

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




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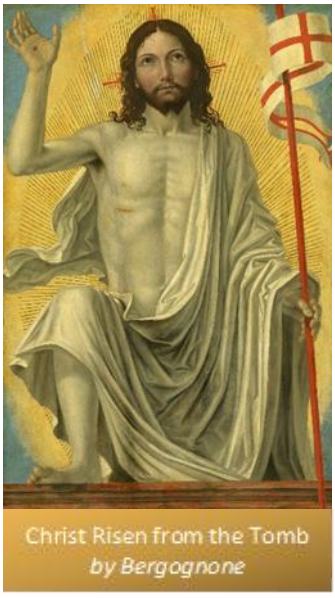

## NEWSLETTER for Easter Sunday 2026

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

**Stations of the Cross**
During Lent 2nd, 3rd & 4th Fridays – 6.30pm at Limehouse

**Baptisms**
By appointment. Usually at 12 noon on Saturdays.

**Parish Office Opening**
Tue - Fri 10.00am - 2.30pm


Christ Risen from the Tomb
by Bergognone

**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.

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| Sat 4th Apr | Easter Vigil | 7.30pm | Poplar | The People of the Parish |
| Sun 5th Apr | Easter Sunday | 10.00am<br>12noon | Poplar*<br>Limehouse | The People of the Parish<br>The People of the Parish |
| Mon 6th Apr | Easter Octave | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tue 7th Apr | Easter Octave | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Wed 8th Apr | Easter Octave | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Thu 9th Apr | Easter Octave | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Fri 10th Apr | Easter Octave | 10.00am | Poplar | Savitha *Ints* |
| Sat 11th Apr | Easter Octave<br>2nd Sunday of Easter (Vigil) | 10.00am<br>6.00pm | Poplar<br>Poplar | Peace<br>The People of the Parish |
| Sun 12th Apr | 2nd Sunday of Easter | 10.00am<br>12noon | Poplar*<br>Limehouse | Luisa & Vincent Lizarondo *50th Wedd Ann*<br>Johan & Julia Mascarenhas *B'Day* |

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Bernard Harris, Sylvia Poni, Lilly Moran, Sylvia Richardson, Brenda Terry, Bob Baker, Sr Teresa White, Mahmuda, Annie McKie, Doreen Maciejewski and Lily Bleach 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 18th April at 11.00am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

**The next meeting for children and parents will be at 5.00pm on Saturday 18th April in the Guild Room.** 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. Group meetings will resume after Easter.

## CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

This coming week, in order to give Fr Andrew a little rest there will be no mass on Monday (as usual) but also no mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Normal service resumes with Mass on Friday at 10am.

## 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

Meetings will resume after Easter. For information and to join, please contact Flo on florence.preux@hotmail.co.uk

## EAST END YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Meets every Tuesday from 7pm in the Canon Wright Room (entrance in Pekin Street), all are welcome. Next meeting Tuesday 7th April. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

## RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

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| Envelopes: £190.25 | Loose: £573.83 | Contactless: £324.00 | Total: £1,088.08 |
| Standing Orders & Online | January: £513.34 | February: £478.34 | March: £513.34 |

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

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| Envelopes: £35.00 | Loose: £190.55 | Contactless: £180.00 | Total: £405.55 |
| Standing Orders & Online | January: £1,507.00 | February: £880.00 | March: £1,507.00 |

**Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!**

## FR ANDREW WRITES

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone for helping to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies and other activities so wonderful. So many people helped and contributed in so many ways, often hidden, and this is a great example of how our communities come together to create something beautiful. At risk of missing out any groups or individuals, a particular thanks to Joe and the choir for the music at Limehouse, to Alex and Jose and the choir for the music at Poplar. Thanks to Julia and Joan and others for the flowers. Thanks to Roy and Joan for all the work they do behind the scenes to get the church ready at Poplar. Thank you to everyone who read so well to really help us to meditate on God's Word. And thank you to all of you for coming along this Holy Week and Easter and being part of and building up our parish communities all through the year. For me it is a joy and a privilege to be the parish priest of these two wonderful, vibrant communities.

I have set out below the words of the Easter Sequence which we will use at Mass on Easter Sunday which is a beautiful reflection on the joyful mystery of our faith. I pray that you are all able to enter into that joy this Easter.

*Fr Andrew*

## The Easter Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## *MASS THIS SUNDAY – EASTER SUNDAY (Year A)*

**First reading** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Response to the Psalm** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

*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.'*

*The Lord's right hand is exalted.*
*The Lord's right hand has done*
*mighty deeds.*
*I shall not die, I shall live*
*and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

*The stone that the builders rejected*
*has become the cornerstone.*
*By the Lord has this been done,*
*a marvel in our eyes.*

**Second reading** Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**See overleaf for the Easter Sequence**

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

**Gospel** John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

*Next Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A)*