

St Monica's Catholic Church

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Under the care of the Augustinians (www.theaugustinians.org) in the Archdiocese of Westminster
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Parish Administrator: Michelle Tchimou

Mass Times: Saturday 6.30pm (Vigil) Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am & 6.30pm
Morning Prayer: Mon to Fri 9.10am followed by Mass: Mon to Fri 9.30am; Sat: 11am, Bank Holiday 11am
CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 5.00 – 6pm, and on request
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Thursday 10.00am to 3pm
If you are new to the parish, you may like to register by filling in a Parish Registration Form at the back of the church and return it to the Parish office.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Mass Intentions

w/c 18th March 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	18 th	6.30pm	Peter A - RIP
Sunday, 4 th Sunday of LENT Mother's Day	19 th	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	John Long - RIP People of the Parish Joan Breen- int Francis Xavie Nghiem- RIP
Monday St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20 th	9.30am	Peter Bing - RIP
Tuesday	21 st	9.30am	Peter Simon - RIP
Wednesday	22 nd	9.30am	Maria Yen - RIP
Thursday	23 rd	9.30am	Francis Xavie Nghiem- RIP
Friday	24 th	9.30am 6.30pm (Stations of the Cross) 7.15pm (Holy Mass)	Maria Thao - RIP Maria Nghiem - RIP
Saturday	25 th	11.00am	John the Baptist Uyen - RIP

PARISH NOTICES

Mother's Day - The Parish wishes a happy Mother's day to all our wonderful mothers. God bless you and your families!

Sunday offertory Envelopes – are ready for collection. Please collect yours at the back of the church or in the parish office.

Stations of the Cross during Lent – every Friday at 6.30pm to be followed by Holy Mass. The knights of St Columba will lead the stations of the Cross next week.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer – takes place every first Saturday of the month after the morning Mass.

Legion of Mary – meets every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the back room of the church. New members are welcome.

Sunday collection - The contactless machine (Digital collection plate) is available at the back of the church. You can also donate online through the Parish website – www.stmonicaschurchhoxton.org. Thank you for your kind donations to the parish.

Parish Women's group - meets every first Saturday of the month at 11am in the back room of the church. For more information: 07440031519

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony- Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. If you are celebrating your 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th wedding anniversary, please speak to Fr Gabriel or call the parish office 02077395006.

The Ghanaian Association meets every first Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass in the church. For more information, speak to Mr Sylvester 07904006800.

Prayer Group for young adults+ - every Wednesday, 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the basement of the priory. The Shalom Catholic Community invites you to grow in the faith and meet new people as you build your spiritual life with Jesus. We meet weekly in the basement room of the priory. **Info:** 07432501250.

The parish is looking for an organist- if you are an organist or know one. Please speak to Fr Gabriel or call the parish office on 02077395006

Volunteers needed - Are you interested in reading during Sunday Masses or joining our parish choir? Please speak to Fr Gabriel or email the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you!

Holy Communion to the sick, housebound and hospital – parishioners are encouraged to let Fr Gabriel know of family members or friends who need Holy Communion and prayer at home.

Clare Pilgrimage 2023 – Sunday 14th May. Those wishing to go please register at the back of the church. For more information, call Marilene on 07715431021.

Colombia Prayer group meets every Thursday at 10am in the back room of the church. Meeting and prayers are in Spanish. New members are welcomed.

Rosary prayers - You are welcome to join the parish community in praying the rosary, Monday to Friday after the morning Mass at 10am.

Hot meals are available on Mondays 6pm -7pm in front of the church. To volunteer in our parish food shelter, please email the parish office or call 02077395006.



Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is the official teaching of the Church on the social order, on all dimensions of society including the economic and the political. At the core, the Catholic Social Teaching is the common good that is the good of the community. It is an essential part of the Catholic faith. There are seven Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principles; this week the focus is on the principle of **Dignity of work and the rights of workers**.

“It is clear from the very first pages of the Bible that work is an essential part of human dignity; there we read that “the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it” (Gen 2:15). Man is presented as a laborer who works the earth, harnesses the forces of nature and produces ‘the bread of anxious toil’ (Ps 127:2), in addition to cultivating his own gifts and talents. Labor also makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability and fruitfulness of one’s family: “May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children’s children!” (Ps 128:5-6).” (Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love* [*Amoris Laetitia*], nos. 23-24)

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organisation and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God. It follows that, in the reality of today's global society, it is essential that "we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone," no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning. We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work. (Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* [*Laudato Si'*], nos. 127-28)4)