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

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The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

7 April 2024

Mass Times for the Week commencing 6-14 April 2024

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

Saturday 6 April 2024

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

Sunday 7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter 9.15am: The People of the Parish 11.00am: The People of the Parish 12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep

Saturday 13 April 2024

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

Sunday 14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter 9.15am: The People of the Parish 11.00am: The People of the Parish 12.15pm: First Holy Communion Prep



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



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.

THANK YOU— We would like to thank all those involved in the Easter weekend liturgies, especially Father Tony Convery for presiding, Frances for all her work behind the scenes, the two young altar servers who assisted on Good Friday,

those who decorated the church with such beautiful flowers, and those who chose our hymns and led our singing.

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

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.

DIVINE MERCY—To mark Sunday's celebration Feast of the Divine Mercy we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9:15am Mass at about 10:15am. All invited. Do not worry if your are unfamiliar with the chaplet as we will guide you through it. **RETROUVAILLE** — Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE ABC

- **A** Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- **B** Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- **C** Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

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