

St Monica's Catholic Church

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Under the care of the Augustinians (www.theaugustinians.org) in the Archdiocese of Westminster
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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Mass Intentions

w/c 11th March 2023

	Date	Mass Time	Intentions
Saturday	11 th	6.30pm	Fr Paul Graham - RIP
Sunday, 3 rd Sunday of LENT	12 th	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Fr Paul Graham - RIP People of the Parish Tony Breen- RIP John Duc - RIP
Monday	13 th	9.30am	Ophelia – Birthday Elizabeth Palce – Anniv (RIP)
Tuesday	14 th	9.30am	Anthony Francis O'Malley - RIP
Wednesday	15 th	9.30am	Francis Xavie Nghiem - RIP
Thursday	16 th	9.30am	Ophelia - ints
Friday	17 th	9.30am 6.30pm (Stations of the Cross) 7.15pm (Holy Mass)	Paulina Nunes Correia - RIP Victims of the Earthquake - ints
Saturday	18 th	11.00am	John Duc - RIP

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Retreat – next Saturday 18th March from 11am – 1pm. The theme of the retreat is “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36). It begins with Holy Mass and an opportunity for Confession. An invited Priest will facilitate the retreat. All parish groups and parishioners are invited.

Sunday offertory Envelopes – will be ready for collection next weekend.

Stations of the Cross during Lent – every Friday at 6.30pm to be followed by Holy Mass. The Parish women group will lead the stations of the Cross next week.

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 today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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.

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.

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

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 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

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.

Clare Pilgrimage 2023 – Sunday 14th May. Those wishing to go please register at the back of the church. For more information, call Marilene on 07715431021.

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.

Rosary prayers - 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



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 the focus is on the principle of **Peace**.

Peace is the cornerstone of our faith. Christ the 'Prince of Peace' sacrificed himself with love on the cross. Peace is founded on the primary relationship that exists between every human being and God himself, a relationship marked by righteousness. Peace is the effect of the blessing that God bestows upon his people, producing fruitfulness, well-being, prosperity, absence of fear, and profound joy. The promise of peace that runs through the entire Old Testament finds its fulfilment in the person of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'. On the eve of his death, Jesus speaks of his loving relation with the Father and the unifying power that his love bestows upon his disciples. It is a farewell discourse, which reveals the profound meaning of his life and can be considered a summary of all his teaching. He says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you" (John 14:27). The words of the Risen Lord are no different; every time he meets his disciples, they receive from him the greeting: "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36, John 20:19, 21, 26).

Peace is also the fruit of love, as Pius XI wrote in the Encyclical Letter *Ubi Arcano*: "True and lasting peace is more a matter of love than justice, because the function of justice is merely to do away with obstacles to peace: the injury done or the damage caused. Peace itself, however, is an act and only results from love." Working for peace can never be separated from announcing the Gospel, which is in fact the "good news of peace" addressed to all men and women.

The promotion of peace is an integral part of the Church's mission of continuing Christ's work of redemption on earth. In fact, the Church is, in Christ, a sacrament or sign and instrument of peace in the world and for the world. Inspired by the person of Christ and the peace he left to his disciples the Church intends to promote the unity of Christians and a fruitful cooperation with believers of other religions. Differences of religion must not be a cause of conflict. The Church calls on individuals, peoples, States and nations to share her concern for re-establishing and consolidating peace, placing particular emphasis on the important role of international law.