

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

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024

Mass Times for the Week commencing 4—12 May 2024

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

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

Saturday 11 May 2024

Vigil Mass Seventh Sunday of Easter

6.00pm: The People of the
Parish

Sunday 12 May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.15am: The People of the Parish

11.00am: Frances Rose Intention

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.

THANK YOU

to Fr Stephen Coker
who joins us to celebrate
Mass at St Richard's today



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.

+THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD— Thursday 9 May 2024. As Fr Peter is away next week on his holiday, Fr Marco will be looking after all of the parishes on his own. Mass for this Holy day of Obligation will therefore be celebrated at 9.30am and 7.30pm at St Joseph and the English Martyrs, Bishop's Stortford only.

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.

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.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH SOHO— Friday 17 May at 7pm Fr Patrick van der Vorst a recently ordained priest and former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art, will deliver a Marian Lecture on 'How Beauty Draws us Closer to God'. Fr. Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. Tickets available via www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events

VOCATIONS COME AND SEE— Whether you are interested in exploring the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, you are invited to come along to one of our 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on Saturday 1 June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and register your attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor - Vocations Promoter by email at: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen - Director Permanent Diaconate adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk 07961 594725

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