

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



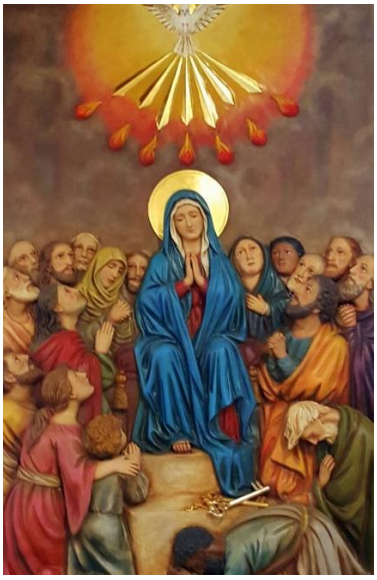
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NEWSLETTER for the 7th Sunday of Easter 2026

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 16th May	7th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 17th May	7th Sunday of Easter	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Stanislaus Stephen *RIP* Okere Family *Thanksgiving*
Mon 18th May	7th Week of Easter		Poplar	No Mass
Tue 19th May	7th Week of Easter	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	John Lyddon *Ann* Priest's Intention
Wed 20th May	7th Week of Easter	10.00am	Poplar	Maria Iolanda Vaglio *B'day Ann*
Thu 21st May	7th Week of Easter	10.00am	Poplar	Murcia Ariza Family *Ints*
Fri 22nd May	St Rita of Cascia	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Sat 23rd May	7th Week of Easter Pentecost (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace The People of the Parish
Sun 24th May	Pentecost	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Maria Iolanda Vaglio *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

Eileen Morrison, Michael Hall, Joanne O'Neill, Ella Fulgence, Anne O'Connell, Susan Duhig, Ryan Pill and Bernard Harris who have died. And for Trevor Delves,Theo Louison, Pat Johnson, Mary Sauntry, Lucia Calixte, 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 13th June at 11.00am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

There will be a rehearsal for all children and parents at **6pm on Friday 5th June in the church at Poplar**. The First Holy Communion Mass itself will take place on **Saturday 6th June at 11.00am at Poplar**.

RCIA

This year's RCIA programme will culminate on the Vigil of Pentecost at 6pm at Poplar when the final members of the group will be baptised and confirmed. There will be a celebration in the Guild Room after Mass.

FUNERAL OF ANNE O'CONNELL

Will take place at **2.30 pm on Thursday 28th May at Our Lady of Compassion, Upton Park.**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

MAY DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Come along to Our Lady's in Limehouse at **4pm on Sunday 17th May** for devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary in this her month of May.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

On the Feast of Corpus Christi **Sunday 7th June**, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament after both Sunday Masses. The First Holy Communion children are especially encouraged to come to mass and in their special outfits to lead our processions. More details to follow.

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Join us on **Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm** for episode 4 of "Metanoia": 'Sin and Mercy'. Sin wounds the heart of Christ, offends God, and wreaks havoc on human relationships. However, sin is not a stumbling block for God's love, perhaps it is the opposite. God has mercy and compassion towards sinners, Jesus has come for the sinner, the sick and the broken. Too often people believe that God could not possibly love or forgive them. But God is more powerful than sin. All welcome, no need to have attended previous sessions. For information and to join, please contact Limehousefaithgroup@outlook.com

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 19th May**. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

CALAIS Thanks for all the donations, we had a full mini bus of items including shoes, tents, sleeping bags, rice, oi, and euros for our three charities in Calais. The previous day 700 refugees had been made homeless by French armed police who had surrounded the camp with 20 cars removing tents, sleeping bags, food and clothes!! We visited the three Charities in the area, meeting many front-line workers including MSF workers. We are now collecting for our next visit. For further information contact nip65@msf.com

SUNDAY 17th MAY Residents on Cottage Street Estate on Poplar High St are doing a Fun Day in honour of David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. All welcome, 3pm to 5pm.

SUNDAY 31st MAY Neighbours in Poplar will be celebrating their 65,000th dinner delivery since the project began when lockdown hit during Covid.

FR ANDREW WRITES

Having celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, we are now in the last part of Eastertide when we are waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As Jesus explained to his disciples, in order for the Holy Spirit to come, it was necessary for Jesus to ascend to his Father in Heaven. This wasn't about Jesus leaving us but rather Him taking our humanity into God so that we might be capable of being filled with God's life through the Holy Spirit. And so, in these days until next Sunday which is Pentecost, we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

At the 6pm Vigil Mass at Poplar next Sunday (Pentecost) we will have a very special celebration. The last members of our RCIA group, Harriet, Travis and Yumi, will be baptised and confirmed and they will be joined by Yumi's daughter Kaya who, having completed the RCIA at University, will be baptised and confirmed along with them. That mass will also mark the culmination of the RCIA journey for the whole group. Although of course this really is the beginning of their journey as Catholic Christians. There will be a celebration in the Guild Room after that Mass for all the members of the RCIA and then there will be another celebration on **Saturday 27th June** when any adults who have recently been baptised or received into the full communion of the Church, especially through our RCIA groups, are invited to join us for our Vigil Mass and for a party in the Guild Room afterwards.

This Sunday afternoon at 4pm everyone is invited to gather at Limehouse for our May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As well has honouring the Mother of Our Lord, this is an especially good way to prepare ourselves for the great Feast of Pentecost. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that the apostles were gathered in prayer around Mary the Mother of Jesus when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Clearly, their devotion to the Mother of Jesus disposed them well to receive the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday afternoon, as we honour the Blessed Virgin, we might pray especially for those who will be baptised and confirmed at Pentecost and for us all, that we, like the Apostles, will be filled with the Spirit's power.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you all,

Fr Andrew

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £190.52	Loose: £387.27	Contactless: £285.00	Total: £862.79
Standing Orders & Online	February: £478.34	March: £513.34	April: £628.35

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £45.00	Loose: £188.75	Contactless: £140.00	Total: £373.75
Standing Orders & Online	February: £880.00	March: £1,507.00	April: £1,180.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – 7th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First reading Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Response to the Psalm I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.'

Second reading 1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

Next Sunday is Pentecost (Year A)