

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



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NEWSLETTER for 28th 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



Music for the Dedication of a Church

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 11th Oct	Dedication of the Church (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	David Stacey *Ann*
Sun 12th Oct	Dedication of the Church 28th Sunday	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Vince Sales *B'Day Ann*
Mon 13th Oct	St Edward the Confessor			No Mass
Tue 14th Oct	Feria Week 28	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Bill Stone *Ann* Priest's Intention
Wed 15th Oct	St Teresa of Avila	10.00am	Poplar	Mary Westerman *Sick*
Thu 16th Oct	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	10.00am	Poplar	George Hobbs *Ann*
Fri 17th Oct	Dedication of the Church	**7:00pm**	**Limehouse**	The People of the Parish
Sat 18th Oct	St Luke 29th Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace Pashko Nika *Ann*
Sun 19th Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	The People of the Parish William Edward 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

Lily Bleach, John Jones, Monica Calliste, Jack Molyneux, Telma Stephen and Sharon Jeffries who have died. And for Sr Teresa White, Mary Westerman, Herbert Parillon, Emilio Campanella, Sylvia Richardson, Joan Russell, Susan Connor, Robert Hageman, Val Lawrence, Camil Agius, Nita da Fide, Sarah Dodd, Anthony Gafa, Bernadette McSweeney, Doreen Maciejewski, Sylma Simon and Frances Samuels who are ill.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

After this week's course on **Saturday 11th October at 11.00am** in the Guild Room at Poplar, the next course will be on **Saturday 9th November at 11.00am** also in the Guild Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Applications for this year's First Holy Communion Course have now closed. After the first meeting at 4.30pm this Saturday 11th October in the Guild Room at Poplar, **the next meeting will be at 4.30pm on Saturday 18th October**. Blue Books will be presented to the children during the 6pm Mass at Poplar on Saturday 18th October and during the 10am, Poplar and 12noon, Limehouse masses on Sunday 19th October.

RCIA

This year's RCIA course for both our parishes will begin this **Tuesday 14th October at 7.00pm** in the Guild Room at Poplar. The RCIA is suitable for adults (18+) who are interested in becoming a Catholic or who have fallen away from the faith and who wish to re-engage.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made Cardinal Vincent so welcome on his visit to Poplar last Sunday and who made it such a beautiful celebration. He wanted me to tell you what a great community you are!

EASTERN AREA JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS

On **Saturday 18th October from 10.00am til 4.00pm**, St Mary & St Joseph's, Poplar, will be hosting the Eastern Area Jubilee for Catechists. This is open to anyone who either is already or is interested in becoming involved in parish catechesis from parishes in the Eastern part of the Diocese.

JUBILEE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Whether you married a few weeks or many years ago, you are warmly invited to come to St Mary & St Joseph's Poplar for our Jubilee for Married Couples for the Eastern Area of the Diocese. There will be a special Mass at **6.00pm on Saturday 25th October** including the renewal of marriage vows and a reception in the Guild Room afterwards. This will be a lovely occasion for newly weds and old timers alike and a great opportunity to celebrate the gift of married love and family life.

JUBILEE FOR THE HOLY SOULS AND THE BEREAVED

On **Saturday 15th November at 11.00am** at St Mary & St Joseph's Poplar there will be a special Mass for the Eastern Area of the Diocese for all our dearly departed loved ones to which all are invited but especially anyone who might have lost someone recently or who is struggling with grief and loss. If you know of anyone who might find consolation in this mass even if they don't normally come to mass please encourage them to come along. After Mass there will be a lunch in the Guild Room.

SISTERS FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS (FCJ) GENERAL CHAPTER

Delegates will gather from 6th - 27th October, to pray, listen and discern the way forward for the Society for the next six years. They will also elect their new General Leadership Team. Please pray for the whole Society and particularly for our own Srs Katherine and Anouska who are two of the eleven delegates chosen by the sisters in the Area of Europe.

THE FEASTS OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCHES

This Sunday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Church at Poplar and so we will celebrate and give thanks for our Church and community at both the 6pm Mass on Saturday and the 10am Mass on Sunday. This year marks 65 years since our church was consecrated. This Friday 17th October marks 80 years since the dedication of Our Lady Immaculate and St Frederick at Limehouse and so there will be a special Mass on **17th October at 7.00pm** followed by a party.

We celebrate the anniversary of a church's dedication to remember the solemn act of setting aside the building for God's use, symbolizing the community of believers as the true "living temple" and a house of prayer. These celebrations serve as an opportunity to give thanks for God's presence and guidance, reflect on the history of our parishes and the people who built both the churches and communities, and renew our commitment to our faith and mission.

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Join us on **Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm** as we continue our series on the Bible story. This week's session is 'Exile: The Story of Loss'. Israel experienced a dark period of division, defeat and deportation. However, God raised up prophets who promised that the best was yet to come. In this session, we explore the division of the kingdom, the role of the prophets and the trauma of exile. For more info and to join, please contact Flo on florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk All welcome!

LIMEHOUSE CHURCH OPENING AND ROSARY

In October, the month of the Holy Rosary, we will pray the Rosary in church every Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.10am. The church will be open from 7.50am to 8.30am for those who would like time in private prayer before and/or during the Rosary.

LOURDES

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next year will take place from **Friday 17th to Friday 24th July 2026**. There are already a number of people from both our parishes who are interested and forming a group to join in the diocesan pilgrimage. If you are interested or just want to know more please contact the parish office and look out for more news in the coming weeks.

EAST END CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The East End Catholic Young Adults Group will be meeting again on **Tuesday 14th October in the Canon Wright Room at Poplar** (entry by the side church entrance in Pekin Street). Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Please contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com or 07307853394

THE SANCTUARY LAMP AT POPLAR

The sanctuary lamp at Poplar burns this week in memory of John Rush.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

TEA PARTY We are inviting anyone on their own to a Tea Party in St. Matthias Community Centre on Wednesday 15th afternoon. Please let anyone you know who might like some company or an opportunity to have a chat over a cuppa. All welcome. We will probably need some help with transport. All offers of help welcome.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: Not Counted	Loose: Not Counted	Contactless: £272.00	Total: Not Counted
Standing Orders & Online	June: £513.34	July: £513.34	August: £528.34

LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £35.00	Loose: £80.00	Contactless: £220.00	Total: £335.00
Standing Orders & Online	June: £1,270.00	July: £1,294.56	August: £1,030.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.'

Response to the Psalm The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise.

Second reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

Next Sunday is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)