

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 33rd 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



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 16th Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Pamela Mason *(RIP)*
Sun 17th Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Teresa Kien *(RIP)*
Mon 18th Nov	Feria Week 33			No Mass
Tue 19th Nov	Feria Week 33	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Holy Souls Priest's Intention
Wed 20th Nov	Feria Week 33	10.00am	Poplar	Fr Tom Quinn *(RIP)*
Thu 21st Nov	Presentation of the BVM	10.00am	Poplar	Holy Souls
Fri 22nd Nov	St Cecilia	10.00am	Poplar	William "Bill" Sauntry *(Ann)*
Sat 23rd Nov	Saturday Memorial BVM	10.00am	Poplar	Holy Souls

† = 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.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Mary Jeffries – Thursday **28th November at 10am at Poplar**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

After this Saturday's meeting (16th November at 4.30pm), the next meeting will be at 4.30pm on **Saturday 14th December** 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 19th November** in the Guild Room.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

This 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

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. Everyone (even those who weren't at mass are very welcome to join us for teas and coffees after Mass).

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

CALAIS: We will be going to Calais on Monday 18th. We will be taking lots of warm clothing, food and medical items, all thanks to your generosity. Please remember to keep any old discarded phones for the Refugees, many of whom have lost everything.

NEW CLUB for 7-12-year olds in SALTWELL St. Centre. Wednesdays between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Term time only. Free!

FUN AFTERNOON FOR ALL Chrisp Street, Thursday 21st 3pm-7pm

HELP! One of our Parishioners is desperately looking for a double room for rent.

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: £115.00	Loose: £271.30	Contactless: £166.00	Total: £552.30
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE September: £538.34			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £40.00	Loose: £159.03	Contactless: £104.00	Total: £303.03
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE September: £1,197.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King which is the last Sunday of the Church's year. We end the year with a celebration of everything that Jesus is and has done for us, through his incarnation (his coming among us as one of us), his ministry of teaching and healing, his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension to his Heavenly Father and his sending of the Holy Spirit to form us all into the Church. The Sunday after next we begin a new year in the Church with the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of that time of looking forward to the coming of Christ in two ways. We look forward to the celebration of his first coming and we prepare for his second coming at the end of time.

On that first Sunday of Advent, the Bishops of England and Wales have decreed that every parish should begin using a new Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book (or several books in fact) which contains all the readings used at Mass through the year. The selection of readings will remain the same but the translation of the scriptures used will change. There are many different translations of the scriptures available and really none of them is perfect because translating anything from one language to another is more of an art than a science. If you read at mass you may need to spend just a little extra time preparing because the readings will be very similar but not quite the same and may trip you up. For those listening to the readings, you may be struck by some slightly new words or phrases.

I hope that this will not disturb you too much and that you even come to appreciate a fresh perspective on familiar passages. If that turns out to be the case, then changing the translation of the scriptures that we use at mass may be a positive thing in itself – helping us to hear the word of God in a new way.

One practical consequence of all of this is that the Parish Mass Books will no longer be useful as they will have the old translations in them. Since we are now reproducing the readings for mass on the back of the newsletter and since the Parish Mass Books are so expensive, we will not be replacing them. I am aware that many people use the Parish Mass Books to read along with the prayers and responses so we will have some cards with all of those texts for use at Mass.

When people ask me which is the best bible to have at home, I say that it is good to have the same translation as that which we use at Mass, so that the passages become more familiar. The translation that we will be using is called the English Standard Version Catholic Edition (Anglicized Text). I look forward to hearing what you all think of our new sounding readings.

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 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First reading Daniel 12:1-3

At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.

Response to the Psalm Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second reading Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	986 In the day of the Lord	Entrance	801 Love divine, all love's excelling
Offertory	892 The cry of the poor	Offertory	600 All that I am
Communion	631 Bread of Life	Communion	88 Wait for the Lord
Recessional	785 Though the mountains may fall	Recessional	830 The Church's one foundation

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