

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 25th 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



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 21st Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Private Intention
Sun 22nd Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	William Henry Phillips *(Ann.)* Fred Stageman *(Ann.)*
Mon 23rd Sep	St Pio of Pietrelcina			No Mass
Tue 24th Sep	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Maria Iolanda Vaglio *(Ann.)* Andrea Stephen *(Int.)*
Wed 25th Sep	Feria Week 25	10.00am	Poplar	Eddie Cashman *(RIP)*
Thu 26th Sep	Feria Week 25	10.00am	Poplar	Lydie Bolou *(Int.)*
Fri 27th Sep	St Vincent de Paul	10.00am	Poplar	Stephen Family *(Int.)*
Sat 28th Sep	Saturday Memoria of BVM	10.00am	Poplar	Priest's Intention

*= 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, who have died recently. Please also pray for Francis Charles, 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

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 although 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 Guild Room. 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 Guild Room 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

Thank you so much to everyone who joined last Sunday's celebrations. Sir Ian McKellen was our special guest as we all thanked our wonderful volunteers.

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: £136.50	Loose: £444.65	Contactless: £145.00	Total: £726.15
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £738.34 August: £1'244.24			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £57.00	Loose: £120.97	Contactless: £29.00	Total: £206.97
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £1,507.00 August: £1,507.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

It's really lovely to see the Church filling up again as everyone returns to their normal routines after the summer holidays. So welcome back if you have been away! This is your church and your home! Speaking of welcome, I think this is a good point in the year to extend that welcome as a parish community to others. Before the weather causes people to retreat too much, this is a great time to ask friends or family who might not be in the habit of coming to mass to come along with you. On Sunday 6th October at the 10am mass at Poplar we will be welcoming all the children on the First Holy Communion Course and their parents, so that would be a great one to invite parents of young children to come along to. Sometimes people say they are worried about their children being noisy: please tell them that we don't mind, we would much rather they came.

Of course, there are also things in the week that you can invite people along to. From 11th November onwards at our Tuesday 10am mass at Poplar most weeks we will be joined by one class from Our Lady & St Joseph's Primary School. As well as our regulars, parents of those children are warmly invited and after mass, when the children have returned to school, we will have teas and coffees in the Guild Room to which everyone will be welcomed, even if you haven't been to mass. This will be a chance for parents and our regular parishioners to have a chat. I promise to put the heating on once the weather gets cold! It would be great if someone would volunteer to make the teas and coffees. Have we got any bakers who might like to bake some cakes and biscuits perhaps? Please let me know!

In a few weeks' time we will have a little survey at mass which will be a chance for everyone to indicate what skills or abilities they may have and may be willing to put at the service of the parish and what new activities they would like to see and get involved in. More on that later.

Looking forward a little, Bishop Nicholas will be coming to do a parish visitation on the weekend of 14th and 15th December (which will come around quicker than you think). This will be towards the beginning of the Holy Year and therefore of our time as a special Jubilee Church, so do keep thinking of ways that we might make a start on becoming a place of welcome for Pilgrims of Hope during the Holy Year.

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 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Response to the Psalm The Lord upholds my life.

Second reading James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	787 Sing it in the valleys	Entrance	908 Blest are the pure in heart
Offertory	846 Amazing Grace	Offertory	603 Blest are you Lord
Communion	924 Servant Song	Communion	979 O the word of my Lord
Recessional	785 Though the mountains may fall	Recessional	955 O God our help in ages past

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