

# St Monica's Catholic Church

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Parish Priest: Fr Gabriel Hassan OSA; Prior: Fr Anthony Zabbey OSA; Bursar: Fr Jacob Choi OSA

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.*

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Sunday readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

### Mass Intentions

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Maria Hien - RIP
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 11:00am 6.30pm	Maria Nghiem - RIP People of the Parish Alan Male - Healing
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Bienvenido F. Macanas - RIP
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	09:30am	Elizabeth Palce - Anniv(RIP) Nelita Palce - RIP
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	09:30am	Oliver O'Kane - RIP
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	09:30am	Mr Suarez - RIP
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30am	All Souls
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am 6:30pm	Francesca Bergonzi - Anniv Francis Xavie Xuan - RIP
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 11:00am 6:30pm	Maria Nghiem - RIP People of Parish Fr Paul Graham - RIP

### PARISH NOTICES

**Cake sale for the church new flooring** – The Parish Women's group will be selling a variety of delicious homemade cakes, hot and cold drinks this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> May) after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses. All proceeds will go towards the church new flooring.

**Bank Holiday (8<sup>th</sup> May)** – Morning Mass is at 11:00am. Church doors opening by 10:00am.

**Infant Baptism Course** – is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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.

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

**SACRAMENT** – First Holy Communion children will have their practice on 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May in the church, 9.45am – 10.45am. Keep the children, their families and Catechists in your prayers. First Holy Communion Day is Sunday 21 May 2023 at 2pm.

**May Devotion** – You are encouraged to pray the rosary daily during this holy month of May as a family and individually.

**St Monica Catholic Primary School Hoxton** – is pleased to inform parents and carers that there are some vacancies in 2-3 years old class, Pre-school, Nursery and Reception Classes. For more information enquire at the school's reception. Tel: 02077395842

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** -The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 23rd September. Further information will be available in due course.

**Legion of Mary** – meets every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass in the back room of the church. New members are welcome.

**Parish Women's group** – meets this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May after 11am Mass in the back room of the church. For more information: 07440031519

**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 10:00am in the back room of the church. Meeting and prayers are in Spanish. New members are welcomed.

**Rosary prayers** - You are welcome to join in praying the rosary Monday to Friday after the morning Mass at 10:30am at our Lady's shrine.

**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.

**Church cleaning group** – If you are interested in joining this group, please call 07440031519 or 07311823323



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return. Thank you for your generosity- *Parish Chair of Finance*

**Pope's May prayer intention** - For ecclesial movements and groups “Let us pray that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their mission, an evangelizing mission, and that they place their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.” ~ Pope Francis

**Congratulations** to James and Eleanor on their wedding (5<sup>th</sup> May) in our church. God bless you and your families.

**We pray for all those who have died recently:** Fr Paul Graham, Oliver O' Kane, Nelita Palce and **for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Francesca Bergonzi, Elizabeth Palce, Maria Nghiem, Francis Xavie Xuan, Patrick Malone, Maureen Scanlon, . **Please pray for all sick and housebound parishioners:** Rose Monaghan, Bernadette Hoey, Peggy McDonagh, Carlo Marcelli, Mrs Bona, Bridget Menton, Wendy Parker, Christina Toyo, Suna Shanahan, Mary Teresa Martins, Alan Male, Samuel Oyebanjo, Iris Bridges, Barbara Boston, and Sr Clare, Bridget Connolly.

## **About Marian Devotion**

*"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary"* (St. Bernard)  
It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy."

In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.

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