

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2025

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 12 noon 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 18th Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	William Edward Phillips *(Ann.)*
Sun 19th Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Susana & Leonardo Andrade *(RIP)*
Mon 20th Jan	Feria Week 2			No Mass
Tue 21st Jan	St Angnes	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Agnes Camillire *(RIP)* Priest's Intention
Wed 22nd Jan	Feria Week 2	10.00am	Poplar	Angela Fair *(Ann.)*
Thu 23rd Jan	Feria Week 2	10.00am	Poplar	Leonard Orwell *(Ann.)*
Fri 24th Jan	St Frances de Sales	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Sat 25th Jan	Conversion of St Paul			No 10am Mass

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sue Hitchin, Noel Boswell, Ebony Caesar, Janet Jackson, Pam Mason, Mary Jeffries, Francis Charles, Zane Sullivan and Joan Aiken who have died recently. Please also pray for Nita De Fide, Sarah Dodd, Anthony Gafa, Bernadette McSweeney, Doreen Maciejewski, Sylma Simon, Frances Samuels, Gillian Wallace and Lilly Bleach who are all ill.

COMING INTO THE CHURCH OR RETURNING TO CHURCH

The next meeting of the RCIA group will be at 7pm on **Tuesday 28th January** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next meeting will be at 4.45pm on **Saturday 8th February** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

CONFIRMATION

The next meeting of the Confirmation Group will be on Thursday **30th January at 7pm** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Domenico Callegari – Tuesday **21st January at 12pm at St Patrick's Cemetery Chapel.**
Sue Hitchin – Thursday **30th January at 3pm at City of London of Crematorium**

HOLY YEAR - JUBILEE

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. There is still time to sign up for either the weekday or weekend slots – please see below.

Volunteers are needed to welcome pilgrim groups to our Church in Poplar. We need two kinds of volunteers: Weekday Volunteers who are willing to be at the church during the week at regular times; and Weekend Volunteers who would be part of a team who between them would arrange to meet weekend groups who book in advance. There is now a sign-up sheet at the back of church for both.

Weekday Volunteers. Can you spare an hour (or even more) during the week to welcome people to our Church in Poplar? No one would have to do it alone and the role is really just being there to say hello, perhaps making a cup of tea in the Guild Room or telling people a little bit about our parish. If you have some time and are willing, please use the sign-up sheet to give us your contact details and let us know what days and times you might be available.

Weekend Volunteers. We may receive requests for parish groups to come at the weekends, probably Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Would you be willing to be part of a group of volunteers who would arrange between them for a few of the group to come and meet visitors on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon? These visits would be made by appointment. You wouldn't have to do it every weekend.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course for parents hoping to have their children baptised will be on **Saturday 1st February in the Guild Room at Poplar from 11am to 12noon.**

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Poplar this week burns in memory of Mary Markins.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

CALAIS Our next day- trip to CALAIS will be on THURSDAY 30th JANUARY. We travel by mini bus to Folkstone where we pick up the Eurostar and are in Calais in 30 minutes! We have been asked by the charities we visit to bring winter jackets, blankets, woolies, men's' shoes sizes 42, 43, 44, rice and tea bags! We have room for a few passengers if anyone would like to come and see what it is like for the Migrants. All you need is your Passport!

HEATING OR EATING? Keep an eye on your neighbours. Are they warm enough? Have they got enough food in? Keep an eye out for anyone who may be hungry, cold and lonely in this cold weather.

DRIVERS STILL NEEDED Every Wednesday and Sunday to help deliver meals while still hot! St Matthias 113 Poplar High Street E14 04E

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY			
Envelopes: £223.11	Loose: £263.98	Contactless: £264.00	Total: £751.09
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE October: £743.34 November: £713.34 December: £548.34			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY			
Envelopes: £35.00	Loose: £59.20	Contactless: £55.00	Total: £149.20
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE October: £1'271.00 November: £1'507.00 December: £1'237.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE AND HOW TO OBTAIN IT.

The Holy Father has decreed that a special Indulgence may be obtained during the Holy Year. Here I explain what an indulgence is and how it might be obtained.

1. What is an indulgence?

The Jubilee Indulgence is a gift of grace granted by the Church. It involves the remission of all temporal punishment due to sin for those who meet both the General Conditions (section 2) as well as doing one of the specific things listed in section 3.

2. The General Conditions

Before completing any of the specific actions to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, ensure you meet these general conditions:

- Go to Confession to be purified of your sins.
- Receive Holy Communion with reverence.
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

These conditions must be fulfilled within 20 days before or after doing one of the things listed below.

3. You may fulfil the Jubilee requirements in any one of the following ways:

A. Make a Pilgrimage to a Jubilee Church and either say some private prayers, recite the creed or take part in a mass or other service. In the Diocese of Westminster, the following sites have been decreed as Jubilee Churches:

- Westminster Cathedral
- St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
- St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar
- Corpus Christi, Covent Garden
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
- Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

B. Perform Works of Mercy or Penance including:

- Feed the hungry, visit the sick or imprisoned, or assist those in need.
- Dedicate time to volunteer work or offer financial support to charitable causes.
- Pray for the living and the dead.
- Comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, or patiently bear wrongs.
- Fast, abstain, or refrain from unnecessary distractions (e.g., reduce use of social media) especially on a Friday.
- Offer donations or time to benefit others in need.

C. If you are unable to leave the house you can still obtain the Indulgence without travelling by reciting the Our Father, the Creed, and prayers for the Holy Year (e.g., prayerfully reflecting on the Pope's messages for the Jubilee) and offering your sufferings or hardships in union with Christ.

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 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First reading Isaiah 62:1-5

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Response to the Psalm Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples!

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Hymns for Sunday 10am at Poplar		**Hymns for Sunday 12noon at Limehouse**	
Entrance	823 Many are the lightbeams	Entrance	
Offertory	643 Gifts of bread and wine	Offertory	
Communion	623 Now in this banquet	Communion	
Recessional	697 Sing a new song unto the Lord	Recessional	

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)