

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.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Mass Intentions

w/c 18th February 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	18 th	6.30pm	John Nguyen- RIP
Sunday, 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 th	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Anna Sui -RIP Nancy Dunne - RIP People of the Parish Anna Sui- RIP
Monday	20 th	9.30am	Fr Paul Graham – RIP
Tuesday Season of Lent	21 st	9.30am 11.00am	Thomas Monaghan - Anniv Martin McDonagh - Requien Mass
Wednesday Ash Wednesday	22 nd	9.30am	Martin McDonagh -RIP
Thursday	23 rd	9.30am	Family - ints
Friday	24 th	9.30am	Violet Rose, Serpil Yousef Kurt - ints
Saturday	25 th	11.00am	Holy Souls

PARISH NOTICES

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

Stations of the Cross during Lent – every Friday at 6.30pm to be followed by Holy Mass. Starting this Friday 24th February 2023.

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. Please take a donation envelope at the back of the church. You can also use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Women's group - meets this Friday 24th February in the Priory's basement. For more information: 07440031519.

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.

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.

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!

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

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

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.

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Clare Pilgrimage 2023 – Sunday 14th May. Those wishing to go please register at the back of the church.

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

Martin McDonagh RIP - 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 Common good**.

The common good means that the fruits of the earth belong to everyone. No one should be excluded from the gifts of creation. Pope Paul VI spoke about this 50 years ago in his encyclical *Populorum Progressio*. The common good is about the social conditions necessary to bring the world closer to perfection or to bring God's kingdom closer on earth.

The common good is related to "social justice". In the original discussions of the idea of social justice in the nineteenth century, it was sometimes described as "common good justice". Social justice in the Catholic sense is not directly about the distribution of income or wealth but about actions that bring the common good closer to realisation.

In a global culture driven by excessive individualism, our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organise our society in economics and politics, in law and policy directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Our Church teaches that the role of the government and other institutions is to protect human life and human dignity and promote the common good.

Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instil a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds. (Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* [Laudato Si'], nos. 179, 219)