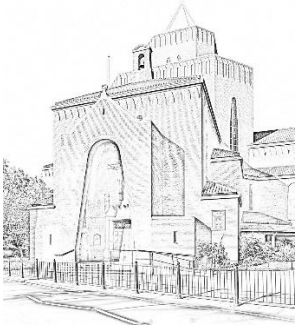


THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR
AND
OUR LADY IMMACULATE &
ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE



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NEWSLETTER for Remembrance Sunday 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.

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| Sat 8 th Nov | Remembrance Sunday (Vigil) | 6.00pm | Poplar | Eileen Hamilton <i>Ann</i> |
| Sun 9 th Nov | Remembrance Sunday | 10.00am 12noon | Poplar * Limehouse | Tracey Ruskin <i>Ints</i> Telma Stephen <i>RIP</i> |
| Mon 10 th Nov | St Leo the Great | | No Mass | |
| Tue 11 th Nov | St Martin of Tours | 10.00am 12.30pm | Poplar Canary Wharf † | Martha Fernandes <i>Ints</i> Private Intention |
| Wed 12 th Nov | St Josaphat | 10.00am | Poplar | Deceased Members of the Goveas Family <i>RIP</i> |
| Thu 13 th Nov | Feria Week 32 | 10.00am | Poplar | Doreen Maciejewski <i>RIP</i> |
| Fri 14 th Nov | Feria Week 32 | 10.00am | Poplar | Don East <i>RIP</i> |
| Sat 15 th Nov | Jubilee for Holy Souls 33 rd Sunday (Vigil) | 11.00am 6.00pm | Poplar Poplar | All our Departed Loved Ones Eileen Groves <i>B'Day Ints</i> |
| Sun 16 th Nov | 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10.00am 12noon | Poplar Limehouse | The People of the Parish Lito De La Cruz <i>RIP</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 13th 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. After this week's meeting **at 4.30pm on Saturday 8th November in the Guild Room at Poplar, the next meeting for children and parents will be at 4.30pm on Saturday 6th 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 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.

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.

NO ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY MORNING

Because of the special Mass at 11am next Saturday 15th November, there will be no 10am Mass, adoration or confessions that Saturday morning. There will still be confessions from 5.15pm before the 6pm Mass.

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 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, 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. Registration Form Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf83iRi0_gIvHlkjeDD8J4cpLSWLy4AE_rAo74ZDmILJfeONw/viewform?embedded=true

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 13th November at 7.30pm as we start a new series, "ReFrame", aiming to help us live out faith in everyday life, encouraging us to encounter Jesus afresh and allowing his story to shape our own. This first session explores how the true story of Jesus enables us to resist the temptation to either withdraw from the world or simply to assimilate to it and instead to live integrated and faithful lives. For more information and to join, please contact Flo on florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk All welcome!

LIMEHOUSE CHURCH OPENING

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.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Next 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 11th 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

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 26th November.** Provided we receive at least 20 orders, then your tree will be available for **collection on Saturday 6th December from 2pm to 4pm in the Guild Room at Poplar.**

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

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 share.

Thursday 13th November at 5.30pm in St. Matthias Community Centre. Learn from Canary Wharf about the new Life Science Laboratory being built on the Wharf near us. We want to know what employment opportunities, apprenticeships etc. this amazing development can bring us and our children.' Come and have your say.

Saturday 15th November at 2pm in the Hope and Anchor Pub. Come and hear Danny Wells talk about the history of Poplar.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

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| Envelopes: £125.09 | Loose: £342.53 | Contactless: £219.00 | Total: £686.62 |
| Standing Orders & Online | August: £513.34 | September: £513.34 | October: £543.34 |

LIMEHOUSE OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND

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| Envelopes: £37.00 | Loose: £119.92 | Contactless: £153.00 | Total: £309.92 |
| Standing Orders & Online | August: £1,294.56 | September: £1,507.00 | October: £1,507.00 |

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – Remembrance Sunday

First reading Micah 4:1-4

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Response to the Psalm The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

God is for us a refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High. God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken; God will help her at the dawning of the day.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come and behold the works of the Lord, the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

Second reading Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God; for it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel John 12:23-28

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him. 'Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour?" But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven: 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

Next Sunday is 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)