

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 24th 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 1.00pm on Saturdays.

Parish Office
Tue - Fri 10.00am - 2.30pm



St Peter by Peter Paul Rubens

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 14th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Joan Aiken (RIP)
Sun 15th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	For the people of the parish Joseph Chin Tran (Ann)
Mon 16th Sep	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian			No Mass
Tue 17th Sep	Feria Week 24	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Macey Cox (sick) Private Intention
Wed 18th Sep	Feria Week 24	10.00am	Poplar	Bernadette McSweeney
Thu 19th Sep	Feria Week 24	10.00am	Poplar	Doreen Maciejewski
Fri 20th Sep	Funeral of Zane Sullivan	10.00am	Poplar	Zane Sullivan (RIP)
Sat 21st Sep	St Matthew	10.00am	Poplar	Peace

*= Teas and Coffees in the Guild Room each week after the 10am Sunday mass, all are welcome.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Zane Sullivan, Joan Aiken, Michael Hamilton, Eddie Cashman, Sr Breda Bresnihan, Sr Margarita Byron, Judy Mathurin, Shane Terry, Josefina Legaspi and Warren Andrew Whitty who have died recently. Please also pray for Bernadette McSweeney, Doreen Maciejewski, Susan Mansfield, Sylma Simon, Frances Samuels, Polly-Blossom Veitch-Beackon, Gillian Wallace and Mary Jeffries who are all ill.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Zane Sullivan – Friday 20th September at 10am at Poplar
Joan Aiken – Monday 30th September at 10.30am at Limehouse

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The programme for children who are in Year 3 will begin at the start of October this year, beginning at the 10am Mass at Poplar on Sunday 6th October at which the children will be formally welcomed. Application forms are available now at the back of church. It is very important that you take a form, fill it out and return it as soon as possible. **The closing date for applications is Sunday 22nd September 2024.**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation course is open to young people in year 9 who are already demonstrating a commitment to being involved in our parish communities. After Christmas we will begin our regular meetings but between now and then young people may apply for the programme but they will need to demonstrate their commitment in two ways. The first is regular attendance at mass. Only young people who are regularly coming to mass will be able to join programme. If you haven't been in the habit then now is the time to start. The second element is involvement in our community. You may already be doing something for others but if not then you will need to start now. You can either propose some voluntary work or ask Fr Andrew or Sr Christine if they can suggest something for you. So it's time to start thinking. Forms are available at the back of church for you to register you interest but only children meeting the above criteria will be admitted. There will be a meeting for parents and young people who are interested at 7pm on Thursday 26th September in the Guild Room at Poplar.

COMING INTO THE CHURCH OR RETURNING TO CHURCH

The first meeting for this year's RCIA programme will be at 7pm on Tuesday 8th October in Guildroom. The RCIA is a programme for adults who wish to explore the Catholic faith with a view to either joining or returning. It is suitable for those who are not baptised or those who have been baptised in other Christian denominations and who wish to be received into the full communion of the Church. It is also suitable for those may have been baptised as Catholics but who have drifted away and wish to reconnect and/or who never made their First Holy Communion or were Confirmed as children. Please fill in an application form, available at the back of the church and **return it by Sunday 22nd September 2024.**

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND, SICK AND ELDERLY

On Saturday 12th October at 11am at St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar we will have a special mass with the anointing of the sick for the housebound, sick and elderly from both our parishes. Lunch will be provided in the Guildroom afterwards. Please let either Sr Christine or the Parish Office know if you or someone you know need transport or if you are willing to help with transport yourself.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Sunday 15th Neighbours in Poplar will be delivering it's 50,000th dinner, thanks entirely to volunteers from the community. With winter coming and colder days ahead, if you are aware of an older neighbour in need of a hot meal, please let us know.

CALAIS Our next visit is booked for Thursday October 3rd. If anyone would like to come and see how things are for the Refugees, please contact nip65@msn.com.

Saturday October 5th COMMUNITY Consultation day in the Workhouse Centre, Poplar High St from 12noon to 4pm. Stalls welcome, Information will follow.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £215.00	Loose: £302.08	Contactless: £125.00	Total: £642.08
STANDING ORDERS May: £543.34	June: £543.34		
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £27.00	Loose: £91.45	Contactless: £67.00	Total: £185.45
STANDING ORDERS May: £1,507.00	June: £1,507.00		
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope".

The 2025 Jubilee will begin in Advent 2024 and will run until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026. Taking place every 25 years, a Jubilee year is a tradition that is recognised and respected throughout the world as being a significant part of the history of our faith. Excluding the Extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, the last Jubilee year took place in 2000, marking an historic moment as the Church entered into her third millennium.

A Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Catholic Church encourages all the faithful to deepen their faith and to open the doors of the church to more people, literally and symbolically. The year begins with the well-known custom of the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, following the other three papal basilicas in Rome.

Although this is a global celebration, Pope Francis invites dioceses throughout the world to mark the Jubilee in their own unique way and one way in which our diocese of Westminster is going to mark the Jubilee is by designating certain churches throughout the diocese as special Jubilee Churches. I am delighted to tell you that Cardinal Vincent has asked that St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar should be a designated Jubilee Church especially for the Eastern Area of the Diocese. The role of a Jubilee Church is to be a focal point around which people could gather to celebrate the particular themes and chosen moments of the Jubilee Year. This may involve penitential services or special masses and more generally just being a place of welcome and pilgrimage. A plenary indulgence will be available to anyone who visits the church under the normal circumstances during the Holy Year.

There will be more information on all of this in due course but in the mean time I would like to invite you all to start thinking about what you would like us to do during the Holy Year, not just at Poplar but at Limehouse too.

If our church at Poplar is to be a place of pilgrimage during the Holy Year then it will really need to be open more often so as to be genuinely a place of welcome. At the moment the church is locked except when there is a service on for security reasons. Wouldn't it be great if we could have a rota of parishioners who would be willing at specified times to be in the church, partly to keep an eye on it so that it could safely remain open, but also to be a friendly face and a welcome to any pilgrims of hope who made their way to our church during the Jubilee Year. Let me know if you might be interested in this.

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 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Isaiah 50:5-9

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. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Response to the Psalm I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	877 Will you come and follow me	Entrance	877 Will you come and follow me
Offertory	748 Unless a grain of wheat	Offertory	600 All that I am
Communion	749 The Servant King	Communion	627 This is my body
Recessional	671 Morning has Broken	Recessional	756 When I survey

Next Sunday is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)