

# The Roman Catholic Parishes of Old Hall Green, Puckeridge & Buntingford

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

17 March 2024

## Mass Times for the Week commencing 16– 24 March 2024

All Masses will take place in the parish church of St Richard of Chichester, Buntingford.

### Saturday 16 March 2024

Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent  
6.00pm: Bridget Arthur & Walter Jeffery, Anniversary

### Sunday 17 March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
9.15am: Marian Brzozowski 6th Anniversary  
11.00am: The People of the Parish  
12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

### HOLY WEEK

#### Saturday 23 March 2024

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday  
6.00pm: The People of the Parish

#### Sunday 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
9.15am: The People of the Parish  
11.00am: The People of the Parish  
12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep



## ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25 May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal 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 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office with the following details **before 12 April**— husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—We will be praying the Stations of The Cross for Lent at St Richard's one last time on Friday 22nd March at 7.00pm followed by a time of quiet prayer and adoration. Please do come along.

**GOOD FRIDAY**—Come and join us in a public witness to our faith as we pray the Stations of the Cross with our Anglican brothers and sisters outside St Peter's Church at 11.00am on Friday 29th March.

**MASS INTENTIONS**—If you have previously booked a mass intention, or would like a mass offered for an intention, please write the details on an envelope along with your offering and hand it in at the sacristy after mass.

**VOLUNTEERS**—There are many practical ways that we can work together to support our parish community: we need support with laundry, gardening, music, reading, and serving refreshments at Sunday morning mass. Please speak to Deacon Paul, or email the parish office, if you would like to help.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**—Please join us in Benson Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.15am mass on Sunday. If you attend the 11.00 mass, you are invited to come early so that you can join us before mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

**CAFOD 200K WALK FOR LENT**—Fr Tony Convery 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-page>.

**DECORATE THE CHURCH**—We invite you to join a team preparing the church for the morning mass on Easter Sunday. Please come along to the church at 10.00m on Saturday 30th March to help with flowers and greenery, and make other practical preparations.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19TH- 26TH JULY 2024**—Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

**A MONTHLY MASS IN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE AND SPOKEN ENGLISH**—organised by Caritas Deaf Service. 7 April 2024, 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Ave, London SW1P 1QW, Mass starts at 4:30p.m. and there will be the opportunity for confession before Mass starts.

**ENCOUNTER**—meet next Friday 22nd March in the Windhill Churches Centre, Bishop's Stortford. "Our journey towards Holy Week"; as we follow the Stations of the Cross. 10.00 Coffee 10.30-12.15 Meeting 12.30 Lenten Lunch of soup, bread & cheese. All welcome for all or part of the morning/afternoon. Enquiries: BS 652060; 656482.

**CONFESSIONS**—Fr Tony has kindly agreed to offer confession between the masses on Sunday 17th March.

"We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion."

### A Prayer Offering to the Holy Child.

O Dear, sweet Infant Jesus. I offer You: my will, that You strengthen it; my mind, that You inspire it; my memory, that You fill it; my wishes and desires, that You cleanse them. I sacrifice to You: my intentions, that You guide them; my trouble and my labour, that You bless them; all my inner and outer activities, that You make them sacred. All I am and all I have is Yours. Your love for me is my hope and my trust. Hear me and grant that I may never leave You. Amen