

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

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

Mass Times for the Week commencing 20— 28 April 2024

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

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: Keith Bradly, RIP
11.00am: The People of the Parish
12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

Saturday 27 April 2024

Vigil Mass Fifth Sunday of Easter
6.00pm: The People of the Parish

Sunday 28 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter
9.15am: The People of the Parish
11.00am: Stanley Wadge,
1st Anniversary
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.



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— This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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 gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please pray for vocations and for all our priests. Donation envelopes are available or you can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity

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.

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—rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen - Director Permanent Diaconate adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk 07961 594725

ADVANCED NOTICE—The Bishop's Stortford Parish office will be closed from Monday 29 April— Monday 6 May inclusive. If you have any newsletter items (for 5/5), or any specific requests, please contact Debbie ASAP. Thank you

JUBILEE YEAR AT WALSINGHAM—The National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham, has an online feature as part of its website encouraging people to come to the Shrine as part of the Jubilee Year 2025. www.walsingham.org.uk/come-to-walsingham-for-the-jubileeyear-2025/

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