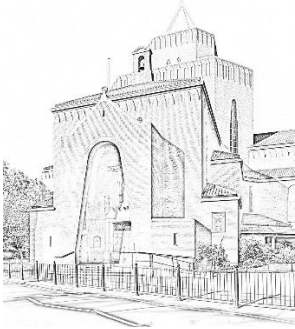


**THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF  
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR  
AND  
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &  
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE**



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**NEWSLETTER for 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2025**

**Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament:**

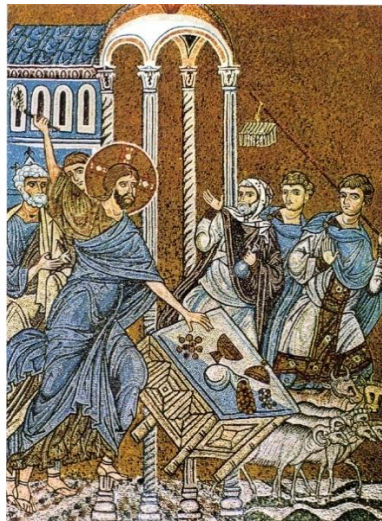
Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am  
at Poplar  
First Fridays 6.00pm - 7.00pm  
at Poplar

**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 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Eileen Groves <i>B'Day Ints</i>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Holy Souls Lito De La Cruz <i>Ann</i>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Feria Week 33		No Mass	
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Feria Week 33	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Deceased Members of the Stephen Family <i>RIP</i> Holy Souls
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Feria Week 33	10.00am	Poplar	Holy Souls
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Feria Week 33	10.00am	Poplar	Doreen Maciejewski <i>RIP</i>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Presentation of BVM	10.00am	Poplar	Sr Teresa White <i>RIP</i>
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	St Cecilia	10.00am	Poplar	Holy Souls
	Christ the King (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Holy Souls
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Solemnity of Christ the King	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Eddie Cashman <i>RIP</i> Nap, Eza, Jojo Bolano & Joey <i>Ann</i>

\*= 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**

Sr Teresa White, Annie McKie, Doreen Maciejewski, Lily Bleach, John Jones, Monica Calliste, Jack Molyneux, Telma Stephen and Sharon Jeffries who have died. And for Brenda Terry, 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, Sylma Simon and Frances Samuels who are ill.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES**

The next course will be on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE**

Applications for this year's First Holy Communion Course have now closed. **The next meeting for children and parents will be at 4.30pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Guild Room.** Please remember that as well as attending each of the meetings, parents and children are required to come to Mass each weekend (at Poplar at either 6pm Saturday or 10am Sunday or at Limehouse at 12noon Sunday). If you know that you and your child will be unable to come to a meeting, you must contact Sr Christine in advance.

### **RCIA**

The next meeting of the RCIA course for both our parishes will be on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### **JUBILEE FOR THE HOLY SOULS AND THE BEREAVED**

Thank you to everyone who came along and who helped to make our special mass for our departed loved ones such a lovely occasion. We continue to pray for the Holy Souls throughout November.

### **THE SANCTUARY LAMP AT POPLAR**

The sanctuary lamp at Poplar burns this week in memory of Joan & Michael Hill.

### **ADVENT RECOLLECTION**

There will be an Advent recollection open to everyone from both of our parishes to be held **at 3pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the Guild Room at St Mary & St Joseph's, Poplar.** Come and prepare for the beginning of the rich season of Advent which starts that weekend!

### **NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

It is traditional to offer masses for our dear departed loved ones and for all the Holy Souls throughout the month of November. If you would like a mass offered during November either for the Holy Souls generally or for particular deceased loved ones, please use the brown Holy Souls envelopes which are available at the back of church and place your intention and your donation inside.

### **LOURDES**

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes next year will take place **from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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, please complete the google form on the parish website or one of the paper forms at the back of church. Submitting a form does not commit you to coming but it will help us to know what size our group is likely to be and to keep you informed. We are already launching fundraising initiatives to help to defray the cost for those who might struggle (see the note on Christmas Tree Sale) but if you have another idea please let us know. Here is a link to the registration form on the par: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/poplar/parish-groups/lourdes-pilgrimage-2026/>

### SISTER TERESA WHITE FCJ

Very sadly, Sr Teresa White has passed away. Many in the parish have come to know and love Sr Teresa over the years and we have all been praying for her while she has been so bravely battling ill health. We now pray that she may find in the Lord Jesus the kind and gentle friend of whom she spoke in her writing and in the manner of her life. Details of the funeral arrangements will follow in due course.

### LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Join us on Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm as we continue our new series, "ReFrame", with episode 2: Cultural stories. As Christians, the story of Scripture and the person of Jesus shape the whole of who we are. Still, we often experience tensions within our culture that provide alternate answers to this question. We are told we must choose who we want to be rather than receive our identity as a gift given by God. This session discusses some of the ways our culture shapes us and why this so often leads to a crisis of identity. For more information and to join, please contact Flo on [florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk) All welcome!

### LIMEHOUSE CHURCH OPENING

The church is open every Friday from 8am to 8.30am, for those who wish to spend some time in private prayer at the start of the day. If you wish to volunteer to help keep our church open during the week, please speak to Fr Andrew.

### SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

### EAST END CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The East End Catholic Young Adults Group will be meeting again on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 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](mailto:ikorabs@gmail.com) or 07307853394

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Buy your Christmas Tree this year from the Parish and help us raise funds for our Pilgrimage to Lourdes! Please use the order forms available at the back of the church which also contain the full price list. **Orders and payment in full must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.** Provided we receive at least 20 orders, then your tree will be available for **collection on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to 4pm in the Guild Room at Poplar.**

### NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

**Thank you** to all who attended our Interfaith gathering on Tuesday evening, our Christian speaker (Father Andrew) did us proud. We had an interesting interchange between Jewish, Christian and Muslim speakers, all sons of Abraham!

**Thanks** to the Jumble Sale and other donations we were recently able to send cheques of £210.00 to Doctors Without Borders and £100.00 to Medical Aid to Palestine. Thank you to all who contributed to these two great charities.

### RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

#### POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £187.00	Loose: £511.35	Contactless: £206.00	Total: £904.35
Standing Orders & Online	August: £513.34	September: £513.34	October: £543.34

#### LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £37.00	Loose: £225.85	Contactless: £175.00	Total: £437.85
Standing Orders & Online	August: £1,294.56	September: £1,507.00	October: £1,507.00

**Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!**

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*MASS THIS SUNDAY – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)*

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**First reading** Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

**Response to the Psalm** The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

<i>Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the Lord.</i>	<i>Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands.</i>	<i>The hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord, for he comes. He comes to judge the earth.</i>	<i>He will judge the world with justice, and the peoples with fairness.</i>
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**Second reading** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

**Gospel** Luke 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

*Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King (Year C)*