

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



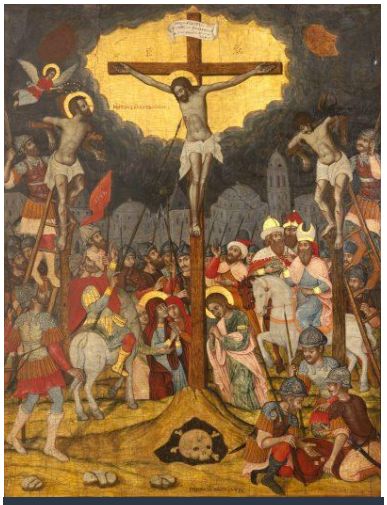
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NEWSLETTER for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2024

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



Icon of the Crucifixion
by Ioannes Moskos

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 19th Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Private Intention
Sun 20th Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish William Edward Philips *(Int.)*
Mon 21st Oct	Feria Week 29			No Mass
Tue 22nd Oct	St John Paul II	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Angela Phillips *(Ann.)* Priest's Intention
Wed 23rd Oct	Feria Week 29	10.00am	Poplar	Christopher Cooley *(Ann.)*
Thu 24th Oct	Feria Week 29	10.00am	Poplar	Margaret Taylor *(Ann.)*
Fri 25th Oct	Feria Week 29	10.00am	Poplar	Peg O'Sullivan *(Ann.)*
Sat 26th 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 Anthony Gafa, 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 next meeting for parents and children will be at 4.30pm on **Saturday 26th 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 **Monday 28th 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

This Sunday there will be a training session for new altar servers after the 10am mass at Poplar. Parents of children who are interested in becoming altar servers must complete and return a parental consent form, available from the sacristy.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, therefore 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**

ASSISTED DYING BILL

Last week we read the Cardinal's letter on this Bill which is now before Parliament. If you missed it last week, copies of the Cardinal's letter are available at the back of Church. Please consider writing to your MP urging them to vote against the Bill. Our two local MPs are: Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow Constituency) Email: **rushanara@rushanaraali.org** - Apsana Begum (Member for Poplar and Limehouse) Email: **apsana.begum.mp@parliament.uk** Contact Address for both: House of Commons, Westminster, SW1A OAA

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**

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING MEETING in St. Matthias Community Centre on Thursday 24th October at 6pm. If you are concerned about Planning/Building in the area, please come and raise your concerns. We need to find our voice!

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.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £197.50	Loose: £427.65	Contactless: £198.50	Total: £823.65
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £738.34 August: £1'244.24			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £45.00	Loose: £72.70	Contactless: £122.00	Total: £239.70
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £1,507.00 August: £1,507.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

You've probably noticed that there is a theme that I tend to return to again and again and it goes something like this: You are the Church – This is your parish – the Church only really works when everyone plays their part etc….

I say this so frequently because it is really true and I think that it is time now for us all to move up a gear with this in mind. The Holy Father has been encouraging the Church around the world to reflect on Synodality. Now that is really just a complicated way of saying what I said at the beginning. You are the Church – This is your parish – the Church only really works when everyone plays their part.

I would like us to start putting this idea into practice and getting everyone more involved by using the gifts, experience and skills that we all have and giving everyone a voice in how the mission of our parishes is carried out. And that is the focus: the mission of our parishes – what we are doing in the world around us, how we are drawing people into the Church.

Neither of our parishes currently have a parish council but just pulling people together and calling that a parish council often ends up with a group that tends to be a bit insular or even a bit of a clique and is more focussed on internal politics than the mission of the church.

So I want to begin with a broader exercise. That is where the survey being handed out at mass this weekend comes in. I would like everyone to fill in the survey which is deliberately quite simple. It asks for your name and contact details, what skills or experience you have that you would be willing to put at the service of your parish community and finally what activities you would like to see and to be involved in. On the reverse of the survey there are some ideas listed which you may find it easier to tick where you are interested.

This will give us a better idea of who comes to mass, who has things to offer but perhaps has never been asked or invited to get involved and what you would like the mission of your parish to look like.

Once everyone has had a chance to fill in the survey, we will then look to pulling together some groups of people who are interested in similar activities and then once these working groups are doing something then a parish council will be formed of representatives of those working groups. That way the parish council will be outward looking and focussed on practical action rather just being an inward-looking talking shop. This is just a beginning but I would urge you all please to fill in the survey and to be as open hearted as you can.

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 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Response to the Psalm May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mk10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	847 O Lord, all the world belongs to you	Entrance	756 When I survey the wondrous cross
Offertory	608 Take my hands	Offertory	752 My song is love unknown
Communion	627 This is my body	Communion	627 This is my body
Recessional	749 The Servant King	Recessional	749 The Servant King

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