

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

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The Third Sunday of Easter

14 April 2024

## Mass Times for the Week commencing 13– 21 April 2024

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

### Saturday 13 April 2024

Vigil Mass Third Sunday of Easter

**6.00pm:** Intention of Dan & Kathleen Kelly

### Sunday 14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

9.15am: Eric Pratt RIP, 22nd Anniversary

11.00am: The People of the Parish

12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

### Tuesday 16 April 2024

11am Funeral Service  
Catherine Mary Baker RIP

### Saturday 20 April 2024

Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday of Easter

**6.00pm:** The People of the Parish

### Sunday 21 April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.15am: The People of the Parish

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.

**DIVINE MERCY**—Thank you to all those who joined me to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet last Sunday. It was good to see so many of you there. If you would like to continue to pray the Chaplet, the details can be found on this webpage [www.https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet](https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet)

**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

**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 the Benson Hall instead.

**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.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**—Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**THE SANTA MARTA GROUP**—was established in 2014 by Pope Francis to combat human trafficking and modern slavery. SMG is now delivering 'Awareness and Guidance for Communities' to encourage local action and to prevent human trafficking and modern slavery taking place in our midst. On Thursday 2 May 2024 the Santa Marta Group will hold a meeting at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph 1, King Edward's Road, Ware, SG12 7EJ from 6.45pm – 9.30pm. Kevin Hyland, the UK's first Independent anti-slavery Commissioner & chief advisor will lead the meeting. All are welcome to come to learn more about the prevalence of human trafficking and modern slavery in our communities and the steps we can take to prevent it.

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