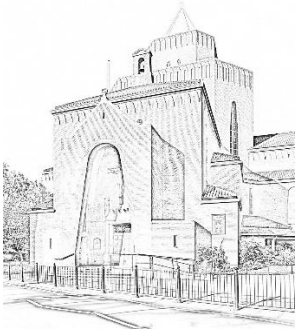


**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR
AND
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE**



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NEWSLETTER for 3rd 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 risen Jesus appears
to his disciples*

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 Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Private Intention
Sun 14 th Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	The People of the Parish Mag Callager
Mon 15 th Apr	Mon 3 rd Week of Eastertide			No Mass
Tue 16 th Apr	Tue 3 rd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar Canary Wharf*	Joseph Mario Falzon (<i>Ann</i>) Priest's Intention
Wed 17 th Apr	Wed 3 rd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	Vera Alexandre (<i>Ann</i>)
Thu 18 th Apr	Thu 3 rd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	Francisco Montes (<i>Ann</i>)
Fri 19 th Apr	St Alphege, bishop	10.00am	Poplar	Philomena Sebastian (<i>B'day Ann</i>)
Sat 20 th Apr	Sat 2 nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	Peace

* = 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, and for Mary Jeffries, who is also very ill.

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 Tuesday 16th April at 7pm.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

These are now available from the back of church. Please ensure that we have your correct address before you take your envelopes as without this we may be unable to claim gift aid.

PARISH PLANNING MEETING

Please come at 5pm on Wednesday 17th April in the Guild Room and help us organise some Parish Events.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Calling all our families from Ghana and neighbouring countries for a get together on Saturday 4th May. More details to follow.

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 in memory of Ronald Bakere.

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.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND – 20th/21st APRIL

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) when we will pray in particular for vocations to the priesthood and we will have a Special Collection for the Priests Training Fund. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Drivers still needed. Some of our Muslim drivers even gave up their EID morning to help us deliver dinners on Wednesday. We need each other! Ring 07813478891 or email nip65@msn.com if you would like to help and find out more!

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £35.20	Loose: £392.27	Contactless: £35.00	Total: £462.47
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STANDING ORDERS

February: £528.34

March: £513.34

LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £45.00	Loose: £169.93	Contactless: £61.00	Total: £275.93
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STANDING ORDERS

February: £1'317.00

March: £1'507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

FR ANDREW WRITES

As many of you know, this week I had a few days' break in Rome where (as well enjoying the spring sunshine and sampling the wine and food - never to excess, of course!) I prayed for you all, in particular at the tombs of St Peter and St Paul.

It was nice in this Easter season to feel that connection with those two great apostles both of whose lives were so radically changed by their different and personal encounters with the risen Jesus. For Peter that encounter was about forgiving him for his denial and reconfirming him in his mission. And this peace, reconciliation and mission is what Easter is about. For Paul, his encounter with the risen Jesus was not so much about reconciliation as a complete revolution, going from being one who persecuted the Church to one of its greatest missionaries. And that too is what Easter is all about. Jesus rises from the dead and brings peace. This is what he keeps saying each he appears to his disciples, 'peace be with you'. But that peace isn't peace and quiet, it is the peace that comes from reconciliation, that is to say, from being put into the right relationship with God and with one another. This is why peace and justice are inseparable. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus brings us back into right relation with God and with one another and this produces true peace in our hearts and only this will produce true and lasting peace in our world which needs it so much.

But that reconciliation and the peace that come from it also require us to act and to change. Just as St Peter is reconfirmed in his mission and told by Jesus to feed his sheep, so too St Paul's world is turned upside down. All his prejudices are challenged, he became one with those he had been persecuting.

For all of us too, Easter is a time to ask ourselves the question, what does the risen Jesus want of me? How does he want me to change? Am I wedded to comfortable assumptions or even prejudices about the world and the people around me? God doesn't need any of us to be the first Pope or the great apostle to the gentiles but he does need us to really open our hearts to Him and to open our hearts to the world around us. He needs us, like Peter and Paul, to be prepared to change, to let the new life of the resurrection to transform us.

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 3rd Sunday of Easter

First reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Response to the Psalm Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Second reading 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse	
Entrance	760 - All heaven declares	Entrance	285 - Sing of one who walks
Offertory	609 - In bread we bring you	Offertory	610 - Take our bread
Communion	624 - In the breaking of the bread	Communion	627 - This is my body
Recessional	282 – Sing to the mountains	Recessional	268 - Alleluia, alleluia

Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Easter