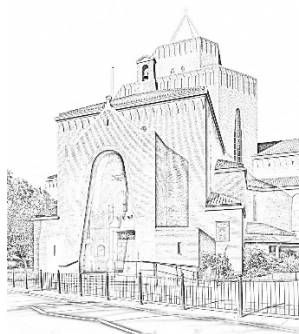


**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR
AND
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE**



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NEWSLETTER for 2nd Sunday of Easter 2024

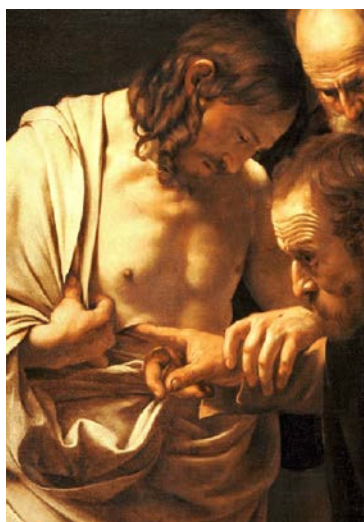
**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament:**

Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am
at Poplar

First Fridays 6.00pm - 7.00pm
at Poplar

Baptisms

By appointment. Usually at
1pm on Saturdays. See the
newsletter for details of the
baptism preparation course.



*The Incredulity of St
Thomas by Caravaggio*

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 6 th Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 7 th Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Blessy Thomas Pureza Bolano RIP (anniv)
Mon 8 th Apr	The Annunciation			No Mass
Tue 9 th Apr	Tue 2 nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar Canary Wharf*	Julian Puvaneswaran (ints) No Mass
Wed 10 th Apr	Wed 2 nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	No Mass
Thu 11 th Apr	St Stanislaus, Bishop	10.00am	Poplar	No Mass
Fri 12 th Apr	Fri 2 nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	Ronald Bakere RIP (anniv)
Sat 13 th Apr	Sat 2 nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	Polly Blossom Veitch Beackon

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Glennford St Prix, Merle John-Baptiste, Peter Hill and Baby Royce D' Souza who have died recently. Please also pray for Scarlett Ebio, one of the children from our First Holy Communion course who is ill in hospital.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

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

CONFIRMATION COURSE

The next meeting for Confirmation candidates is on Thursday 18th April at 6.45pm in the Guild Room.

RCIA COURSE

Congratulations once again to those of our RCIA group who were baptised or received and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. The next meeting for the group is Monday 15th April at 7pm in the Guild Room.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

These are now available from the Parish Office. Please contact the office to arrange collection so that you can verify the details we have for you since a lot of the details we have are out of date.

WARM HUB

The winter warm hub on Thursdays is now closed for the spring / summer.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS AT POPLAR

Teas and Coffees are served after both the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am mass in the Guild Room.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Poplar this week burns for John Rosario D'Souza.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

We now have a quite a good number from the parish who have expressed an interest in joining our parish group on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will take place from 19th – 26th July 2024. If you are interested and you haven't done so already please speak to Fr Andrew. Booking close on Tuesday 30th April 2024.

CONTACTLESS CARD READERS

Apologies if you've been struggling to make payments on these. The readers in Limehouse should now work much better, thanks to Danny Curtin for fixing the WiFi issue. Unfortunately we still need to fix the same issue in Poplar but hopefully that will be sorted out soon. Please bear with us and thank you for your generosity.

CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

Please note that there will be no mass on Wednesday or Thursday of this week as Fr Andrew is having a few days' break post Easter. The parish office will be open this week and Fr Andrew will be back on Friday.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £421.50	Loose: £908.56	Contactless: £100.00	Total: £1,430.06
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STANDING ORDERS GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY PLACES: £382.72

December: £543.34

January: £513.34

LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £373.49		Contactless: £180.00	Total: £553.49
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STANDING ORDERS GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY PLACES: £233.00

December: £1'507.00

January: £1'507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

FR ANDREW WRITES

This Sunday has a lot of names or titles. It is, of course the 2nd Sunday of Easter which brings the octave of Easter (eight days of celebration) to an end. So sometimes it is called the Octave Day of Easter. Another ancient name for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis Depositis (or just Dominica in Albis). This refers to the fact that traditionally those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil were clothed in white tunic (that's the Albis) and they would wear their white tunics for the whole of the Easter Octave. Therefore this Sunday was when they would take off (Depositis) their white tunics (Albis). Those of our RCIA group who were baptised at our Easter Vigil were given a white scarf (I don't know whether they have been wearing those scarves all week or not!)

Sometimes this Sunday is called Quasimodo Sunday which name comes from the Latin text of the entrance antiphon to mass; "Quasi modo geniti infantes, rationabile, sine dolo lac concupiscite, ut in eo crescatis in salute. Alleluia." which means; "Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation. Alleluia." Like many of our prayers at mass at this time of year, this contains a reference to those who received their white garments at the Easter Vigil, who even though they be older, are spiritually speaking, like newborn infants. But we are all included in this because Easter is for all of us, whatever age we may be and however long we have been baptised, a kind of rebirth, a coming to life again in Jesus. The antiphon urges us to embrace this status and see Jesus as the source of our health and nourishment in this new life (pure spiritual milk).

And then, since the year 2000, when Pope St John Paul II decreed it, this Sunday is also Divine Mercy Sunday. This draws our attention to the fact that everything that we continue to celebrate at Easter is about the mercy of God, his desire that each and every one of us should spend eternity in happiness with him. The wounds that Jesus suffered on Good Friday, are in the Divine Mercy image become the source of healing and light. This is how the mercy of God works. He takes what is most painful and turns it into the way that we are healed. The risen Jesus shows his disciples his wounds not just as evidence that it is him but to show that our woundedness has been transformed and healed in him. This is mercy in action.

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 of Easter

First reading

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Response to the Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second reading

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse	
Entrance	284 – We Walk by Faith	Entrance	
Offertory	280 – O Sons and Daughters	Offertory	
Communion	Ubi Caritas Est Vera	Communion	
Recessional	764 – Colours of Day	Recessional	

Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Easter