

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



Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Bowden

Parish Administrator: Alessandro Vaglio

Clergy House, 9 Pekin Street, London E14 6EZ

T: 020 7987 4523 E: [Poplar@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Poplar@rcdow.org.uk) | [Limehouse@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Limehouse@rcdow.org.uk)

W: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/poplar> | <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/limehouse>

## NEWSLETTER for Easter Sunday 2025

### Exposition of the Blessed

#### Sacrament:

Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am

at Poplar

First Fridays 6.00pm - 7.00pm

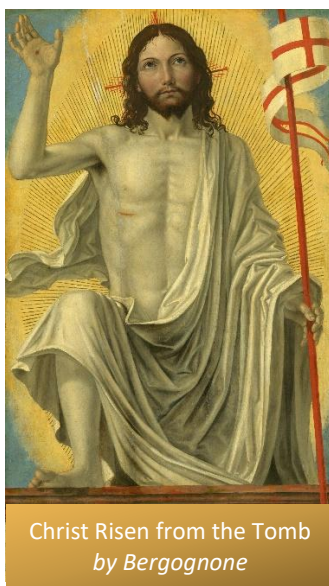
at Poplar

#### 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 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	The Easter Vigil	7.30pm	Poplar & Limehouse	The People of the Parish The People of the Parish
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Sunday	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish The People of the Parish
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Easter Monday			No Mass
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Easter Tuesday	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Easter Wednesday			No Mass
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Thursday	10.00am	Poplar	Priest's Intention
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Friday	10.00am	Poplar	No Mass
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace Private Intention
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Limehouse	The People of the Parish The People of the Parish

\*= Teas and Coffees in the Guild Room after the 10am Mass every Sunday

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Janet Wilson, Michael Turner, Geraldine Mc Nutt, Noel Boswell, Ebony Caesar and Janet Jackson who have died. And for Sr Ellen McCarthy, Pat Ruddell, Rosie Salmon, Ryan Balkwell, Camil Agius, Nita De Fide, Sarah Dodd, Anthony Gafa, Bernadette McSweeney, Doreen Maciejewski, Sylma Simon, Frances Samuels and Lilly Bleach who are ill.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

**Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> both at 11am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next meeting will be at **4.45pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

### CONFIRMATION GROUP

The next meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April** in the Guild Room at Poplar. Any candidates who have not yet given Fr Andrew their confirmation name and the name of their sponsor are asked to do so straight away.

### RCIA

Congratulations to Gabrielle, Guy, Kevin and Winona who were baptised at the Easter Vigil and to Elsa who along with these received the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep Zoe in your prayers who will be baptised at Pentecost.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the tax year beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April are available for collection at the back of church. Please collect yours if you haven't done so already and speak to Fr Andrew if you know of someone who normally uses envelopes but who is unable to come to Mass.

### LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Many thanks to those who came to share their ideas on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, we will meet weekly to explore our faith around a video series called 'The Wild Goose', on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. The videos last about 20 minutes followed by discussion. Email Flo for more information: [florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk)

### CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Please note that this coming week there are a few changes to the usual timetable. To give Fr Andrew a little rest there will be no mass on Monday (as usual) but also no mass on Wednesday or Friday. Please also note that **next Sunday mass at Limehouse will be at 6.00pm** in the evening rather than 12noon. This is because of the London Marathon.

### OPENING THE CHURCH AT POPLAR

We still need more volunteers to be in the church to welcome visitors during the day on weekdays. Can you spare 1 hour one day during the week? Speak to Fr Andrew or contact the Parish Office.

### POPLAR PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP

Please message Lorraine on 07946546804 if you would like to be included and stay up to date.

### NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

**DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED** on Sundays and Wednesday to deliver hot dinners to isolated elders or disabled residents across Tower Hamlets. Come to St Matthias Community Centre on Poplar High Street at 11.30am on either of these days, if you can spare an hour. This is such a simple and important way of demonstrating that we CARE! 07813 478 891 – [nip65@msn.com](mailto:nip65@msn.com).

**ST MATTHIAS FOOD BANK** is open every Tuesday morning from 10am to 12noon

**CALAIS** Next trip will be on MONDAY 24TH APRIL. Anyone interested in seeing what is happening in the Refugee Charities is welcome.

## RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

### POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes £157.65	Loose £604.47	Contactless £350.00	Total £1,112.12
-------------------	---------------	---------------------	-----------------

### STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE

January £713.34	February £743.34	March £713.34
-----------------	------------------	---------------

### LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes £125.00	Loose £113.40	Contactless £161.00	Total £399.40
-------------------	---------------	---------------------	---------------

### STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE

January £1,507.00	February £1,507.00	March £1,507.00
-------------------	--------------------	-----------------

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

### FR ANDREW WRITES

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone for helping to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies and other activities so wonderful. So many people helped and contributed in so many ways, often hidden, and this is a great example of how our communities come together to create something beautiful. I have set out below the words of the Easter Sequence which we will use at Mass on Easter Sunday which is a beautiful reflection on the joyful mystery of our faith. I pray that you are all able to enter into that joy this Easter.

*Fr Andrew*

#### The Easter Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:  
combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain,  
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:  
say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen:  
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen  
from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

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 – Easter Sunday (Year C)

---

### **First reading**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

### **Response to the Psalm**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

*Give praise to the Lord, for he is  
good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’*

*The Lord’s right hand is exalted.  
The Lord’s right hand has done  
mighty deeds.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.*

### **Second reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### **See overleaf for the Easter Sequence**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.  
Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

*Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter*