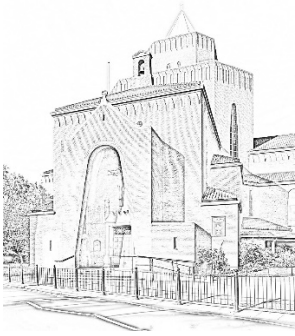


**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF  
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR  
AND  
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &  
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE**



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**NEWSLETTER for Palm Sunday 2024**

**Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament:**

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

**Baptisms**

By appointment. See the  
newsletter for details of the  
baptism preparation course.

**Marriages**

Six months' notice is required.



The Entry into Jerusalem by  
Andrey Peshkov

**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

**Stations of the Cross during  
Lent**

Friday 6pm at Limehouse  
(not First Fridays)

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Palm Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Nishal D'Souza ( <i>Int</i> )
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Palm Sunday	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Edna & Mark Hill ( <i>Int</i> ) Mary & Fred Stageman ( <i>Ann</i> )
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Monday of Holy Week			No Mass
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00am	Poplar	Immaculate Padua Christine ( <i>Int</i> )
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Wednesday of Holy Week	<b>11.00am</b>	Poplar	Funeral of Baby Royce D'Souza
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8.00pm	Poplar + L'house	The People of the Parish
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Children's Stations Celebration of the Passion Walk of Witness Stations of the Cross	11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Poplar Poplar + L'house Poplar to L'house Limehouse	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Vigil	7.00pm	Poplar / L'house	The People of the Parish
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Easter Sunday	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Private Intention Catherine Jayaseelan Family

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Glennford St Prix, Merle John-Baptiste and Baby Royce D'Souza who have died. Royce's funeral will be on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at Poplar. Please also pray for Scarlett Ebio who is ill. Scarlett is one of the children on our First Holy Communion Programme and for Rita who is poorly just now. Please pray for our RCIA group as they prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE**

The next meeting for children and parents is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm in the Guild Room.

### **CONFIRMATION COURSE**

The next meeting for Confirmation Candidates is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 6.45pm in the Guild Room. All Candidates are expected to attend all of the Holy Week Liturgies.

### **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS AT POPLAR**

Teas and Coffees will be served after both the Saturday 6pm Mass and the Sunday 10am Mass in the Guild Room at Poplar each week.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July this year. If you are interested in joining a group from our two parishes on this pilgrimage then please contact the parish office. Bookings are now open via <https://forms.rcdow.org.uk/booking-for-westminster-diocese-lourdes-pilgrimage-2024/> or by telephoning the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. **However, it is vital that if you want to be part of the parish group you first contact the parish office and that you do so as soon as possible.**

Sue Blinman is going to Lourdes at Easter so do let her know if you would like her to take any intentions.

### **LOURDES RAFFLE**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our St Patrick's Party such a lovely evening. The following people have won in the raffle please see Sr Christine to claim your prize: Sydney, Anetta, Alan Joseph, Vince, Kieran, and Monica.

### **ALTAR SERVERS – HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

Thank you to those servers who have already signed up to serve Holy Week liturgies. It helps us to plan if we know ahead of time who is serving for which of the liturgies. Please note that children are asked to attend a special rehearsal for each of the liturgies and to arrive for each liturgy in good time.

Maundy Thursday mass is at 8pm - rehearsal is at 6pm

Good Friday service is at 3pm - rehearsal is at 10am

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil is at 7pm – rehearsal is at 11am

### **WARM HUB**

The Guild Room is open each Thursday as a warm hub from 10.30am – 1pm.

### **CONTACTLESS CARD READERS**

We now have card readers for those who prefer to pay for things by card. You can use the readers to contribute to the offertory collection, to other appeals and for purchases from the repository.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

These are now available. Please contact the parish office to arrange collection and confirm your details.

### **NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR**

Drivers needed to help cover some of our Muslim drivers during Ramadan. These Volunteers have never stopped delivering over the four years. It would be really great to give them a break during Ramadan when (because of night prayer) they suffer sleep deprivation. Email [nip65@msn.com](mailto:nip65@msn.com) if you can help. Please join us as people of all faiths and none come together on Good Friday at 11.45am, when we will stand together outside Iceland in the Market, praying for Peace.

## RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

### POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £117.45	Loose: £392.02	Contactless: £48.20	Total: £557.67
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### STANDING ORDERS

December: £543.34

January: £513.34

### LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £80.00	Loose: £76.44	Contactless: £157.31	Total: £313.75
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### STANDING ORDERS

December: £1'507.00

January: £1'507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

### FR ANDREW WRITES

And so Holy Week begins. And it begins on Palm Sunday on a high note although we know there is a touch of irony. Just as we are often fickle, so is the crowd. Only a few days after they fling open the gates and acclaim Jesus as a King on his entry into Jerusalem, they take him outside the gates, there to execute him as a King. Gates open – gates closed. Hearts open – hearts closed. During Holy Week we are invited to enter into the drama, not just as a way of coming to remember what happened to Jesus but because the events of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus are deeply connected to the events of our own world and of our lives. So we have to be honest with ourselves and admit that we are just as likely in different ways to sing Hosanna or Crucify him! So we can really play our part in this drama with enthusiasm. But we know how the story ends. It doesn't end with death and defeat. Human sinfulness, hatred and violence does not have the last word – not in the life of Jesus – not in our lives. Thanks to our baptism we died with him that we might rise again with him. And that works the other way around too. Jesus has entered into the very darkest reaches of human experience, the very worst that humanity can inflict and suffer. So whatever darkness we may undergo, we can know that God in Jesus Christ is there. And however dark the night we also know that the morning of resurrection is a sure hope. Indeed they say that it is often darkest just before dawn and it is true that the most profound, joyful and transformative moment in the whole of history, the resurrection, occurred unseen in the darkness of the tomb.

So let us throw ourselves in to the drama of Holy Week.

This coming week on Tuesday, straight after the 10am mass, I will go, with the other priests of the diocese, to concelebrate the Chrism Mass with the Cardinal. At this mass the Cardinal will bless the holy oils used throughout the year to anoint the sick, in baptisms and in confirmations. These oils will be brought to the altar during our own Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday at 8pm. On Wednesday of this week, mass will be at 11am for the funeral of Baby Royce D'Souza. May the angels welcome him into paradise. There will be no mass on Thursday morning as Mass will be at 8pm in the evening. Please see the leaflet with details of all the services and times of confessions throughout Holy Week. If God smiles on us and keeps the weather fine for Holy Saturday evening then our Vigil will begin with the Easter Fire just in front of the statue of St Joseph on the corner of Canton Street at 8pm from where we will process into the church for the Easter Vigil.

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.

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*MASS THIS SUNDAY – Palm Sunday*

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**Gospel reading for the beginning of the Palm Sunday procession**      Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

**Readings for the mass**

**First reading**      Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Response to the Psalm**      My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?.

**Second reading**      Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation**      Phil2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*The Gospel for Palm Sunday this year is the reading of the passion according to St Mark, which is too long to reproduce here. Please use the Mass Books. Special booklets containing all the readings, prayers and hymns will be produced for each of the Triduum Liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.*

<b>Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar</b>		<b>Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse</b>	
Entrance	229 - All glory, laud and honour	Entrance	772 – Give me joy in my heart
Offertory	756 - When I survey the wondrous cross	Offertory	229 - All glory, laud and honour
Communion	232 - Ah, Holy Jesus	Communion	237 - O sacred head ill used
Recessional	230 - Ride on! Ride on in majesty!	Recessional	

*Next Sunday is Easter Sunday*