

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



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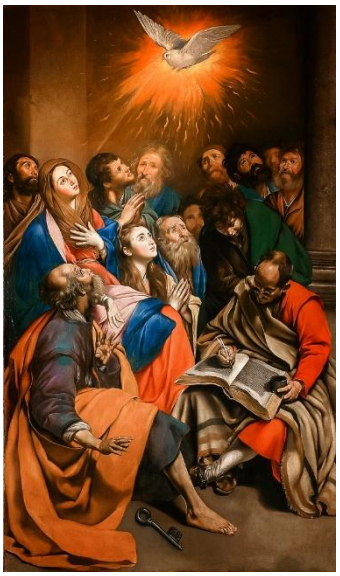
NEWSLETTER for Pentecost 2025

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 7th June	Pentecost (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 8th June	Pentecost	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	John Peter & Savitha *Int.* William Henry Phillips *B'day Ann.*
Mon 9th June	Mary Mother of the Church			No Mass
Tue 10th June	Feria Week 10	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Maria Eugenia Sabina Gomes *RIP* No Mass
Wed 11th June	St Barnabas, Apostle	10.00am	Poplar	David Downes *RIP*
Thu 12th June	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest	10.00am	Poplar	Priest's Intention
Fri 13th June	St Anthony of Padua	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Sat 14th June	First Holy Communion Holy Trinity (Vigil)	**11.00am** 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	For the children The People of the Parish
Sun 15th June	The Most Holy Trinity	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Francis K L Woo *Ann.* Catherine Jayaseelan Family *Int.*

*= 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

Sharon Jeffries, Stanley Thomas-Edwin, Elena Busti, John Skeels, Fr Don Anderson MAfr, Sr Ellen McCarthy, Betty Lambert and Lucy Lee 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 July 5th at 11am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Most of the children on our First Holy Communion Course will make their First Holy Communion at a special mass at **11am next Saturday 14th**. Three will make theirs at the 12noon Mass at Limehouse next Sunday and a few will make theirs at the 10am Mass on Saturday 21st. Congratulations to all our children! **Because of the Special Mass next Saturday there will be no 10am mass, adoration or confessions on that day.**

RCIA

Congratulations to Zoe, baptised at the Vigil of Pentecost this Saturday, and to her baby son Louis Matthew, baptised along with her. Congratulations to all of our RCIA group who mark the end of their RCIA journey but the beginning of their adventure as Catholic Christians.

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Next episode of "The Wild Goose" series, on Thursday 12th June, at 7.30pm: 'The Spirit of Adoption'. One of the most beautiful things the Spirit reveals to us is God as our loving Father, our "Abba - Daddy". Jesus related to his Father as Abba and never before had God been spoken of in such personal and intimate terms. This is part of the Spirit's desire to free us from fear and a master-slave relationship, to turn it into a Father-Daughter/Son relationship. Everyone welcome, no need to have attended previous sessions. Email Flo for more information: florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS

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

Sharon Jeffries at **11am on Friday 27th 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.

DAY FOR LIFE

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Day for Life.

REPOSITORY

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

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK Celebration on Sunday from 2.30pm to 6pm in St. Matthias Community Centre. All Volunteers, regardless of who they work with, are very welcome.

DRIVER WANTED You need to have a D1 to drive a 17-seater in France.

TUESDAY 10th People of Faith in Poplar gathering in the Emery Theatre in the Seaman's Rest from 6pm to 8pm. We will be celebrating Eid and Pentecost, with prayers and Refreshments.

FREE CIRCUS TICKETS We have some free tickets to a special Community Fun Day in Beckton on Saturday June 14th between 12noon and 5pm. If interested see Sr. Christine. Tickets are needed for entry.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS			
POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND			
Envelopes £149.00	Loose £347.31	Contactless £225.00	Total £721.31
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE February £743.34 March £713.34 April: £743.34			
LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND			
Envelopes £35.00	Loose £154.12	Contactless £190.00	Total £379.12
STANDING ORDERS & ONLINE February £1,507.00 March £1,507.00 April: £1,507.00			
Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!			

FR ANDREW WRITES

Congratulations to Zoe, baptised and confirmed at the Vigil of Pentecost at Poplar this Saturday together with her baby son Louis Matthew. This weekend also marks the formal end of the RCIA journey for our whole group. Of course, this is not the end of their journey at all. It is just the beginning. It is very appropriate that we should mark this milestone for this group at Pentecost because this feast is itself a turning point and a new beginning. In his great plan to rescue humanity, God willed that his Only Begotten Son should unite to himself human nature and become man in Jesus Christ. In that one man, Jesus Christ, God and humanity were united. By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ reconciled the human race with God and by ascending into Heaven, Jesus took our human nature into God. Because of this the Holy Spirit could come and dwell within us, transforming us, making us holy, forming us into the Body of Christ, the Church, so that we could follow where Christ, the head of the body, has gone before, into Heaven. So Pentecost is the turning point, where God comes to dwell in all of the baptised. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church because by coming to dwell in all of us, the Holy Spirit brings us to life as the Church, as a communion of love. So we congratulate Zoe, Elsa, Kevin, Winona, Alejandra and Guy as they begin the adventure of Christian life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and all of us step forward with renewed confidence and strength as the Body of Christ, the Church, here in Poplar and Limehouse.

On the feast of Pentecost we recite together **The Sequence** which I have set out below:

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

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 – Pentecost (Year C)

First reading Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Response to the Psalm Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Second reading Romans 8:8-17

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel John 14:15-16, 23b-26

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. 'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday