

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK
(Weekday Masses take place in the Sacristy)

Day	Date	Time	Intention
30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday	28 th Oct	6.00pm	Eileen Griffin (Birthday)
Sunday	29 th Oct	8.00am	Pro Pop.
		10.30am	George Bardwell (Anniv.)
1.00pm Congolese Community Mass			
Monday	30 th Oct	10.00am	The Youth of our Parish.
Tuesday	31 st Oct	7.00pm	(All Saints, Vigil Mass) Pro Pop.
ALL SAINTS	1 st Nov	9.30am	Tom Reilly (Anniv.)
Wednesday		6.00pm	Pro Pop.
ALL SOULS	2 nd Nov	10.00am	Holy Souls.
Thursday		7.00pm	Holy Souls.
Friday	3 rd Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls.
31 st Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday	4 th Nov	6.00pm	Members of Hartnett & Pesci Families.
Sunday	6 th Nov	8.00am	Pro Pop.
		10.30am	George Bardwell (Anniv.)
1.00pm Congolese Community Mass			
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Exodus 22: 20-26; 1Thessolanians 1: 5-10; Matthew 22:34-40.	
Entry	54	As the deer pants.	
Psalm 17	I love you Lord my strength.		
Offertory	377	Lord accept the gifts we offer.	
Post Communion	399	Love is his word, love is his way.	
Recessional	800	When I needed a neighbour.	

PRAYERS PLEASE FOR: Those of our parish who are sick: at home or in Hospital; **Peace:** in our troubled world; **All Refugees;** **Our Parish Family;** especially those returning to school; **Our Deanery:** the Parish of Tower Hill, and the Maltese and German Chaplaincies; **The Synod;** **Those who have died recently,** for those on our November Lists and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



NEWSLETTER

30th SUNDAY OF YEAR A

29th OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

If you are attending 6.00pm Mass, don't forget to put your clocks back one hour. If you were early for 8.00am or 10.30am Mass I trust you spent some extra time in prayer!

Growing up in Poplar as a child I saw the beginnings of Neighbours in Poplar, on my return I have seen how it has grown. The question is, have we become more neighbourly or has the need for public neighbourliness grown because too many people are caught up in caring for themselves rather than others? Are we more concerned about our social media profile, what people are saying on X/Twitter, than the needs of the lonely person living next door? Do we know their name?

In his response to the Pharisees question, Jesus uses familiar scripture passages from Deuteronomy (6:5) and Leviticus (19:8) but linking them together was something new, perhaps not quite the answer they wanted or would have liked the law and the prophets to hang upon. There are some who would say that it is easier to love the neighbour you can see than to love the God you can't! However it should be our love of God which compels us to love our neighbour, and the greater our neighbour's need the greater our love must be.

Perhaps that is the challenge we must respond to, the challenge that Neighbours in Poplar have been responding to, because the growth in secularism, lack of the love of God means no one else will!

Every Blessing.

Fr. Keith.

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ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There is a Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 7.00pm, and Mass at 9.30am and 6.00pm on Wednesday. Whilst Thursday, the Feast of the Holy Souls is not a Holy Day there will be two Masses 10.00am and 7.00pm.

WEDDINGS At least six months notice needs to be given in order that necessary arrangements and paperwork can be gathered.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS Now the half term is over (thank you to those who came last Monday) With after school clubs etc. Would 5.00pm this Monday be a good time to start? Please let Fr. Keith know, or to arrange a better time/day) Present Servers welcome.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES Available from the Repository or the Sacristy. If specific date and time is required this will have to be arranged in consultation with the "Mass Diary" so that no double booking occurs.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Could those who have run this important ministry meet with Fr. Keith after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday, 5th November. In the meantime there will continue to be colouring sheets on the table at the back of church for children to take home and fill in and to be brought up in the Offertory procession next Sunday.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES Bishop Nicholas is coming to officially install Fr. Keith as Parish Priest on Saturday 11th November at the 6.00pm Mass all are welcome. It would be good to have some refreshments afterwards (Hall or back of Church?) volunteers please.

NEW READERS if would like to become a reader please let Fr. Keith know this weekend so a new rota can be drawn up, There will be a meeting for all readers very soon.

FIRST COMMUNION Thank you to all who have applied for this Sacrament. A list of dates should be collected after Mass (by child's name) from Father Keith by 5th November.

JUSTICE AND PEACE PARISH CONTACT REQUIRED to provide a link between our parish and the Westminster Justice & Peace Commission, which is an agency of the Diocese, overseen by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. The main task of the contact person is to receive the monthly E-Bulletin and, where possible, promote events and actions for peace and justice within the parish. A role description can be found at: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/parish-contacts/>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024 takes place from 19th – 26th July. The Sanctuary's theme for the year is 'Come here in procession'. See poster for details. Parishioners are encouraged to join the Pilgrimage as Adult or Redcap Youth Helpers, Nurses, Doctors, Assisted Pilgrims, or as regular pilgrims. Further details to follow.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS By tradition the month of November is when we remember all our departed loved ones and pray especially for those who have no one to pray for them. You are invited to make a list of those you wish to be prayed for, put them in an envelope (with a donation if you wish) and place them in the box at the back of Church, this will be placed near the Altar as of 2nd November. Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls throughout November.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE Please continue to pray for peace in our world and especially in the Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and all troubled areas of our world. Ask our Blessed Mother the Queen of Peace to intercede for us.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR for over 50 years NIP have been serving not only Poplar but the surrounding area, including our parish of Commercial Road. For further information about their activities you can email Sister Christine on nip65@msn.com. Below are some of events and appeals for help:

- **CARDS AVAILABLE** for visiting Kew Palace, Hampton Court, Kensington Palace and Tower of London for £1 or free!
- **DRIVERS WANTED** for Wednesday and Sunday dinner delivery. St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High Street.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL Love Singing? Open to boys in Years 2-5. See poster at back of church for info.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *It's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice!*

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	LOOSE	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
SUNDAY 15 th OCTOBER	£409-54	£154-00	£563-54
SUNDAY 22 nd OCTOBER	£301-17	£229-00	£530-17

FOR WHICH MANY THANKS INDEED

(Figures do not include Direct Debits or donations made by "Dona")

COUNTERS : (29/10) TEAM D (5/11) TEAM A