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The Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year 30th August 2026

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In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us as his disciples to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him. None of these actions is easy. To put God's will before our own, to willingly accept what will make us suffer, and to follow someone who was put to death on the cross, is very difficult. But we will not be alone, for Jesus is with us as we follow him. Also, as he tells us in the Beatitudes, our reward will be great in heaven. Let us realize his real presence as we celebrate and receive the Eucharist. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2026 World Library Publications*

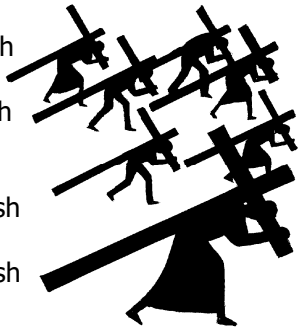
MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 30th August	Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish
Tuesday 1st September		7.00pm
Sunday 6th September	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 30th August	Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish
Friday 4th September		12.30pm
Sunday 6th September	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish



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

For those who are ill: Alan Tan **For those who have died recently:** Bob Jackson, Adam Potter, Nancy Jones, Pauline Ginn,

For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to £67.50 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £99.32; and for your Regular Standing Orders.

The Photos of the Centenary Mass taken by the Diocese' Photographer can be viewed at:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicwestminster/albums/72177720334550711

Funeral. The Funeral Service for the late Pauline Ginn will be celebrated on Thursday 3rd September, at 1.00pm followed by burial at St Mary's Church Yard, Braughing.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound. Please contact the parish office if you know someone who is sick or housebound and would appreciate a visit from the parish. We have volunteers who have been approved for such visits and could take communion to them.

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.

Assisted Suicide. Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11 September, the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference encourages Catholics to urgently write to their MPs to ask them to oppose the bill. Please contact our MP at chris.hinchliff.mp@parliament.uk. On the day of the vote, please join the pro-life groups who will be protesting outside parliament from 9.00am that morning. Placards will be provided. More details on the poster in the porch.

Holy Hour. After being suspended for the summer, the Holy Hour returns at 10.00am on Wednesday 9th September in a new format. It will take place every Wednesday and be followed by coffee in Benson Hall. The Holy Hour will include morning prayer, a time of silence, and Benediction. Feel free to pop in for a few minutes or stay for the whole hour.

Sponsored Bike and Hike. Thank you to those who have decided to undertake the Bike and Hike challenge on Saturday 12th September. Please sign up on the rota at the back of the church to be present in the church during the bike and hike so that we can keep the church open for any visitors.

Congratulations. We congratulate Cristina Centracchio and Peter Apostoli, who celebrated their Wedding in St Richard's yesterday, Saturday 29th August. We wish them a long and happy life together.

The Upper Room Leadership Programme equips Catholics to lead and inspire the next generation through faith, formation, practical training and ministry experience. The programme ends with a youth ministry qualification and pilgrimage to Lourdes with expectation for you to serve and lead in your parish! To learn more please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/

Resonate is the Diocesan monthly Young Adults Mass and Talk in the historic Westminster Cathedral Crypt, followed by a live panel Q+A! The panel will bring together three different vocations in the Church: priesthood, religious life, and marriage . It takes place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th September 2026.

Luminescence. Please visit this magnificent light show at Westminster Cathedral with a live choir and orchestra and narration by Hugh Bonneville. It os an opportunity to learn about the history of the Cathedral and admire its architecture in a new way. Details on the poster in the porch.

