The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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The Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year 6th September 2026

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Today, we hear Jesus tell his disciples that whenever two or three gather in his name, he is there in their midst. He is with us now as we gather to hear God's word, receive the Eucharist, and open our minds and hearts to God. May we recognise the Lord's presence in each passage we hear, absorb the lessons in each reading, then put them into practise as best we can. As Christians, we are called to be reconciled with Christ and with each other. There is no room in the faithful heart for grudges. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2026 World Library Publications*

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Buntingford

Sunday 6th September	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year	9.15am Adam Potter
Tuesday 8th September		7.00pm
Sunday 13th September	Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 6th September	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year	11.00am Adam Potter
Thursday 10th September		12.30pm
Sunday 13th September	Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish

Prayer Intentions. During Ordinary Time: Autumn: We are asked to pray: 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:** 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 £113.00 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £106.72; 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

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 at St Richard's 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.
The Holy Half Hour will return at St Thomas' before the weekday Mass each week. It will run from 11.50 to 12.20.

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.

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 is 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.

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October. The Season of Creation was established by Pope Francis. The aim of the season is to encourage us to pray for our common home. This season's theme is 'Living Water'. Reflecting on the forthcoming season, Pope Leo XIV centred on these words from Isaiah "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4). The Holy Father's message highlights the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation. We are called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together. As we enter the Season of Creation, let us pray that all peoples have enough water for their needs and let us thank God for our access to clean water.

