

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



Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Bowden
Parish Administrator: Alessandro Vaglio
Clergy House, 9 Pekin Street, London E14 6EZ
T: 020 7987 4523 E: Poplar@rcdow.org.uk | Limehouse@rcdow.org.uk
W: www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/poplar | www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/limehouse

NEWSLETTER for the 27th 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



God introducing Adam and Eve

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 5th Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Priest's Intention
Sun 6th Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Rita Ryan *(RIP)*
Mon 7th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary			No Mass
Tue 8th Oct	Feria Week 27	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Ellen Wigmore *(Ann.)* Private Intention
Wed 9th Oct	St John Henry Newman	10.00am	Poplar	Billy Fell *(Ann.)*
Thu 10th Oct	Feria Week 27	10.00am	Poplar	David Stacey *(Ann.)*
Fri 11th Oct	Feria Week 27	10.00am	Poplar	Monica Stacey *(Int.)*
Sat 12th Oct	Dedication of the Church	**11.00am**	Poplar	For the sick and housebound

*= 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

Francis Charles, Zane Sullivan, Joan Aiken, Michael Hamilton, Eddie Cashman, who have died recently. Please also pray for Rita Lovelace, 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

Francis Charles - Wednesday **30th October at 10.00am at Poplar.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Applications for the programme have now closed. Parents and children who have enrolled will be attending the **10am Mass at Poplar this Sunday 6th October** at which the children will be formally welcomed.

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 the Guild Room. If you haven't done so already, please fill in an application form, available at the back of the church and **return it as soon as possible.**

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND, SICK AND ELDERLY

This coming **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.

This coming Saturday is also the Feast of the Dedication of our church at Poplar, what better way to celebrate our beautiful church building than by welcoming those of our community who might often, due to ill-health or disability, find it hard to come. Let's make this is a beautiful and inclusive celebration of our parish community!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This week there will be a second collection for the work of CAFOD. Please donate the money that you saved by fasting on Friday and anything else that you can give to help the poorest of the poor around the world. Thank you to everyone who came along for our bread and soup supper on Friday evening.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Because we didn't have our monthly Friday adoration last week, we will instead have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction this **Friday 11th October at 6pm at Poplar**.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

We have 2 tickets for the **Science Fair Exposition in Excel on Monday 14th October**. We are promoting this as a way of exciting our young people into the possibility of a Career in the new Life Science Laboratory being developed in Canary Wharf (the largest of its kind in Europe). We want to see some of our local people secure employment in this project!

We delivered lots of food, stuffs, medications, toiletries and woollies. Thank you to all who contributed. We were able to give each Charity 200 euros, thanks to generous donors.

DRIVERS needed on Wednesdays and Sundays to help with the Dinner deliveries. Winter is coming and many will be increasingly isolated and lonely. It is not just the dinner we deliver, it is the essential knowledge that someone cares! See Sr. Christine if you can help or ring 07813478891.

Neighbours in Poplar will be 55years old at the end of October and we are celebrating this milestone with a **High Tea in St. Matthias on Friday October 18th, between 2pm and 4.30pm**. Our special guest will be Bishop James Curry, one of our earliest Summer Project Volunteers!

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £91.20	Loose: £356.54	Contactless: £152.00	Total: £599.74
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £738.34 August: £1'244.24			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £35.00	Loose: £58.96	Contactless: £155.00	Total: £248.96
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £1,507.00 August: £1,507.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

This coming Saturday 12th October marks the anniversary of the consecration of our church in Poplar which took place on that day in 1960. The following Thursday 17th October marks the anniversary of the consecration of the church in Limehouse which took place on 17th October 1945. The Feast of the Dedication of a church is a way for a community to remember when the church building (in the case of Poplar, completed in 1954 replacing the earlier church from 1856 destroyed in the war and, in the case of Limehouse, completed in 1934 replacing an earlier church from 1881) was first dedicated or consecrated for the worship of God. But it is not just about the history of a particular building. I mention earlier church buildings that both our current ones replaced to emphasise that the communities were here before the church buildings, they predate them and they are more important than them. The prayers and readings that we use at the mass on the anniversary of the dedication of a church explain beautifully that a physical church building is a temporary thing that we as pilgrim people build. In other words as holy and important as our wonderful churches are, they are really just where we camp out on our journey together to heaven. But our churches are important and should be cared for, treasured and respected because it is in these places, during our earthly pilgrimage and especially during the celebration of the mass, that God creates and shows forth our communion with him and with one another, for it is in these places when we celebrate the Eucharist that we are made into the body of Christ, the Church. And so, the prayers remind us, our church buildings are an important reminder to each of us that we ourselves are the living stones that make up the Body of Christ, the Church. Whilst at church this weekend, have a look up, pick a stone or a brick, a part of an arch or wall and ask yourself what would happen if that brick or stone or part were not there. The building would suffer. It is the same with the living Church, the Body of Christ, of which we are all members or parts. Each of us is vital to the whole and the whole is not a building, nor even an organisation, but rather an organism and a family. During the mass celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of a church we use this beautiful prayer which sums all of this up:

"For in this visible house that you have let us build and where you never cease to show favour to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully manifest and accomplish the mystery of your communion with us. Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and cause your Church, spread through the world, to grow ever more and more as the Lord's own Body, till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace, the heavenly city of Jerusalem."

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 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Response to the Psalm May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second reading Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation 1Jn4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	803 Love is his word	Entrance	801 Love divine, all loves excelling
Offertory	971 Father, I place into your hands	Offertory	600 All that I am
Communion	764 Colours of day	Communion	921 This is my will, my one command
Recessional	770 Shine, Jesus, shine	Recessional	922 Bind us together

Next Sunday is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)