

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



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NEWSLETTER for the Solemnity of Christ the King 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 23rd Nov	Solemnity of Christ the King (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Eddie Cashman *RIP*
Sun 24h Nov	Solemnity of Christ the King	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Zofia Redecka, Marianna & Stanislaw Mazur *RIP*
Mon 25th Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria			No Mass
Tue 26th Nov	Feria Week 34	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Margaret Anastasia Peter *RIP* Priest's Intention
Wed 27th Nov	Feria Week 34	10.00am	Poplar	Fr Victor Camilleri *(Int)*
Thu 28th Nov	Feria Week 34	10.00am	Poplar	Patricia Jukes *(Int)*
Fri 29th Nov	Feria Week 34	10.00am	Poplar	Margaret Smith *RIP*
Sat 30th Nov	St Andrew, Apostle	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention

† = 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

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 26th November** in the Guild Room.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course for parents who are hoping to have their children baptised will be on **Saturday 30th November in the Guild Room at Poplar 10.30am to 11.30am.**

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.

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 and those without children) are very welcome to join us for teas and coffees in the Guild Room after Mass.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

CALAIS Thank you to all who gave us mobile phones and items for the First Aid Team, they were so appreciated. We met a young Syrian man who had nearly drowned in the Channel a few days earlier, sadly his Dad had not survived. Some of the bodies have not yet been found. Please pray for these Refugees in this very cold weather. Our next visit will be in early January.

TUESDAY 26th Police meeting at 6pm in Saltwell St. with presentation from Violence against Women and Girls. All welcome.

WORKHOUSE SPORTS CENTRE Free Christmas Decoration Workshop in the WORKHOUSE SPORTS CENTRE, Poplar High Street, next to New City College on SATURDAY 30th, 11am to 1pm. All welcome.

CARE WATCH! Keep an eye on your elderly and disabled neighbours. Are they warm enough? Have they got enough food in? Let's not find that people have been taken to hospital suffering from cold or hunger in this "civilised" city of ours!? Keep an eye out for anyone who may be facing a cold and lonely Christmas, when no one is around and everything is closed.

CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES Neighbours In Poplar will be delivering festive meals to isolated resident of this Borough on CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY and NEW YEAR'S DAY... DELIVEROO ANGELS needed.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £135.00	Loose: £287.46	Contactless: £255.50	Total: £677.96
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS: £267.23 September: £538.34 October: £743.34			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST SUNDAY			
Envelopes: £35.00	Loose: £115.15	Contactless: £112.00	Total: £262.15
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS: £362.00 September: £1,197.00 October: £1'271.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

On this Feast of Christ the King which marks the culmination of the Church's year it feels like a good time to look ahead to the future.

The new year of the Church will begin with the first Sunday of Advent which is next Sunday. As mentioned in previous Newsletters, we will start to use our new lectionary on that Sunday which means:

a) The Parish Mass Books will no longer be used because the translation of the readings in them will no longer be correct.
b) Instead everyone is encouraged to use the Newsletter where the correct readings are reproduced on the back page.
c) Cards will be available containing the prayers and responses for the mass so that you will no longer need to use the Parish Mass Books for that.
d) Those who read at mass are encouraged to collect a photocopy of the readings for the four Sundays of Advent from either Fr Andrew or Sr Christine to avoid getting caught out by the change in the lectionary.

There will be an **Advent Talk on Thursday 11th December at 7pm in the Guild Room** at Poplar to help people from both our parishes to prepare for Christmas. All are welcome, please spread the word.

On the weekend of **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December, Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be conducting a visitation of our two parishes**. He will be at Poplar for the 6pm Mass on Saturday 14th and will preside at the 10am Mass on Sunday 15th at Poplar. Then Bishop Nicholas will also preside at the 6pm Mass at Limehouse. The Bishop is very keen to meet as many of you as possible and so there will be an opportunity after each of those masses.

On **Sunday 15th December (the Third Sunday of Advent) mass at Limehouse will be at 6pm instead of 12noon**. Just like last year, this will be a **special mass by candlelight with Advent and Christmas music and a special choir**. The celebrant will be Bishop Nicholas Hudson who looks forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the reception to be held after mass.

A leaflet containing details of all the Christmas mass and service times will be available very soon.

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 – Christ the King

First reading Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Response to the Psalm The Lord is King with majesty enrobed.

Second reading Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation Mk11:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	320 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine	Entrance	321 Crown him with many crowns
Offertory	603 Blest are you Lord	Offertory	644 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Communion	Ubi Caritas est Vera	Communion	253 Jesus, remember me
Recessional	325 Christ is our King	Recessional	320 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent (Year C)