

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 28th 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



"…give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven."

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 12th Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Priest's Intention
Sun 13th Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Agnes Wong *(Int.)*
Mon 14th Oct	Feria Week 28			No Mass
Tue 15th Oct	St Teresa of Avila	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Bill Stone *(Ann.)* Private Intention
Wed 16th Oct	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	10.00am	Poplar	Jim Kinsella *(RIP)*
Thu 17th Oct	Dedication of the Church	10.00am	Limehouse	The People of the Parish
Fri 18th Oct	St Luke	10.00am	Poplar	Savitha *(Int.)*
Sat 19th Oct	Saturday Memoria of BVM	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

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, 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. The first meeting for parents and children will be at 4.30pm on Saturday 19th **October** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

COMING INTO THE CHURCH OR RETURNING TO CHURCH

The next meeting for this year's RCIA programme will be at 7pm on **Tuesday 15th 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.**

ALTAR SERVERS

We are so blessed in both our parishes with such great and faithful altar servers! Last Saturday, 5th October, 15 children and young adults from our parish in Poplar joined over 400 servers at the National Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral. Cardinal Nichols reminded us of the importance of involving young people in the Mass and other liturgies, as it engages and encourages them on their faith journeys. We continue to pray for them and give thanks for their service and enthusiasm!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, therefore next weekend there will be a second collection for the work of Missio. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide. You can give in cash as you leave church, so please use the Missio Envelopes if you want to Gift Aid your contribution. You can also donate by using the contactless machines or by visiting **missio.org.uk**

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH AT LIMEHOUSE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this Thursday 17th October is the Feast of the Dedication of the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Frederick in Limehouse. This feast day celebrates the anniversary of the day, 17th October 1945, when this building was first dedicated to the worship of God. Because of this, the 10am Mass on Thursday will be celebrated at Limehouse rather than Poplar.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

CALAIS: Qualified minibus driver who is comfortable driving in France wanted! We need you for our next visit which will be on a Monday in November. Mondays are good for one of the Centres we visit as on that day they care for a large number of refugees. If you are interested let Alex know or Sr. Christine **nip65@msn.com**

Big Thank You to all who helped us on Saturday morning. It was great to see so many of our housebound and we will be ensuring that all who would like to receive Holy Communion at home are on our list.

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! All our friends and volunteers are very welcome!

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £160.50	Loose: £420.19	Contactless: £198.00	Total: £778.69
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £738.34	August: £1'244.24	CAFOD £626.85	
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £40.00	Loose: £111.41	Contactless: £181.00	Total: £332.41
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £1,507.00	August: £1,507.00	CAFOD £1'151.00	
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

Because we'll be reading a letter from Cardinal Vincent at the masses this weekend in place of a homily, I thought I would share my thoughts on the readings here. Our first reading and our Gospel deal with the tension between two things: the good things of this life, on the one hand, and Wisdom and eternal life on the other.

In our first reading King Solomon tells us that he preferred Wisdom to wealth and power. And we know that because of this God also gave him great power and wealth. Now when the bible speaks about Wisdom, it is not just talking about being intelligent or smart. Wisdom is really about loving God so much, becoming so intimate with him that we begin to see things as he sees them. That's why when Solomon prayed for Wisdom rather than wealth and power, God made him a successful and powerful King, because he knew that Solomon would know how to use that wealth and power for God's purposes.

And then in our Gospel a rich man approaches Jesus asking what he must do to inherit eternal life. Now although this man is successful by worldly standards, he can see that there's more to life and it is this that leads him, a rich man, to approach this poor itinerant preacher. Jesus starts by telling him to keep the basic commandments, you must not kill or commit adultery or steal etc… in other words, commandments to do with violations of the law of love. In other words, if we want to gain that intimacy with God that Solomon enjoyed which led to his famed Wisdom, we must put out of our lives anything that is opposed to love.

But the rich man says he already keeps these, and we can assume that this was true, he seems to be genuinely searching for God. So Jesus looks steadily at him and loves him. In Jesus love and wisdom go together, his love penetrates to the depths of this rich man's heart. He sees him and knows him as he loves him. And Jesus can see that the last obstacle to this rich man really giving himself over in love to God is his attachment to his wealth and so he tells him to sell everything and give the money to the poor and to follow him. But the man goes away sad. At this moment of decision, he can't let go.

We are all part of the Church because we sense that Jesus is the only one who can provide the fulfilment for which we all yearn. And his look of love pierces each of our hearts and he asks us today to let go of whatever it is to which we are clinging, anything that prevents us from opening ourselves in love to God whereby we gain that gift of Wisdom that allows to see all things as He sees them. Jesus is looking at you today and loving you and offering you eternal life. Don't go away sad.

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 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Response to the Psalm Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

Second reading Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	458 All are welcome	Entrance	877 Will you come and follow me
Offertory	600 All that I am	Offertory	610 Take our bread
Communion	Ubi Caritas	Communion	938 Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	824 City of God	Recessional	959 All my hope on God is founded

Next Sunday is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)