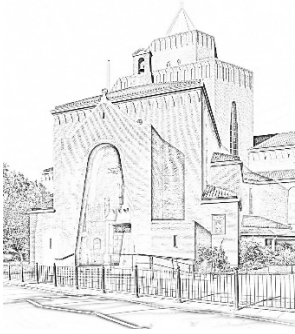


**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF  
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR  
AND  
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &  
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE**



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**NEWSLETTER for 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Usually at  
1pm on Saturdays. See the  
newsletter for details of the  
baptism preparation course.



*Mosaic of the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus from St Louis Cathedral*

**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 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	For the people of the parish
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Natalia & Mikolaj (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wedd Ann) For the people of the parish
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Feria Week 10			No Mass
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	St Barnabas, Apostle	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf*	Aaron Stephen (thanksgiving) Priest's Intention
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Feria Week 10	10.00am	Poplar	Billy Banks (Ann)
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun	St Anthony of Padua	10.00am	Poplar	Peace
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Feria Week 10	10.00am	Poplar	Christopher Camillire (ints)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	No 10am Mass or Confessions	11.00am	Poplar	First Holy Communions

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

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Bekir Bayram, Dennis Brown, Sarah Andrews, Alan Percival, Brigid Baker, who have died recently. Please also pray for Scarlett Ebio and Francis Jarmula, both children from our First Holy Communion course, and for Polly Blossom Veitch Beackon, Mary Jeffries and Gillian Wallace who are all ill.

### **FORTHCOMING FUNERALS**

Sarah Andrews, 1pm, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June Funeral Service at the City of London Crematorium not in Church as previously advertised.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Please remember to pray for our children at this time as they approach the day of their first Holy Communion over the next two weekends. Because of the First Holy Communion Masses taking place at 11am on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> and Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be no 10am mass, exposition or Saturday morning confessions on those days.

### **REPOSITORY SHOP**

The repository shop at Poplar now has lots of gifts and cards suitable for First Holy Communions in stock. If you would like Marie to order anything in for Limehouse, please let her know.

### **SAVE THE DATE! – POPLAR PARISH BBQ**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm – don't miss it! More information to follow.

### **CALLING ALL ST PHILIP HOWARD PAST PUPILS**

Mgr James Curry, a former pupil, is to be ordained a Bishop on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon at Westminster Cathedral. Bishop James will be an auxiliary bishop for our diocese. Sr Christine is organising a group to go along and also an album of photos and memories. Email nip65@msn

### **ASPEN COURT OPEN DAY**

Aspen Court Nursing Home, in Dodd St is having an open day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The Sanctuary Lamp at Poplar this week burns for the intentions of the Stephen Family.

### **RAFFLE**

Tickets for our second raffle in aid of our Lourdes Fund (helping to pay for people to join our pilgrimage to Lourdes) are now available. The first prize is £100 of M&S vouchers. Please contact either the parish office or Sr Christine if you have other prizes to donate. The raffle will be drawn at our parish summer BBQ which is planned for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – get the date in your diary. More information to follow.

### **NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR**

Many thanks to all who faithfully contribute to our Food Bank Container at the back of Church at Poplar. Please see the list of the most needed items.

Our next trip to Calais will be on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>. There are sheets on the white table at the back of Church at Poplar describing some of the most urgent issues we discovered on our May visit. We are collecting Euros for the charities, unwanted mobile phones, shoes or trainers, size 42-44 and medical / first aid items. If you would like to know more please give Sr Christine a ring on 07813 478 891.

Wanted: Car Drivers and Bikers urgently needed Sundays and Wednesdays, please come to St. Matthias Community Centre on 113 Poplar High St. between 11.30am and 12noon. We can be reached on 07813478891 if more details are needed.

There will be an interfaith gathering on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at the QVSR from 5pm til 7pm to celebrate Pentecost and Eid-ul-Adha together. All are welcome.

There will be a Windrush Evening celebrating our Caribbean community with refreshments and music 7pm to 10pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at St Matthias Community Centre. All are welcome.

## **RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS**

### POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £144.20	Loose: £307.26	Contactless: £139.60	Total: £591.06
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### STANDING ORDERS

March: £513.34                      April: £543.34

### LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £36.50	Loose: £78.10	Contactless: £67.00	Total: £181.60
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### STANDING ORDERS

March: £1'507.00                      April: £1'507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

## **FR ANDREW WRITES**

Friday and Saturday just gone, we celebrated two beautiful feasts; the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These two feasts of hearts, one human and one divine make me think of St John Henry Newman's motto; 'Cor ad cor loquitur', which means 'heart speaks to heart'. And how true that is. You can watch all the party political broadcasts you like or read a thousand books or articles on this, that or the other, but it is only when we come across someone speaking from the heart that their words stir our hearts – heart speaks to heart.

On Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we celebrated the fact that when God comes to us in Jesus Christ, what he reveals is a heart on fire with love for us, a burning love that drives him to give his whole life for us. A love that is so strong that it conquers death and opens up eternal life for us with God. Jesus Christ is the Word of God made flesh and that word is spoken absolutely from the heart. When God says that he loves you, unconditionally, he means it, and in the death and resurrection of Jesus he proves it.

The Christian life is NOT about trying to earn God's love because he loves us anyway. The Christian life IS about responding to God's love. So how can we respond? Well we could, and sadly many do, simply ignore God's appeal from the heart, we can refuse to believe it, we can live as if it wasn't true. Or, as perhaps still more people do, we can respond entirely with the head or with a rather empty word, 'thank you very much', we say and move on.' And yet we know from our own experience of opening our heart to others how crushing it is when our appeal of love is either ignored or met with a indifference. There is really only one way to respond to God's appeal of unconditional love, that burning love revealed in the heart of Jesus, and that is for us to respond with love in return. Divine heart speaks to human heart and human heart opens up and responds in love.

On Saturday, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we celebrated what that human response to God's love can look like. Mary's heart is Immaculate because it is undivided. Mary responds to God's love with her whole heart, with a burning love of her own. And this is not mere sentimentality. Think about what that love in Mary's heart enables her to do. She accepts the extraordinary invitation to give birth to the Saviour with everything which that risks for her. Her life is not easy and straightforward and as she stands at the foot of the cross that love is poured out in sorrow. Only through the resurrection and her assumption into heaven does that steely steadfast and practical love come to rest. In all of this Mary's Immaculate Heart gives us a pattern to follow. If our heart is undivided in its loving response to God's love for us and if that love expresses itself through our practical commitment to care for those around us, even and especially when that is difficult, when our hearts are broken, then at last will our hearts rest in the embrace of God's love, in heaven, where heart will speak to heart for ever.

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 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*

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**First reading**                      Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

**Response to the Psalm**              With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second reading**                      2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel**                                      Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse	
Entrance	969 – Lord of all hopefulness	Entrance	820 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
Offertory	846 – Amazing Grace	Offertory	600 - All that I am
Communion	840 – God of mercy and compassion	Communion	204 - Lord Jesus think on me
Recessional	847 – O Lord all the world	Recessional	849 - God forgave my sin

*Next Sunday is the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*