The Catholic Parishes of Buntingford and Old Hall Green & Puckeridge

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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year 9th August 2026

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How often do we cry out to God, wondering if we will be heard? How often do we look in vain for our Lord in the world? Well, we're not the only ones. In today's first reading, Elijah expected to sense the divine presence in strong winds, earthquakes, or fire, but God was not in any of them. In the Gospel, the disciples fail to recognize Jesus during a violent storm as he walks toward them across the churning waters. Let us take a moment and realize that God is with us right here and now as we worship together. God is with us whenever we celebrate the Mass. God is with us when we receive Christ in the Eucharist. We may not always be aware of it, but God is always near.

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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 9th August	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	9.15am People of the Parish
Sunday 16th August	The Assumption	9.15am People of the Parish

Puckeridge

Sunday 9th August	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	11.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 16th August	The Assumption	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 £80.15 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £; and for your July Standing Orders £232.00 at Puckeridge; and at Buntingford; £635.00; Online Donations £235.00.

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.

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.