

St. Monica, Flixton

PARISH FOUNDED ON 15 JUNE 1950

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13th August 2017

Sunday Mass: Vigil 5.30pm & 10.00am
Holy Day: Monday 7pm,
Tuesday 10am
Weekday Mass: Monday, Wednesday to
Friday 9.15am
Saturday: 11.15am Reconciliation,
Mass 12 Noon

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Tuesday is the feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the vigil Mass will be on Monday at 7pm and the daytime Mass will be on Tuesday at 10am.

Flixton Carnival on Saturday 2nd September 2017 if anyone can help serving refreshments for one hour or help with erecting the tents please contact Pat Wilkinson on 07790649941 or e mail b.wilkinson37@ntlworld.com

SMCSG The Group needs your help if you have any experience in the Benefits system or helping people to find employment. Contact Dawn Wilkinson 748 3665
Samir, the father of our Syrian family, is looking for work in the catering industry. He is an experienced Middle Eastern chef, but is happy to try anything.
Can you help? Contact Dawn Wilkinson 748 3665

Children's Church – During the school holidays there will be colouring sheets and crayons in the basket, in the baptistery, for children to use during the Mass.

St Monica's Refugee Sponsorship Group (Part 1)

Our journey began in the summer of 2015. The news was full of terrible reports of refugees fleeing from war torn Syria and other countries. Scenes of beaches covered in life jackets and photos of refugees' bodies washed up on the shore, shocked us all, and we wanted to do something. Our Parish Forum decided to set up a special Refugee Crisis Team to discuss how we could respond to the refugee issue.

In the meantime Pope Francis made a statement calling for every European parish and religious community to take one refugee family each, in a gesture of solidarity. This put a slightly different focus on the way ahead.

Through several discussions; an agreement was reached that the newly established "Parish Refugee Sponsorship Group" (SMRSG) which would work under the umbrella of Caritas.

The RSG Action Plan was reduced to several areas; Accommodation, Welfare, Finance, Education, Employment and Transport. Team-leaders were given the responsibility for each area supported with a small team of organisers. A Chair, Vice-Chair, secretary and other specific roles were also taken up by volunteers. A 63 page Action Plan was submitted to the Home Office for approval. An appeal for furniture etc., received an amazing response. Within a few weeks the group had received multiple offers of furniture, beds, clothing, toys, garden utensils...

The fundraising continued and an 80s disco night, but with participants dressed in fancy dress related to the 80s, raised almost £3000 - a magnificent effort.