of university. To sign up http://forms.office.com/e/8JHjSKziyV. And for more information please see the Noticeboards.

