

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



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NEWSLETTER for Remembrance Sunday 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 9th Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Eileen Hamilton *(Ann.)*
Sun 10th Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Remembrance	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	War Dead War Dead
Mon 11th Nov	St Martin of Tours			No Mass
Tue 12th Nov	St Josaphat	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Alen Joseph *(Int.)* Priest's Intention
Wed 13th Nov	Feria Week 32	10.00am	Poplar	Gillian Wallace *(Int.)*
Thu 14th Nov	Feria Week 32	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Fri 15th Nov	St Albert the Great	10.00am	Poplar	Luigi Busti (*Int.)*
Sat 16th Nov	St Edmund Abingdon	10.00am	Poplar	Peace

† = 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

Pam Mason, Mary Jeffries, Francis Charles, Zane Sullivan and Joan Aiken who have died recently. Please also pray for Sarah Dodd, Anthony Gafa, Rita Lovelace, Bernadette McSweeney, Doreen Maciejewski, Susan Mansfield, Sylma Simon, Frances Samuels, and Gillian Wallace who are all ill.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next meeting will be at 4.30pm on **Saturday 16th November** 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 12th November** when we will be joining the local interfaith fathering for peace at the Emery Hall at the QVSR and then on **Tuesday 19th November** at 7pm in the Guild Room.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the work of the Sick and Retired Priests Fund which supports priests when they retire or become sick and unable to work.

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.

POPLAR PARISH MEETING 27TH NOVEMBER 7PM IN THE GUILD ROOM

There will be a meeting for Poplar Parish at 7pm on Wednesday 27th November in the Guild Room to report back on the results of the parish survey and discuss the next steps. More information to follow.

TUESDAY 10AM MASS AT POPLAR

Beginning this Tuesday 12th November, each Tuesday during school term time the 10am Mass at Poplar will be in the main church rather than the Canon Wright Chapel. We will be joined for mass each week by a class from Our Lady & St Joseph's school and their parents. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEAS AND COFFEES** in the Guild Room straight after mass. Please let Fr Andrew know if you are interested in helping.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

INTERFAITH WEEK November 10th -17th Come and join us along with people of other Faiths on Tuesday 12th at 6.30pm as we pray together for Peace. Emery Theatre, Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest. All welcome.

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**

OVER 50s HUBS 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 and WALKERS needed to help get the dinners out quickly to our residents, many of whom see very few friendly faces at their doors. See Sr. Christine or email nip65@msn.com or ring 07813478891 if you can help.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £152.00	Loose: £453.20	Contactless: £454.30	Total: £1'059.50
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE September: £538.34			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £30.00	Loose: £131.85	Contactless: £210.00	Total: £371.85
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE September: £1,197.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

This Sunday is remembrance Sunday and at the heart of this commemoration is the idea of sacrifice. We remember those who died in the First and Second World Wars and in the many conflicts since then in order to honour their sacrifice. We do not remember war in order to glory in it. On the contrary, our remembering of the war dead is tied up with a recognition that war is always a failure. War is a failure of communication, a failure of diplomacy, a failure of human solidarity. The truth about humanity is that there is always more that unites than divides us. War is a failure because it focussed on what divides us.

But in our acts of remembrance there is also a recognition that sometimes war becomes the only the option, the only way of standing up to hatred and tyranny. In these circumstances people are called upon to put themselves in peril in that fight for justice and peace. Whatever the failures that may have led to a situation of war and whatever the merit of a particular aim, the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in order that others might live must be honoured.

This is what we are doing on Remembrance Sunday, not glorying in war but honouring the sacrifice of those who laid down their lives. As Christians we are deeply aware that a sacrifice remembered is at the very heart of our faith. We gather together for the mass which is a re-presenting of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In the mass we do not just recall what Jesus did but our act of prayerful remembering, by the power of God's grace, makes real again that sacrifice of Jesus so that we might all participate in it.

We participate by bringing the whole of our lives, offering them with the bread and the wine so that we are all offering the sacrifice. Of course, we participate also by receiving the body and blood of the risen Jesus and so being filled with the power of his eternal life which conquers sin and death. And we participate by responding to those words of Jesus at the Last Supper, 'do this in remembrance of me'. The '*this*' to which Jesus refers has a twofold meaning. Firstly, he wants us to celebrate the mass as a remembrance of his sacrifice but secondly, he also invites us to lay down our lives as a sacrifice of love. And it is in these two ways that we truly obey his command.

On Remembrance Sunday, people will gather at memorials made of stone and lay wreathes made of poppies but the greatest act of remembrance that any of us can make is to obey those words of Jesus, 'do this in remembrance of me' and lay down our lives for others. Not necessarily by dying but by doing all we can to promote that human solidarity and practical charity that will make war a thing of the past.

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 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Response to the Psalm My soul give praise to the Lord.

Second reading Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Rv2:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	795 I heard the voice of Jesus say	Entrance	907 Abide with me
Offertory	610 Take our bread	Offertory	607 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Communion	902 Peace is flowing like a river	Communion	938 Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	907 Abide with me	Recessional	I vow to thee my country

Next Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)