

The Outline for the upcoming green projects to St Monica's.

1) What is the ecological crisis and why is the Catholic Church involved?

The way we, as humans, are using the environment both locally and on a global scale is polluting and destroying nature. Human activity is impacting the environment and resulting in warming the climate of our planet, and the degradation of nature, long-term and in irretrievable ways.

Pope Francis, along with scientists at the international level, is warning us about the climate and nature emergencies – and for good reason. Our survival and well-being depend on nature, for our clean water and air, for nutritious food, for climate regulation, and for our own mental, environmental and spiritual health. We are part of nature, and intrinsically dependent on it.

The rate at which we are losing species and ecosystems, due to our own impacts, is comparable to the worst periods in the Earth's long geological history. The negative impacts of nature loss are social, economic, cultural and spiritual: their reversal is extremely urgent, and yet still possible. There are circular, green and blue economic and social models that promote harmony with nature and climate: we just need to upscale them, fast. There are personal and religious implications for inaction. This is also why Pope Francis has written "Laudato Si", an encyclical that resulted in a whole movement in the Catholic church and in churches of other denominations.

This is also why some people at St Monica want to start an environmental working group, aligned with what our Diocese, our church and the Green Churches movement are doing. We need you! Once we know more about your ideas, we can decide how to act. Let us know if you can help, if you see the sense in this or want to get involved: write to emanuel.hillel@gmail.com!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

St. Monica's Parish Council is seeking new members. The goal of the Council is to help the Pastor promote and enhance the spiritual life of the Parish. The Council should consist of (12) members, plus the Pastor, Pastoral Assistant, a Representative from the Wardens and 1 or 2 teenage Parishioners. To qualify, Members must be a Parishioner of St. Monica's Parish, willing to work as a team member, and must be available to attend monthly meetings which will be held on the same day & time each month which will be determined at the first meeting in September. This commitment is for a 3-year term with the option of another term renewal.

If you would like to join or need more information about the Council, please phone the Office, leave your name & number and you will be contacted. Pray about it, maybe this is where God is calling you to serve.

MASS INTENTIONS: 14 - 20, 2022

Saturday, 4:00pm – May 14, 2022: FEAST – Saint Matthias

*Giovanni Ciampini
Aline Wong
Loreta & Donato Pedicelli*

*from Claudia & George
Family of Pauline Wong
from Ernesta & Family*

Sunday, 9:00am – May 15, 2022: 5th Sunday of EASTER

For All Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, 11:00am – May 15, 2022: 5th Sunday of EASTER - Livestreamed

*Giambattista Onesi
Leonardo Ricciardi
The Cullen Family*

*from Ida Onesi & Family
from his son, Giovanni & Family
from Jane Cullen*

Tuesday, 8:30am – May 17, 2022: Easter Weekday

Claire Wilkinson

by Lorraine & Frank Johns

Wednesday, 8:30am – May 18, 2022: Saint John I

*Vincenza Mininni
Stellina Maiolo*

*from the Mininni Family
from Luigi Mascia & Family*

Thursday, 7:00pm – May 19, 2022: Easter Weekday

Eva Ciampini

from Claudia & George

Friday, 8:30am – May 20, 2022: Saint Bernardine of Siena

Abba-Tesfasgi-Ogbit

from Leteamlak