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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th February 2026

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On this final Sunday before Lent, our readings remind us of the commandments. God's infinite wisdom has given us laws that enable us to live a good, righteous life. Since we enter Lent later this week, today is a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are keeping the commandments, especially the supreme commandment to love God and neighbour. Let us reflect on this as we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.
Keeping the commandments will save us, Sirach says in the first reading, for God's wisdom is infinite and all-powerful. In the Gospel, Jesus expands on four commandments in particular, laying out their implications and explaining the spirit of each. For those who take the commandments to heart, the kingdom of heaven awaits. Let us examine our consciences, conscious that we have the power to choose between good and evil, between life and death.

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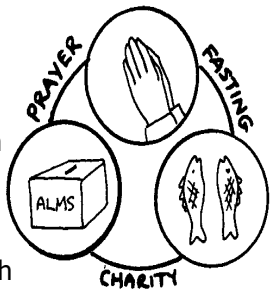
MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

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Please note: Fr John will be on holiday during February, so there will be no Weekday Mass in Buntingford or Puckeridge until Thursday, 5th March for Puckeridge and Tuesday, 10th March for Buntingford.

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time: Winter: We are asked to pray: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

For those who are ill: Alan Tan, **For those who have died recently:** Simon Phillips, Luca Cifaldi,
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: John Wallace,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £108.30 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £126.20; and for your January standing orders £232.00 at Puckeridge and at Buntingford £655.00; Online Donations £210.00.

Puckeridge Church Centenary. Centenary Working Group. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help prepare for the celebration of the centenary of St Thomas's Puckeridge in July. We will meet in the church after Mass on Sunday 15th February to start planning. More helpers would be very welcome.

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

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.

Lister Hospital. John O'Neil is the Roman Catholic Chaplain at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage. He can be contacted on the following numbers: Mobile: 07876 526935 or Telephone: 01438 285518.

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Ash Wednesday. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at St Richard's at 11.00am on Wednesday 18th February. As Fr John is away, it will be a Service of Word and Communion led by Deacon Paul.

Stations of the Cross. During Lent our celebration of the Stations of the Cross will take the place of the Holy Hour each Friday from 5.00pm for about 40 minutes. Please join us as part of your efforts to mark the season of Lent.

A Day with Mary. A day of instruction, devotion, and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917 will take place from 10.00am to 5.30pm at Our Lady and St Michael Garston on Saturday 21 March. There are more details on the poster on the noticeboards.

'Come & See' Vocations Mornings 2026. For those who are interested in the permanent Diaconate or priesthood, there are information mornings on the following days: Sat 28 February, 10am-1.30pm - St Anselm's, Southhall - St Anselm's Rectory, The Green, Southall UB2 4BE Sat 14 March, 12 noon-3.30pm - St Bonaventure's Church Hall - 81 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JF (A short walk from Welwyn Garden City Station.) Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register your attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor Vocations Promoter rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Tito Pereira – Assistant Director Permanent Diaconate 07977 599110 or titopereira@rcdow.org.uk.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2.30pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

Westminster Diocese Justice & Peace Lecture 2026. The second annual Justice and Peace Lecture which will be given by Charles Wookey, formerly CEO of Blueprint for Business, and for the last three decades advisor on social and ethical issues to archbishops of Westminster and at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He will speak on the topic ' Living out Catholic Social Teaching in Today's Britain'. A response will be given by the young scholar Dr Charles Bury of the University of Manchester. The lecture will take place at Farm Street Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on March 25 2026 at 7pm. Access to the church is from Farm Street or Mount Street. After the lecture in the church all are invited to a buffet reception in the Arrupe Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to attend please reply to justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk by March 1 2026.

The Welcoming of Archbishop Richard. Archbishop Richard, is inviting us all to attend one of six Masses of Welcome that are being arranged across the diocese in the first few weeks of his ministry as Archbishop of Westminster. The Mass for our Deanery will be on Wednesday 11th March at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Woodhall Lane. Welwyn Garden City AL7 3TP at 6.30pm.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk: Fr Tony will be doing the Lent Walk for CAFOD this year and would be glad if you could sponsor him. Donations can be made through his fundraising page at https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fr-tonys-fundraising-page2026

