

# 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.*

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

### Mass Intentions

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Jim Gorman - RIP Francisco Vieira - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Fr Paul Graham - RIP Teresa Malone - Anniv People of the Parish Anna Sui - RIP
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Esther Shaw- RIP
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Dairo Garcia Munoz - RIP
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	9.30am	Fr Paul Graham- RIP Giuseppa Pellicci - Anniv
Thursday The Presentation of the Lord	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Fr Paul Graham- RIP
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Fr Paul Graham- RIP
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Fr Paul Graham- RIP

### PARISH NOTICES

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.30pm in the Parish office while the course is the following Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**World Day of the Sick** – is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**The Ghanaian Association** will meet next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February after the 11am Mass in the church. For more information, speak to Mr Sylvester 07904006800

**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.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> January. Nancy was a committed and long-time member of our parish. Her requiem Mass will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. Please pray for her family, and may the soul of Nancy Dunne rest in peace with the Lord. Amen

**Martin McDonagh RIP** - a dedicated member and long-time parishioner, sadly died last Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. His was a regular at the Sunday 9am Mass. His requiem Mass is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 care for God's creation**.

In the first pages of the Bible, we read how God created the sun and the stars, the water and earth, and every creature. We believe Christ is the redeemer of all creation. In 2015, Pope Francis brought together decades of Church teaching in the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. In this deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the earth and the poorest people. Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God. It is our Christian vocation to care for creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of the Catholic faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

“When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This vision of "might is right" has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since resources end up in the hands of the first comer or the most powerful: the winner takes all. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus.” (Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love* [*Amoris Laetitia*], no. 82). A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor...Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. (Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* [*Laudato Si'*], nos. 49, 91).