

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

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

Mass Times for the Week

commencing 27 April – 5 May 2024

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

Saturday 27 April 2024

Vigil Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter

6.00pm: The People of the Parish

Sunday 28 April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.15am: The People of the Parish

11.00am: Stanley Wadge,

1st Anniversary

12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

Saturday 4 May 2024

Vigil Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter

6.00pm: The People of the Parish

Sunday 5 May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.15am: Frances Rose Intention

11.00am: The People of the Parish

12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep



ST RICHARD'S FEAST DAY

The feast day of St Richard has been moved from 3rd April because it falls during Eastertide and is instead celebrated on 16th June.

As 16th June this year is Father's Day, we would like to mark his feast this year a week later on Sunday 23rd June with a special mass and a picnic in the church grounds.

Save the date - details to follow.

As the Bible teaches us, and as Jesus showed so often, "you are precious" in God's eyes (Is 43:4). Pope Francis



MAY PROCESSION— To mark the start of the month of Mary there will be a procession to the statue of Mary in the grotto outside the Church before masses on Sunday 5 May. Please bring a flower to place before Mary.

A NEW BISHOP—Pope Francis has appointed Mgr James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster. Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "I express my warmest thanks to Pope Francis for the appointment of Mgr James Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop for service in this Diocese. His appointment, I am sure, will be widely welcomed. I welcome it myself, with gratitude to him for his generous response. He brings to this role a long experience of life in the Diocese and the pastoral wisdom of many years of priestly ministry. "Please keep Bishop-elect Curry in your prayers. Appointment as a bishop is a call to service in a new and demanding way. Let us accompany him with our prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination." Bishop-elect Curry joins Bishops John Sherrington, Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Westminster.

CONTACT DETAILS— It would be useful for Deacon Paul to have the contact details of those willing to offer help and support to our parish. There will be an opportunity to share your details after masses over the next weekends. These details will be used for church purposes only and we will follow all GDPR protocols

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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS—Please join us in the Benson Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday or come early if you attend the 11am Mass. Thank you to everyone who kindly gives their time to make this happen each week.

THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD PARISH OFFICE— will be closed from Monday 29 April— Monday 6 May inclusive.

SACRAMENTS— If you or one of your children wish to be baptised, confirmed, or receive holy communion, please speak to Deacon Paul after mass and ask about an application form. You will then be invited to join one of the programmes to prepare you to receive these sacraments of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—Please pray for our eight children who are making their final preparations for their first Holy Communion. They will receive communion for the first time at the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 26 May.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND— Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER— is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information.

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