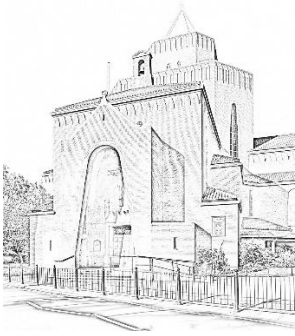


**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR
AND
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE**



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NEWSLETTER for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2024

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament:**

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

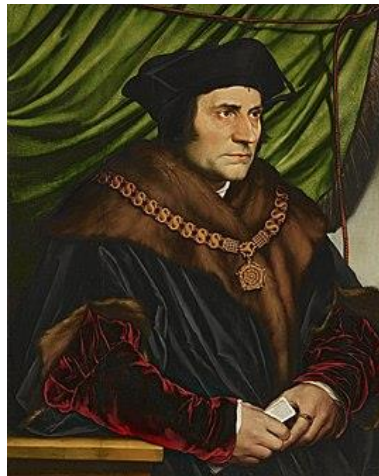
First Fridays 6.00pm - 7.00pm
at Poplar

Baptisms

By appointment. Usually at
1pm on Saturdays.

Parish Office

Tue – Fri, 10.00am – 2.30pm



*St Thomas More
by Hans Holbein the Younger*

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 22 nd Jun	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Dennis Brown (RIP)
Sun 23 rd Jun	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	The People of the Parish Ramuydas (RIP)
Mon 24 th Jun	Birthday of St John the Baptist			No Mass
Tue 25 th Jun	Feria Week 12	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf*	Peggy Doran (RIP) Priest's Intention
Wed 26 th Jun	Feria Week 12	10.00am	Poplar	Bernadine Fernandes (Int)
Thu 27 th Jun	St John Southworth	10.00am	Poplar	Michael McMunn (RIP)
Fri 28 th Jun	St Irenaeus	10.00am	Poplar	Sean Long (RIP)
Sat 29 th Jun	Saturday memoria of BVM	10.00am	Poplar	Aaron Stephen (Thanksgiving)

* = 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 and Brigid Baker, who have died recently. Please also pray for Polly-Blossom Veitch-Beackon, Mary Jeffries and Gillian Wallace who are all ill.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to all the children in Poplar who have made their First Holy Communion. The children from Limehouse will make their first Holy Communion during the 12noon Sunday Mass on 30th June. On Sunday 7th July all First Holy Communion children attending mass will receive their certificates.

REPOSITORY SHOP

The repository shops at both Poplar and Limehouse now have lots of gifts and cards suitable for First Holy Communion in stock.

SAVE THE DATE! – POPLAR PARISH BBQ

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - PETER'S PENCE

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Ss Peter and Paul, so it is appropriate that on that Sunday we should also have the annual Peter's Pence collection. This collection helps to support the various charitable and pastoral initiatives of the Holy See as well as its central administration in Rome.

ASPEN COURT OPEN DAY

Aspen Court Nursing Home, in Dodd St, is having an open day on Friday 28th June beginning at 2.30pm with a Pearly King and Queen.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Poplar this week burns in memory of Sue Gray.

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 14th 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 1st. 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 a Windrush Evening celebrating our Caribbean community with refreshments and music from 7pm to 10pm on Saturday 29th June at St Matthias Community Centre. All are welcome.

There is a helpful sheet available at the back of church with some suggested priorities for parliamentary candidates in the forthcoming election. This is intended to help you to consider the choices and, if you get the chance, even put some of those issues to representatives of parties if they come knocking.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £200.45	Loose: £318.84	Contactless: £103.00	Total: £622.29
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STANDING ORDERS	DAY FOR LIFE
April: £543.34	May: £513.14
	£46.53

LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY

Envelopes: £15.00	Loose: £109.64	Contactless: £95.00	Total: £219.64
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STANDING ORDERS	DAY FOR LIFE
April: £1,507.00	May: £1,507.00
	£63.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

FR ANDREW WRITES

This Saturday just gone we celebrated the feast of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More. They were both learned and successful men, St John the Bishop of Rochester and St Thomas the Chancellor of England. They were both great reformers in their respective spheres and very highly regarded. They had much to lose in the sight of the world. But when Henry VIII insisted that they sign the oath of succession, recognizing as rightful heirs to the English throne the children of Henry and his mistress, Anne Boylen, they refused and were imprisoned. Their objection was partly a simple matter of conscience about the sanctity of marriage but more importantly about whether even a King had the right to change the moral law. Fisher and More were already in prison when Henry took matters further and declared himself to be the head of the Church in England, usurping the proper authority of the Pope.

Both St John Fisher (whom the Pope made a Cardinal whilst he awaited his execution) and St Thomas More were executed for their faithfulness to their conscience and because they were determined to use the power that they had in order to resist the abuse of power by the King.

In a little while the people of the UK will have the opportunity to exercise their democratic right in a general election. It is perhaps appropriate that at this time the Church presents to us two great figures: St John Fisher, a Church leader, and St Thomas More, a statesman. These great saints lived at a time when the people did not have such democratic power and when the King who wielded the power was a tyrant. It is striking that during that time there were very few bishops and senior churchmen who resisted Henry's tyranny and relatively few statesmen. Most of these kept quiet and protected themselves. There were many heroic martyrs to conscience but most of them were ordinary folk or humble priests and religious.

Thanks be to God, we do have the ability today to influence the course of events in our country by exercising our right to vote. And while there are constitutional checks and balances that ought to prevent tyranny, just as in the days of Henry VIII so today, all that is needed for tyranny to creep in is for good people to say nothing and do nothing. It is incumbent upon us all to exercise our democratic right and in that way to be the voice of conscience. I'm not going to tell you for whom you should vote but I am urging you to learn what you can about the various parties and to vote according to your conscience, according to who you think stands for what is good and true. Sr Christine has produced a helpful sheet, available at the back of church with some suggested priorities for the candidates. You may find this helpful as a start.

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 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: ‘Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Response to the Psalm O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Ep1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, ‘Master, do you not care? We are going down!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.’

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse	
Entrance	966 - Walk with me, O my Lord	Entrance	955 - O God, our help in ages past
Offertory	972 - Do not be afraid	Offertory	972 - Do not be afraid
Communion	956 - I watch the sunrise	Communion	909 - Be still and know I am with you
Recessional	871 - Lord, you have come to the seashore	Recessional	973 - He’s got the whole world

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.