

# 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.*

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

### Mass Intentions

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023

|   | Date             | Mass Time | Intentions   |
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| Saturday  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm    | Peter A - RIP  |
| Sunday,<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am    | John the Baptist Nguyen -RIP                                       |
|   |                  | 11.00am   | People of the Parish   |
|   |                  | 6.30pm    | Anna Thanh - RIP   |
| Monday  | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am    | Fred Ewenkhare - Anniv   |
| Tuesday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am    | Nancy Dunne - RIP  |
| Wednesday   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am    | Martin McDonagh -RIP   |
| Thursday  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am    | Conor O'Kane - int<br>Martin Cassidy & Goretti McMullan - Birthday |
| Friday  | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am    | Fr Paul Graham - RIP   |
|   |                  | 11.00am   | Anthony Francis O'Malley – Requiem Mass                            |
| Saturday  | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am   | Peter A- RIP   |

### PARISH NOTICES

**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.

**Stations of the Cross** – every Friday at 6.30pm to be followed by Holy Mass. Starting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**The Nigerian Community Thanksgiving Mass** – Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the 11am Mass, reception to follow in the school Hall after Mass.

**Legion of Mary** – meets every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the back room of the church. New members are welcome. Next meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Parish Women's group** - meets every last Friday of the month 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](http://www.stmonicaschurchhoxton.org). Thank you for your kind donations to the parish.

**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.

**The Ghanaian Association** meets every first Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass in the church. For more information, speak to Mr Sylvester 07904006800.

**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!

**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.

**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

**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

**Anthony Francis O'Malley RIP** - His requiem Mass is this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. Please pray for his family and may the soul of Anthony Francis O'Malley rest in peace with the Lord. Ame



## 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 Solidarity**.

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbour has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that “if you want peace, work for justice”. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

“In today’s world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalized indifference, born of deep disillusionment concealed behind a deceptive illusion: thinking that we are all-powerful, while failing to realize that we are all in the same boat.” (Pope Francis, *Brothers and Sisters to Us* [*Fratelli Tutti*], no. 30)

“Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money... Solidarity, understood in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history, and this is what popular movements are doing.” (Pope Francis, *Brothers and Sisters to Us* [*Fratelli Tutti*], no. 116)

Solidarity arises when we remember that we belong to each other. We reflect on this in a special way at Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest.”