

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.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Mass Intentions

w/c 14th January 2023

| | Date | Mass Time | Intentions |
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| Saturday | 14 th | 6.30pm | Finola Finn - RIP |
| Sunday, 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 15 th | 9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm | Jose Carrion & Family –int Douglas Ward - Anniv People of the Parish Parishioners of St Monica Lucia Bupi Utam - RIP |
| Monday | 16 th | 9.30am | Bill Miles - RIP |
| Tuesday | 17 th | 9.30am | Fr Sunday Ikpe- int |
| Wednesday | 18 th | 9.30am | Jesse O'Connor - RIP |
| Thursday | 19 th | 9.30am | Fr Anthony Zabbey - int |
| Friday | 20 th | 9.30am | Fr Gabriel Hassan - int |
| Saturday | 21 st | 11.00am | Annamma & VC Matthew – 3 rd Anniv |

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 now 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. Next meeting, Saturday 21st January 2023. **Info:** 07432501250.

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.

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

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.

The Ghanaian Association meets every first Sunday of the month in the church. For more information, speak to Mr Sylvester 07904006800

Nigeria Community – will meet next 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 here in St Monica. Please pray for her family and may the soul of Nancy Dunne rest in peace with the Lord. Amen

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 56TH
WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1ST JANUARY 2023**
(Continued from last weekend)

5. What then is being asked of us? First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.

In order to do this, and to live better lives after the Covid-19 emergency, we cannot ignore one fundamental fact, namely that the many moral, social, political and economic crises we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another. Consequently, we are called to confront the challenges of our world in a spirit of responsibility and compassion. We must revisit the issue of ensuring public health for all. We must promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death. We urgently need to join in caring for our common home and in implementing clear and effective measures to combat climate change. We need to battle the virus of inequality and to ensure food and dignified labour for all, supporting those who lack even a minimum wage and find themselves in great difficulty. The scandal of entire peoples starving remains an open wound. We also need to develop suitable policies for welcoming and integrating migrants and those whom our societies discard. Only by responding generously to these situations, with an altruism inspired by God's infinite and merciful love, will we be able to build a new world and contribute to the extension of his kingdom, which is a kingdom of love, justice and peace.

In sharing these reflections, it is my hope that in the coming New Year we can journey together, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us. I offer my best wishes to Heads of State and Government, to Heads of International Organizations, and to the leaders of the different religions. To all men and women of good will I express my prayerful trust that, as artisans of peace, they may work, day by day, to make this a good year! May Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace, intercede for us and for the whole world.

Pope Francis