

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

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

24 March 2024

Mass Times for the Week commencing 23 March 2024

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

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: Marie Walsh RIP
11.00am: The People of the Parish
12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

CHRISM MASS

Westminster Cathedral
Tuesday 26 March 12 Noon

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 26 March 7.30pm
St Joseph and the English Martyrs

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday 27 March 7pm
Holy Cross Much Hadham

EASTER TRIDUUM



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HOLY THURSDAY

St Richard's 7pm
Watching with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

GOOD FRIDAY

11am St Peter's Ecumenical Open air Stations

3pm St Richard's

Liturgy of the Passion

EASTER SATURDAY

NO 6pm Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

St Richard's
9.15am Mass and 11am Mass



PALM SUNDAY—On Palm Sunday morning we will gather in the parish centre before mass for the traditional readings and hymns and then walk together in procession round to the church. Please join us there rather than in the church.

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.

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.

TOILETS—We are unable to use the toilets in the car park at the moment as the lock has jammed. If this problem has not been fixed by the weekend, you will be able to use the toilets in Benson Hall instead.

FLOWERS— 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.

CARDS—Several of our parishioners are in Layston Grove, one of our local care homes. We will be visiting them on Easter Sunday. Please sign the Easter cards at the back of church so that we can bring them your Easter greetings.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS After 110 years of activity the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) is relaunching itself in 2024 in an effort to increase numbers. The UCM is open to all women who support its aims and objectives of upholding marriage and family life, and helping families who are experiencing difficulties both at home and abroad. It is hoped that if parishes are approached about the possibility of setting up a foundation it will be met by a warm welcome. For further information please contact Cath Lydon, the UCM's Hon National Secretary at: ucmnatsec@yahoo.co.uk

"Holy Week is a good occasion to go to confession and to take up the right path again."

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