The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

2nd August 2026

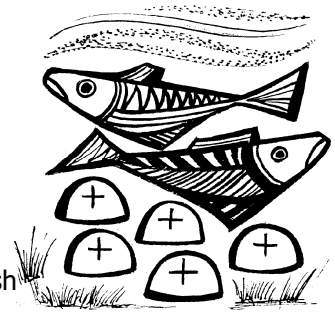
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Jesus take us outside again today, to a deserted place where thousands of people followed him. Despite having only five loaves and two fish, Jesus is able to feed the entire crowd. We gather here every Sunday, a crowd perhaps only in the dozens or hundreds, but where we can all be fed, now with Jesus; own body, offered and multiplied to satisfy us all. We can imagine that we are here with Jesus as he speaks to us and feeds us as he did on that wonderful day, for indeed this is what he does.

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Please note: Fr John will be on holiday during August, so there will be no Weekday Mass in Buntingford or Puckeridge.



MASS AND SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Buntingford

Sunday 2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish
Sunday 9th August	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 2nd August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	11.00am Anna Miles RIP
Sunday 9th August	Nineteenth 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: **For those who have died recently:** Angela Girandola, Tony Watts, Bob Jackson,
For those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Sim Tan,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to £40.60 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £60.45; 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

Volunteers. Please consider offering your time to support the work of our parish in one of the following roles: reader, musician, server, driver, counter, catechist, sacristan, cleaner, fire marshall, serving tea and coffee and the maintenance of our building and grounds. Sign up on the sheets at the back of the church.

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.

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

Holy Hour. The Holy Hour that usually takes place on Friday between 5.00 and 6.00pm is suspended until September. It will start again but may be at a different time during the week.

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

March for Life. Join us Saturday 5 September for our annual march through the streets of London. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event which calls for the recognition of the value of human life from conception to natural death. More details at marchforlife.co.uk

Sponsored Bike and Hike. Have fun cycling or walking round our local churches and raise money for their maintenance and restoration. Sponsorship packs are available at the back of church and more details can be found bedshertshct.org.uk.