

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



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NEWSLETTER for the Solemnity of All Saints 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 1st Nov	All Saints (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	People of the Parish
Sun 2nd Nov	Solemnity of All Saints	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	People of the Parish Marianna & Stanislaw Mazur and Zofia Radecka
Mon 3rd Nov	All Souls	10.00am	Poplar	All the Faithful Departed
Tue 4th Nov	St Charles Borromeo	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Donald Goveas *RIP* Private Intention
Wed 5th Nov	Feria Week 31	10.00am	Poplar	Holy Souls
Thu 6th Nov	Funeral of Maureen Maciejewski	**12noon**	Poplar	Funeral of Doreen Maciejewski
Fri 7th Nov	Feria Week 31	10.00am	Poplar	Holy Souls
Sat 8th Nov	Memoria BVM Remembrance (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Sharon Kamara *RIP* Eileen Hamilton *Ann*
Sun 9th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	People of the Parish Telma Stephen *RIP*

*= 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

Doreen Maciejewski, 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, Sylma Simon and Frances Samuels who are ill.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

The next courses will be on **Saturday 8th November at 11.00am** in the Guild Room at Poplar. After that there will be another course on Saturday 13th December.

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 8th November in the Guild Room at Poplar**. 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 11th 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.

ONE WORLD EVENING

At 7pm (after the 6pm Mass) on Saturday 8th November in the Guild Room at Poplar we will be celebrating the rich diversity in our parish with a 'One World Evening'. Bring along a dish of food from your country, dress in your traditional dress if you like or bring along some music to share. Please see Sr Christine for more details.

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.

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 us the brown Holy Souls envelopes which are available at the back of church and place your intention and your donation inside.

ALL SOULS DAY

Because All Saints Day is transferred to Sunday 2nd November, All Souls Day is also transferred to Monday 3rd November. Unusually, there **will be** a 10am mass on that day (Monday 3rd) for All Souls.

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOREEN MACIEJEWSKI

Doreen's body will be received into the Church at St Mary & St Joseph's, Poplar on the evening of Wednesday 5th November. The Funeral Mass will take place the following day **Thursday 6th November at 12noon** followed by a burial at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leyton at 2pm.

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Join us on **Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm**, for the last session of our series on the Bible story. This week's session is 'Revelation: The Story Completed'. The Bible concludes with stunning visions of our world perfectly restored. This hope inspires us to share God's love and truth until we finally arrive home 'Acts: The Story of Mission'. For more information and to join, please contact Flo on florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk No need to have attended previous sessions, all welcome!

LIMEHOUSE CHURCH OPENING AND ROSARY

From this week onwards, the church will 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.

FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS (FCJ) SISTERS GENERAL CHAPTER

Srs Katherine and Anouska have now returned from the General Chapter and wish to thank you for your prayers. If you want to know more about the General Chapter visit www.fcjsisters.org

ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY LEYTON BI-ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on **Monday 10th November at 11.30am**.

EAST END CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The East End Catholic Young Adults Group will be meeting again on **Tuesday 4th 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 or 07307853394

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Next Friday 7th November from 6.00pm til 7.00pm there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions and Benediction at St Mary & St Joseph's Poplar for the First Friday.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Saturday November 1st: Jumble Sale in St. Matthias Community Centre from 11am to 1.30pm. Come early for the bargains. All funds raised are for Doctors Without Borders.

Sunday November 9th: Families Together cooking in St. Matthias, 2pm to 4pm. Come and have some creative fun together!

Tuesday November 11th at 6.30pm Interfaith Celebration in the Emery Hall (Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest). Come and hear from Jewish, Christian and Muslim speakers about some of the traditions we all snare.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £159.50	Loose: £344.06	Contactless: £228.00	Total: £731.56
Standing Orders & Online	July: £513.34	August: £513.34	September: £513.34

LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £37.00	Loose: £117.40	Contactless: £120.00	Total: £274.40
Standing Orders & Online	July: £1,270.00	August: £1,294.56	September: £1,507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – Solemnity of All Saints

First reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Response to the Psalm Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second reading 1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday