

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

Day	Date	Time	Intention
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	Deceased members of Hartnett & Pesci Families.
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.00am	Susan Holland
		10.30am	Holy Souls
		<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Congolese Community Mass</b>
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Mr Aellen Shiel RIP
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Betty Said, Anniv.
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Pro Pop.
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.45am	Ann Hayward, RIP
		10.30am	School Remembrance Day Service in Church (All Welcome)
Friday	10 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls.
<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	Pro Pop (Fr. Keith's Installation)
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.00am	Pro Pop.
		10.30am	War Dead
		<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Congolese Community Mass</b>
<b>THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10; Psalm 130; 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9.13; Matthew 23:1-12.	
<b>Entry</b>	253	Here in this place.	
<b>Psalm 130</b>		Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.	
<b>Offertory</b>	530	O God we give ourselves today.	
<b>Post Communion</b>	663	Soul of my Saviour	
<b>Recessional</b>	233	Guide me O thou great Redeemer	

**PRAYERS PLEASE FOR:** Those of our parish who are sick: at home or in Hospital; **Peace:** in our troubled world especially in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine ; **All Refugees;** **Our Parish Family;** especially those in need of our prayers; **Our Deanery:** the Parish of St. Anne's Underwood Road and the Brazilian Chaplaincies; **Those who have died recently,** for those on our November Lists and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.



# NEWSLETTER

**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF YEAR A**

**5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

Dear Parishioners,

All today's readings are concerned with the authenticity of the word of God, with the reception of it and the response to it. Malachi delivers an impassioned condemnation of neglect in worship and infidelity to God. Paul struggles to describe the fellowship his ministry calls him to exercise and foster among those he meets and teaches. Jesus himself warns against empty religious practice and emphasises the sovereignty and supremacy of God and tells us that our attitude in all things should be one of service and humility and God will do the rest.

This weekend we have a second collection, as you leave to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation will help ensure that priests, who have followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy - active, retired and sick.

In the lead up to Remembrance Sunday our Primary School will be holding a Remembrance Service in the Church on Thursday at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.

Every Blessing.

Fr. Keith.

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

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** A practise was scheduled for last Monday at 5.00pm but no one turned up, perhaps they didn't see the notice or the time not convenient. Will try again for this Monday at 5.00pm or see Fr. Keith this weekend 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** Meeting after the 10.30am Mass today for all those who have run this important ministry (and newcomers). 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 for them to bring up in the Offertory procession next Sunday.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES** Bishop Nicholas is coming to officially install Fr. Keith as Parish Priest this coming Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the 6.00pm Mass all are welcome. Refreshments for afterwards are planned for the back of the church. See the usual organiser Refreshments are planned for the back of the church, volunteers needed please speak to our parish social organiser.

**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 PARENTS** If you have not already done so you will need to collect a list of the First Communion session dates with your child's name on it from Father Keith after Mass today.

**INSTALLATION AS PARISH PRIEST** as Fr. Keith will be installed this coming Saturday at our 6.00pm Mass so Fr. Andrew Bowden will be installed as Parish Priest of St. Mary and St. Joseph, Poplar on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm all are welcome.

**BI-ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS** in the Chapel at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Langthorne Road, Leytonstone on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. All are welcome. The Cemetery is a short walk from Leytonstone Central Line Underground Station.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024** takes place from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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 in front of the Altar. Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls throughout November, especially those on our lists.

**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:** "Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled by great ambitions".

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	LOOSE	ENVELOPES	TOTAL
SUNDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER	£301-17	£229-00	£530-17
SUNDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	£518.55	£240-50	£759-05

FOR WHICH MANY THANKS INDEED

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

COUNTERS : (5/11) TEAM A; (12/11) TEAM B