

St Monica's Catholic Church

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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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Mass Intentions

w/c 20th January 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	21 th	6.30pm	Fr Paul Graham - RIP
Sunday, 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 nd	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Fr Paul Graham – RIP Peter Fagan - Anniv People of the Parish Fr Paul Graham - RIP
Monday	23 rd	9.30am	Ann Mustfa - int
Tuesday	24 th	9.30am	Fr Paul Graham- RIP
Wednesday The conversion of St Paul the Apostle	25 th	9.30am	Catherine Shotlander - int
Thursday	26 th	9.30am	Fr Anna Than - RIP
Friday	27 th	9.30am	Martin McDonagh - RIP
Saturday	28 th	11.00am	John the Baptist Uyen - RIP

PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation course for teens begins on Tuesday, 24th January at 6.30pm in the church. Parents and candidates are required to attend this session.

Altar servers – Registration is still opened and training begins on Saturday 28th January at 12noon in the church. Both old and new members are expected to attend. Parents can register their child/children in the parish office.

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.

Mass of Inscription – for First Holy Communion candidates and their parents is today at

the 11am Mass. Please keep them and their catechists in your prayer.

Infant Baptism - Parents wishing to have their children baptised are invited to register their interest in the parish office. Interviews will take place on Thursday 2nd February at 6.30pm in the Parish office while the course is the following Thursday, 9th February at 6.30pm in the church. Baptism course is required for all godparents and parents with children to be baptised. One parent must have been baptised.

World Day of the Sick – is on Saturday 11th February 2023. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Those wishing to attend, please speak to Fr Gabriel for tickets.

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.

St Monica's Food Shop – The parish is running a food shop every Sunday between 10am-2pm. Seniors and pensioners get priority. More information on the notice board. Please spread the word!

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.

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.

Nigeria Community – will meet this Sunday 22nd January after the 11am Mass in the church.

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

Nancy Dunne RIP - sadly passed on Monday 9th January. Nancy was a committed and long-time member of our parish. Her requiem Mass will be on Friday 10th February at 11am. Please pray for her family, and may the soul of Nancy Dunne rest in peace with the Lord. Amen

Martin McDonagh RIP - a dedicated member and long-time parishioner, sadly died last Sunday 15th January. His was a regular at the Sunday 9am Mass. His requiem Mass is on Tuesday 21st February at 11am. Please keep his wife, Peggy and children in your prayers. May the soul of Martin McDonagh rest in peace with the Lord. Amen



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 we will focus on the **principle of the care for God's creation**.

In the first pages of the Bible, we read how God created the sun and the stars, the water and earth, and every creature. We believe Christ is the redeemer of all creation. In 2015, Pope Francis brought together decades of Church teaching in the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. In this deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the earth and the poorest people. Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God. It is our Christian vocation to care for creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of the Catholic faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

“When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This vision of “might is right” has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since resources end up in the hands of the first comer or the most powerful: the winner takes all. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus.” (Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love* [*Amoris Laetitia*], no. 82). A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor...Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. (Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* [*Laudato Si'*], nos. 49, 91).