

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



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NEWSLETTER for 2nd Sunday of Easter 2026

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Sat 10:30am - 11:30am at Poplar
1st Fridays - 6pm - 7pm at Poplar

Baptisms
By appointment. Usually at 12 noon on Saturdays.

Parish Office Opening
Tue - Fri 10.00am - 2.30pm



Confessions:
Sat 10:30am - 11:15am at Poplar
Sat 5.15pm - 5.45pm at Poplar
1st Fridays 6.00pm - 6.45pm at Poplar or by appointment

Marriages
Couples **must** meet with Fr Andrew **6 months** before the intended wedding, even when the wedding is taking place elsewhere.

Sat 11th Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	People of the Parish
Sun 12th Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter	10.00am 12noon	Poplar* Limehouse	Luisa & Vincent Lizarondo *50th Wed Ann* Johan & Julia Mascarenhas *B'Day*
Mon 13th Apr	2nd Week of Easter		No Mass	No Mass
Tue 14th Apr	2nd Week of Easter	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Kathleen Mahoney *Ann* Priest's Intention
Wed 15th Apr	2nd Week of Easter	10.00am	Poplar	Doris Jansz *RIP*
Thu 16th Apr	2nd Week of Easter	10.00am	Poplar	FCJ Sisters *Ints*
Fri 17th Apr	Funeral of Ryan Pill	10.00am	Poplar	Ryan Pill *RIP*
Sat 18th Apr	2nd Week of Easter 3rd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Susie *Sick* Ecaterina *RIP*
Sun 19th Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.00am 12noon	Poplar* Limehouse	Sr Teresa White *RIP* People of the Parish

*= Teas and Coffees in the Guild Room after the 10am Mass

†= Multi-Faith Prayer Room, Churchill Place Shopping Centre, between Joe the Juice and Barclays

MASS THIS SUNDAY – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First reading Acts 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Response to the Psalm Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down, but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and salvation in the tents of the righteous.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)