

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



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NEWSLETTER for 7th Sunday of Easter 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



Ss Peter and Andrew

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 31st May	6th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Aaron Stephen *Int.*
Sun 1st June	6th Sunday of Easter	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Eustacio & Matilde Lizarondo *Int.* The People of the Parish
Mon 2nd June	St Philip Neri			No Mass
Tue 3rd June	St Charles Lwanga and Companions	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Wed 4th June	7th Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	Bertha Fernandes *Int.*
Thu 5th June	St Boniface	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Fri 6th June	7th Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Poplar	Immaculate Padua Christine *Int.*
Sat 7th June	7th Week of Eastertide Pentecost (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Immaculate Padua Christine *Int.* The People of the Parish
Sun 8th June	Pentecost	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	John Peter & Savitha *Int.* William Henry Phillips *B'Day Ann.*

*= Teas and Coffees in Guild Room after the 10am Sunday Mass every week
†= Multi-Faith Prayer Room in the Churchill Place Shopping Mall between Joe the Juice and Barclays

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Stanley Thomas-Edwin, Elena Busti, John Skeels, Fr Don Anderson MAfr, Sr Ellen McCarthy, Betty Lambert, Lucy Lee, Marie Perpie, Ebony Caesar and Pope Francis who have died. And for Susan Connor, Eileen Groves, Val Lawrence, Pat Ruddle, Rosie Salmon, Camil Agius, Nita De Fide, Sarah Dodd, Anthony Gafa, Bernadette McSweeney, Doreen Maciejewski, Sylma Simon and Frances Samuels who are ill.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

The next course is **Saturday June 7th at 11am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next meeting will be at **4.45pm on Saturday 7th June** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

RCIA

The whole RCIA Group will attend the 6pm Vigil Mass of Pentecost next weekend.

POPLAR PARISH EVENTS PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting to discuss some of the events planned for the Poplar Parish over the summer. Anyone with ideas or gifts to share is welcome to come along. **7pm Wednesday 4th June in the Guild Room.**

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Next episode of "The Wild Goose" series, on Thursday 5th June, at 7.30pm: 'The Spirit and the Eucharist'. The Eucharistic liturgy is saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. We will look at a few of the many ways that the Holy Spirit is present in the Mass, that will enable us to encounter God when we attend the Liturgy. Everyone welcome, no need to have attended previous sessions. Email Flo for more information: florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

Lucy Lee at **10am on Thursday 5th June** at St Mary & St Joseph's, Poplar.

Kelly Parks at **10am on Thursday 19th June** at St Mary & St Joseph's, Poplar.

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.

OPENING THE CHURCH AT LIMEHOUSE

From 3rd June, the Limehouse church will open for private prayer every Tuesday and Friday mornings, from 8am to 8.30am, for those who wish to stop by the church at the start of their day or on their way to work.

REPOSITORY

Plenty of First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now available for purchase at Poplar and Limehouse.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

VOLUNTEER WEEK Neighbours in Poplar will be holding an Open Afternoon in St. Matthias to celebrate ALL our volunteers on Sunday JUNE 8th. This is a Thank You to all those who go the extra mile for others! Tower Hamlets (and the Country) would collapse without our Volunteers, they are the glue and strength of every community. The Centre will be open from 2.30pm to 6pm. We might be dancing and singing, you never know, just come along!

CALAIS Our next visit to the Refugee Centres in Calais will be on Monday June 9th, if you would like to come let Sr. Christine know.

WANTED! Anyone who can drive a mini bus in France? If you know of someone who can do this, please get in touch with Sister Christine. Thank you.

CHRISP ST MARKET CONSULTATION Thursdays in the Market, between 10.30am and 1.30pm and on Saturday 31st in the Shoe Zone. Please have your say, homes, shops … FOR WHOM????

"ISLAND OF STRANGERS!" All invited to a celebration of Pentecost and Eid-ul-Adha on Tuesday June 10th in Queen Victoria Seafarers Rest (Emery Hall) at 6pm. Strangers are friends we've not met yet!

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND			
Envelopes £125.00	Loose £397.64	Contactless £233.00	Total £755.64
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE February £743.34 March £713.34 April: £743.34			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND			
Envelopes £51.00	Loose £143.80	Contactless £167.00	Total £361.80
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE February £1,507.00 March £1,507.00 April: £1,507.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

Having celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, we are now in the last part of Eastertide when we are waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As Jesus explained to his disciples, in order for the Holy Spirit to come, it was necessary for Jesus to ascend to his Father in Heaven. This wasn't about leaving us but rather taking our humanity into God so that we might be capable of being filled with God's life through the Holy Spirit. And so in these days until next Sunday which is Pentecost we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

At the 6pm Vigil Mass at Poplar next Sunday (Pentecost) we have a special celebration. The last member of our RCIA group, Zoe, will be baptised and confirmed and her baby son Louis Matthew will also be baptised. That mass will also mark the culmination of the RCIA journey for the whole group. Although of course this is not the end of their journey as Catholic Christians but rather the beginning. Pentecost is the beginning of all our journeys as Christians as we are filled with the Holy Spirit, formed into the unity and communion of the Church and sent out into the world.

This Sunday at the 10am Mass at Poplar we will join with Eustacio & Matilde Lizarondo as they give thanks for 40 years of married life. To mark this milestone, Eustacio and Matilde will renew their wedding vows in the presence of the whole community. This is especially appropriate since they were, unusually, married at the Sunday morning mass in Poplar in front of the whole community all those years ago. This gives us all an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of marriage and family life.

I encourage you all to pray especially for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this week ahead and here is a simple prayer to help us to do that:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

May 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 – 7TH Sunday of Easter (Year C)

First reading Acts 7:55-60

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Response to the Psalm The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and right are the
foundation of his throne.

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you angels, worship him.

For you indeed are the Lord,
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

Second reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation Cf. John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel John 17:20-26

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Next Sunday is Pentecost