

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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Mass Intentions

w/c 4th February 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	4 th	6.30pm	Peter A- RIP
Sunday, 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 th	9.00am	John Nguyen -RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
		6.30pm	Fr Paul Graham - RIP
Monday	6 th	9.30am	Peter A - RIP
Tuesday	7 th	9.30am	Bridie & Maggie - RIP
Wednesday	8 th	9.30am	Sr Assumpta - ints
Thursday	9 th	9.30am	Maria A - RIP
			Gabriela Oropeza - Healing
Friday	10 th	9.30am	Fr Paul Graham - RIP
		11.00am	Nancy Dunne - Requiem Mass
Saturday	11 th	11.00am	Sylvester Ndubuisi - RIP
			Clement Nji - Anniv

PARISH NOTICES

Baptism Course - Parents with children to be baptised are invited (those interviewed) to attend the course this Thursday, 9th February at 6.30pm in the church.

World Day of the Sick – is this 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of LENT is 22nd February. There will be 2 Masses, 9.30am and 7.00pm. Ashes will be distributed during Mass.

Children's Liturgy – The children's Liturgy will resume soon, volunteers are needed. Please speak to Fr Gabriel if you would like to teach our young children. The children's Liturgy is every first Sunday of the month and is for children age 3 to 7.

The Nigerian Community Thanksgiving Mass – Sunday 19th February at the 11am Mass. Reception to follow in the school Hall after Mass.

The Ghanaian Association - meets this Sunday 6th February 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.

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!

Parish Women's group - meets every last Friday of the month in the Priory's basement. For more information: 07440031519.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer – takes place every first Saturday of the month at 11.30am.

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.

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

Happy birthday to those celebrating in February. May God bless you with good health, peace and love. Amen

Nancy Dunne RIP - Requiem Mass is this Friday, 10th February at 11am. Please pray for her family, and may the soul of Nancy Dunne 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 Life and the Dignity of the human person.**

Catholic social teaching is based on and inseparable from our understanding of human life and human dignity. Every human being is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ and therefore is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of the human family. Every person, from the moment of conception to natural death, has inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with that dignity. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Respect for the dignity of the human person is the bedrock of all Catholic social ethics. We believe that each person is created in the image and likeness of God and is endowed with freedom and responsibility. Hence each and every person is willed into existence by God and is of inestimable worth. Each person reveals something of God's self; there are no spare or disposable people. Furthermore, nothing a person might do or that might be done to them can deprive them of their human dignity.