

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 3rd 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



The Supper at Emmaus
Jacopo Carucci (Pontormo)

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 18th Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Ecaterina *RIP*
Sun 19th Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.00am 12noon	Poplar* Limehouse	Sr Teresa White *RIP* Anthony Monteiro *RIP*
Mon 20th Apr	3rd Week of Easter		No Mass	
Tue 21st Apr	3rd Week of Easter	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Catherine Macpherson *Ann* Pope Francis *Ann*
Wed 22ndApr	3rd Week of Easter	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Thu 23rd Apr	ST GEORGE	10.00am	Poplar	Elvira & Grazia Calo' *RIP*
Fri 24th Apr	Ss Erkenwald and Melitus	10.00am	Poplar	Carlo & Elena Busti *RIP*
Sat 25th Apr	St Mark 4th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace The People of the Parish
Sun 26th Apr	4th Sunday of Easter	10.00am **6.00pm**	Poplar* **Limehouse**	P. V. Paul *RIP* The People of the Parish

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Susan Duhig, Ryan Pill, Bernard Harris, Sylvia Poni, Lilly Moran, Sylvia Richardson, Brenda Terry and Bob Baker who have died. And for Pat Johnson, Mary Sauntry, Lucia Calixte, Anne O'Connell, Jacqui Newson, Herbert Parillon, Emilio Campanella, Joan Russell, Robert Hageman, Camil Agius, Nita da Fide, Sarah Dodd, Anthony Gafa, Bernadette McSweeney and Sylma Simon who are ill.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

The next course will be on **Saturday 2nd May at 11.00am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

The next meeting for children and parents will be on **Saturday 2nd May at 5.00pm** in the Guild Room at Poplar. Please let Sr Christine know in advance if you and your child will be unable to attend.

RCIA

Congratulations to Dominic, Lydia and Nur who were baptised on Easter Night, and to Victoria who, along these others, received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also pray for Yumi, Harriet and Travis who will be baptised at Pentecost. The next group meeting will be on **Tuesday 21st April at 7.00pm** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

LONDON MARATHON - CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Next Sunday the London Marathon is taking place, which will make it impossible to gain access to the church at Limehouse at the usual time. Therefore, next Sunday there will be no Mass at 12noon at Limehouse. Mass will be at the later time of 6.00pm instead.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next weekend there will be a second collection as you leave church in aid of the Priests' Training Fund of the Diocese, which supports the work of our seminaries at home and abroad and the training and formation they provide for our future priests. Please be as generous as you can. Envelopes are available at the back of Church if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the tax year beginning 6th April are available for collection at the back of church. Please collect yours if you haven't done so already.

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Faith Group this Thursday evening, please contact Flo for more information. florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk

EAST END YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Meets every Tuesday from 7.00pm in the Canon Wright Room (entrance in Pekin Street), all are welcome. Next meeting Tuesday 21st April. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

THE SANCTUARY LAMP AT POPLAR

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

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

WANTED FOR CALAIS CHARITIES: Tents (2 person preferably) and sleeping bags. When police evacuate Refugees they take everything!

EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME for young people aged 18-24 year olds not in education or employment. See leaflet at back of Church. Taking place in Canary Wharf ... a great opportunity! Spread the word, deadline Monday 20th.

TEA DANCE in Arts Pavilion Wednesday 29th. See posters!

MARATHON Traffic alert on Sunday 26th April!

FR ANDREW WRITES

In his first Easter message, Pope Leo made the connection between the resurrection of Jesus and peace. Focused on the spiritual roots of peace, the Holy Father presented Christ's resurrection as the answer to a world wounded by violence, hatred and indifference.

"Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred," he said. Yet it is also "a victory that came at a very high price": Christ "had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood." "This strength, this power, is God himself, for he is love who creates and generates, love who is faithful to the end, and love who forgives and redeems,". The Holy Father went on; "Christ, our 'victorious king,' fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation".

Pope Leo stressed that "the power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent," comparing it to "a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense." "That is the true strength that brings peace to humanity," he said, because it "fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups and nations."

The Holy Father said that the Resurrection is the foundation of a renewed human family. "Yes, Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is love, life and light."

Quoting St. Augustine — "If you fear death, love the Resurrection!" — Leo said Christians must cling to the hope of the risen Christ, who has conquered evil and offers true peace. "The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us!" Pope Leo continued; "Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts!"

Let us all heed the Pope's message and let us pray with all our hearts for peace in the world.

May God bless you all in this Easter season of joy and peace.

Fr Andrew

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £91.58	Loose: £453.58	Contactless: £204.00	Total: £749.16
Standing Orders & Online	January: £513.34	February: £478.34	March: £513.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £25.00	Loose: £116.91	Contactless: £116.00	Total: £257.91
Standing Orders & Online	January: £1,507.00	February: £880.00	March: £1,507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

Response to the Psalm O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.