

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 30th 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



Christ Healing the Blind by Thobias Minzi (Tanzania, 2010)

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 26th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Amanda Sandra Charles *(Ann.)*
Sun 27th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Shane Terry *(B'Day Ann.)* Mary Stageman *(Ann.)*
Mon 28th Oct	Ss Simon & Jude			No Mass
Tue 29th Oct	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Sara (*Int.*) Private Intention
Wed 30th Oct	Funeral of Francis Charles	10.00am	Poplar	Francis Charles RIP
Thu 31st Oct	All Saints (Vigil)	7.00pm	Limehouse	The People of the Parish
Fri 1st Nov	All Saints (Adoration from 6pm)	10.00am 7.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Agnes Camillire *(Ann.)* The People of the Parish
Sat 2nd Nov	All Souls	10.00am	Poplar	All the Faithful Departed

† = In the multi-faith prayer room in the Churchill Place Shopping Centre between Joe the Juice and Barclays.
*= Teas and coffees in the Guild Room after Mass, all are very welcome.

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.**
Michael James Wallace - Thursday **14th November at 10.00am at Poplar**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next meeting 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 of the RCIA group will be at 7pm on **Tuesday 29th October** in the Guild Room.

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Envelopes for the November Dead List are available at the back of church. Please take an envelope and return it with the names of the deceased loved ones who you would like to be remembered in our November masses for the Holy Souls together with your donation for masses to be offered. All the names of our November Dead will be placed in a box in front of the altar throughout the month of November.

ALL SAINTS

This coming Friday is the Solemnity of All Saints which is a Holy Day of Obligation when we are required, if we can, to come to Mass. There will therefore be additional masses laid on. There will be a Vigil Mass of All Saints at **7pm on Thursday 31st Oct at Limehouse**, and then on **1st Nov itself there will be Mass at 10am and at 7pm at Poplar**. Being a First Friday, there will also be Adoration and confessions before Mass from 6pm on 1st Nov at Poplar.

ALL SOULS

Next Saturday 2nd Nov is All Souls Day, properly known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. On this day we pray for all those who have died but who are awaiting the reward of Heaven. The 10am Mass on Saturday will be a Mass of All Souls and the 6pm Mass on Saturday will also be a Mass of All Souls (but this will still satisfy the Sunday obligation). Both of the Sunday Masses will be those of 31st Sunday of the year.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWE'EN PARTY

An afternoon of wholesome fun in the Guild Room at Poplar, 3pm til 5pm Thursday 31st October.

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 contact Sr. Christine **nip65@msn.com**

Neighbours in Poplar run several Hubs each week for over 50s: Tuesday's is in St. John's Centre on the Isle of Dogs while there are smaller gatherings on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Saltwell Street. Friday's takes place in St. Matthias Community Centre in Poplar High Street. All between 11am and 3pm. For further details ring 0207 531 0190 or email nip65'msn.com We have also just launched a special gathering for residents suffering from dementia. This offers support for Carers also.

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: £209.70	Loose: £312.89	Contactless: £9.00	Total: £531.59
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £738.34	August: £1'244.24	MISSIO: £104.13	
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £30.00	Loose: £105.70	Contactless: £132.00	Total: £267.70
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE July: £1,507.00	August: £1,507.00	MISSIO: £30.50	
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

Parish Surveys

First of all, thank you very much to everyone who completed a parish survey form. It will take us a little time to process everything but watch this space! If you didn't complete a survey last weekend there is still time. Forms are available at the back of church but please hand them in as soon as possible in order to be included. An amended version of the survey will remain available for new parishioners to complete should they wish to register.

All Saints and All Souls

Believe it or not Friday is the 1st November! For Catholics, November is the month when we pray for the dead. We begin that prayer and reflection on 1st November, All Saints Day, with a celebration of all those for whom life's journey has reached its intended end, the enjoyment of the vision of God in heaven. The Church gives us this celebration, and makes it a Holy Day of Obligation when we are asked to come to mass, to remind us that through his life, death and resurrection, Jesus has opened up the gates of Heaven to all the faithful and so Heaven is our true destiny and rightful inheritance. This feast also prevents us from becoming discouraged, especially when we see the great variety of those who we celebrate as saints. Of course, there are many more in Heaven even than those whose names we know and this also gives us hope for those of our loved ones who have died that they might too already be part of that joyful throng of heaven.

Once upon a time, the feast of All Saints was a big deal for our whole society but now it has faded from the public imagination. It is very telling and a little worrying that the only vestige of All Saints or All Hallows, as it used to be called, is the eve of All Hallows or Hallowe'en which rather than being a celebration of goodness leading to eternal life, is instead a celebration of mischief and living death. Obviously for most youngsters this is a bit of innocent fun but we should be very careful about filling innocent young minds with too many of these images and ideas. Why not suggest that children dress up as their favourite saint rather some ghoulish creature? For the rest of November, beginning on All Souls Day (the day after All Saints), we pray for all the Faithful Departed who have not yet reached that final happiness of heaven. Our prayer for the faithful departed and the masses we offer, especially in November, is an expression of the abiding love that continues to bind us to our departed loved ones as they journey to their heavenly homeland. As we help them with our prayers, masses and little sacrifices, they are able to help us on our journey.

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 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Response to the Psalm What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second reading Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	284 We walk by faith	Entrance	
Offertory	435 He healed the darkness	Offertory	
Communion	889 Jesus Christ is waiting	Communion	
Recessional	956 I watch the sunrise	Recessional	

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