

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

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The Third Sunday of Lent

3 March 2024

### Mass Times for the Week commencing 2-10 March 2024

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

#### Saturday 2 March 2024

Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Lent

6.00pm: The People of the Parish

#### Sunday 3 March 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent

9.15am: Mieczyslaw (Peter) Gutowski  
10th Anniversary

11.00am: Andy Jones RIP

#### Saturday 9 March 2024

Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

6.00pm: The People of the Parish

#### Sunday 10 March 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.15am: Barbara Hickford  
10th Anniversary

11.00am: The People of the Parish



### OUR TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE CHANGING— BUT THE NUMBER REMAINS THE SAME

On Tuesday 5 March 2024 the Bishop's Stortford Parish BT analogue telephone landline will change over to a digital 'Cloud Voice system' which will work from our internet. We hope that the changeover will be relatively simple, but please be advised that there will be an interruption to our telephone lines and possibly our live stream service as the changeover takes place on this day.

Our number is 01279 654063

Apologies in advance. Thank you



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—We will be praying the Stations of The Cross at St Richard's every Friday at 7.00pm followed by a time of adoration. There are three more sessions: 8th March, 15th March, and 22nd March. Please do come along.

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CHARITY EVENT**— for CAFOD Rushinga water project on Friday 15 March 2024 7pm at St Mary's Catholic School Windhill, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2NQ. Live Music with Barry Owen, Bar & Raffle. Tickets are £20 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarys-catholic-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarys-catholic-school)

**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**— see the link for more info <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**YOUNG ADULTS LENT RETREAT DAY**— with the Assumption Sisters & Fathers on Saturday 16 March 2024 11am – 7pm. Venue: the Assumption Priory, Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PB (closest tube station: Bethnal Green). Programme: including talks, prayer, adoration and confessions, Stations of the Cross, faith sharing, mass and social time. Donations only. Register by email: [tramy@assumptionreligious.org](mailto:tramy@assumptionreligious.org)

**THE CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL**— Please make a donation to support the diocesan services for marriage, family life, and young people, and the work of Caritas to support all those who are in need. You can give online at [rcdow.org.uk/cardinals-appeal/](http://rcdow.org.uk/cardinals-appeal/)

**RIGHT TO LIFE**— Please take one of the cards in the porch to support Right to Life by using the card to write to your MP asking them to support the upcoming amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill reducing the abortion time limit to 22 weeks.



### 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).

**THANK YOU**— to Fr Stephen Coker who joins us to celebrate Mass this Sunday.

*'The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission'*  
Pope Francis

### 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