

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Mass Intentions

w/c 25th February 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	25 th	6.30pm	Nancy Dunne - RIP
Sunday, 1 st Sunday of LENT	26 th	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Jose Carrion & Family - ints People of the Parish Clem Lockhart - RIP
Monday	27 th	9.30am	Anna Thanh - RIP
Tuesday	28 th	9.30am	Nancy Dunne - RIP
Wednesday St David	1 st March	9.30am	Francis Xavie Nghiem -RIP
Thursday	2 nd	9.30am	Martin McDonagh - RIP
Friday	3 rd	9.30am 6.30pm (Stations of the Cross) 7.15pm (Holy Mass)	Francis Xavie Nghiem -RIP People of the Parish
Saturday	4 th	11.00am	Joseph Dao Manh Hong - RIP

PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross during Lent – every Friday at 6.30pm to be followed by Holy Mass.

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

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 – Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. And for those who cannot give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Knights of St Columba – is a men's group that meets every first Thursday of the month in the church at 7pm. This meeting is for prayer, faith sharing and Social Actions based on the Church's Catholic social teaching. Next meeting, this Thursday 2nd March.

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 next Sunday 5th March after the 11am Mass in the church. For more information, speak to Mr Sylvester 07904006800.

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

St Monica's Food Shop – The parish runs a Food shop every Sunday between 10am-2pm. More information on the notice board. Please spread the word!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer – takes place this Saturday 4th March after the morning Mass.

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.

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

Flame 2023 – Flame is a gathering of Catholic Youth with music and prayers. Our Confirmation candidates and their catechists will attend this Saturday, 4th March 2023 at the OVO Arena, Wembley.



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 **the Option of the Poor and Vulnerable**.

Catholic teaching proclaims that a basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt. 25) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

“What is needed is a model of social, political and economic participation ‘that can include popular movements’ . . . Such movements are ‘social poets’ that, in their own way, work, propose, promote and liberate. They help make possible an integral human development that goes beyond ‘the idea of social policies being a policy for the poor, but never with the poor and never of the poor, much less part of a project that reunites peoples’.” (Pope Francis, *Brothers and Sisters to Us* [*Fratelli Tutti*], no. 169)

God's word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us: "As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). The way we treat others has a transcendent dimension: "The measure you give will be the measure you get" (Mt 7:2). It corresponds to the mercy, which God has shown us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you . . . For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6:36-38). What these passages make clear is the absolute priority of "going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters" as one of the two great commandments, which ground every moral norm, and as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift. (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* [*Evangelii Gaudium*], no. 179)