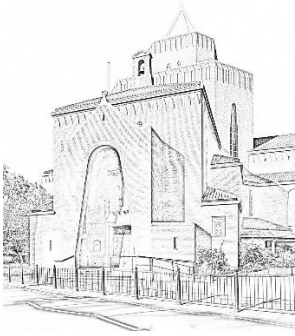


**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR
AND
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE**



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NEWSLETTER for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2024

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament:**

Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am
at Poplar
First Fridays 6.00pm - 7.00pm
at Poplar

Baptisms

By appointment, see the
newsletter for details of the
baptism preparation course



*John the Baptist leads St Andrew to
Jesus*

Confessions:

Saturday 10:30am - 11:15am
at Poplar
Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm
at Poplar
1st Fridays 6.00pm - 6.45pm
at Poplar
or by appointment

Marriages

Six months 'notice is
normally required

Sat 13 th Jan	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Poplar	Susan Abarca Salazar
Sun 14 th Jan	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Pro Pop Thomas Trinh Nguyen
Mon 15 th Jan	Feria			No Mass
Tue 16 th Jan	Feria	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf*	Bill Stone <i>B'Day Anniversary</i> Pro Pop
Wed 17 th Jan	St Anthony, Abbot	10.00am	Poplar	Vocations to the FCJ Society
Thu 18 th Jan	Feria	10.00am	Poplar	Marie Domingue <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Fri 19 th Jan	St Wulstan, Bishop	10.00am	Poplar	Priest's Intention
Sat 20 th Jan	Saturday Memorial of BVM	10.00am	Poplar	Christian Unity

* = In the multi-faith prayer room in the Churchill Place Shopping Centre opposite the post office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those of our parishes who are sick, whether at home, in hospital or hospice.
Those who have died recently, especially Margaret Kelly, Paudian Marimuthu, Clare Veronica Protane and Marietta Ben and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Peace in the world, especially in Ukraine and in Israel and Palestine. Refugees and all who are forced to live away from home.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next course will be in March in the Guild Room, date to be announced.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

The next meeting for children and parents is on Saturday 13th at 4.30pm in the Guild Room.

CONFIRMATION COURSE

The course will begin this month and Fr Andrew will contact those parents who have already registered their children very shortly.

RCIA

The next meeting is on Monday 22nd January at 7pm.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Poplar burns this week for a private intention.
The Sanctuary Lamp at Limehouse burns this week for a private intention.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Cold Alert! Please keep an eye out for neighbours (all ages) who may be feeling the cold and have inadequate heating. There may be some who would benefit by having their shopping done for them? Let us know if you are worried about a neighbour, perhaps NIP can help.

MSF Collection, we will have tea/coffee/hot chocolate after Masses next weekend (20th/21st). Many thanks for your support of this charity which is proving essential in the toughest parts of our world.

Warm Bank: Vicky is ready to open the Guild Room doors offering a warm hub beginning on Thursday February 1st. Assistants welcome. We will be organising a meeting very soon to plan this and other activities, see next week's newsletter for details!

Plates! Anyone got unwanted dinner plates to give away? We used over 600 at Christmas and have had very few returned! Are they on eBay!? nip65@msn.com

NEW SATURDAY MORNING MASS AND ADORATION IN POPLAR

For an experimental period, Fr Andrew will be celebrating an additional weekday mass at 10am on Saturday at Poplar (where possible this will be a Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Mass will be followed by a period of adoration of the blessed sacrament during which confessions will be heard and will end with Benediction at about 11.15am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19th – 26th July this year. If you are interested in joining a group from our two parishes on this pilgrimage then please give your name(s), email and phone number(s) and age(s) to the parish office. Fr Andrew will then organise a meeting to provide more information and plan some fund-raising events. You don't have to commit at this stage.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

The funeral of Marietta Ben will take place at Poplar at 10am on Friday 26th January 2024.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £183.61	Loose: £370.62	Total: £554.23
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STANDING ORDERS

November: £513.34

December: £543.34

LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £50.00	Loose: £69.86	Total: £119.86
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STANDING ORDERS

November: £1'507.00

December: £1'507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

FR ANDREW WRITES

The Christmas season came to an end last Monday with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are now back to ordinary time although not for long because Easter is very early this year and so Ash Wednesday will be upon us soon – 14th February in fact! So those romantic dinners will have to a bit less lavish this year! And just to cap it all, apparently this Monday 15th January is known as Blue Monday, as it is supposed to be the most depressing day of the year. And it seems to be getting colder and colder at the moment. I mention all of this to make you aware. This can be a really difficult time of year for very many people so it is a time of year when the rest of us need to be especially observant. Some people may be leaving their homes less because of the weather and some may be struggling to heat their homes and struggling to make ends meet more generally. Please keep an eye out for your neighbours and don't be shy, it is better to risk being told to mind your own business than to say and do nothing while someone really struggles. Please see the Neighbours in Poplar section of this newsletter for details of practical ways to help.

Of course you may yourself be feeling a bit blue at the moment and in need of cheering up so here's something to turn your minds to summer. **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 19th to 26th July.** I think it would be great if we could organise a group from our two parishes to form part of this pilgrimage. I have joined this pilgrimage for many years now and have always found it to be a truly wonderful thing. There really is something for everyone. Those who are sick, disabled or just slowing down with age are placed at the heart of the pilgrimage and given every assistance. At the other end of things, the young find great opportunities to do something practical to help and to serve as well as to have a lot of fun with the great numbers of other young people who take part. And for everyone, this is a week that combines opportunities for quiet prayer and participation in beautiful liturgies with companionship and fun. Each year new friendships are forged and groups who take part come back full of renewed enthusiasm for parish life.

If you are even just a bit curious to know more please give your details to the parish office so that we might organise a meeting to provide more information and to start planning. Perhaps this is just the thing to bring a bit of sunshine to blue Monday!

May God bless you all.

Fr Andrew

Items for the Newsletter should be given to Fr Andrew or Alessandro at the parish office by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following weekend.

MASS THIS SUNDAY - The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Response to the Psalm Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Samuel 3:9, John6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse	
Entrance	877 - The Summons	Entrance	See special booklet
Offertory	600 - All that I am	Offertory	See special booklet
Communion	902 - Peace is flowing	Communion	See special booklet
Recessional	865 - Here I am, Lord	Recessional	See special booklet

Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B