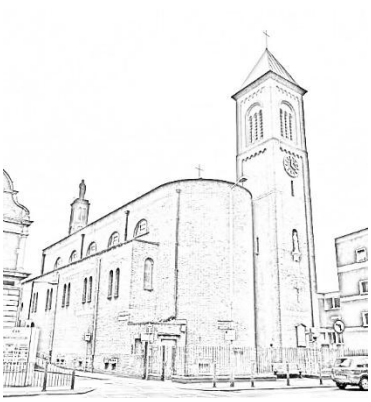


THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR AND OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE



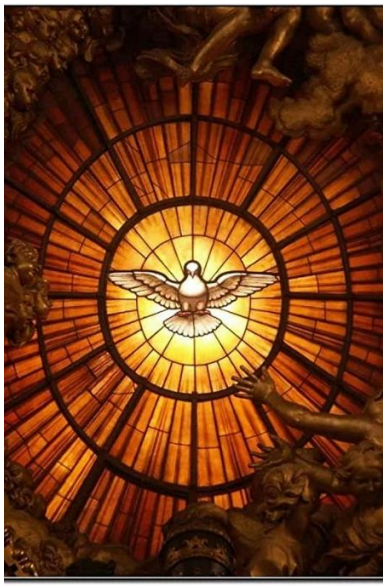
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NEWSLETTER for Pentecost 2026

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 23rd May	Pentecost (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 24th May	Pentecost	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Maria Iolanda Vaglio *RIP* Paul Ly Trong Song *RIP*
Mon 25th May	Mary, Mother of the Church			**No Mass**
Tue 26th May	St Philip Neri	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Rosalia Peralta *RIP* Priest's Intention
Wed 27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury	10.00am	Poplar	Caroline Orabueze *RIP*
Thu 28th May	Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	10.00am	Poplar	John Peter & Savitha *Ints*
Fri 29th May	St Paul VI			**No Mass**
Sat 30th May	The Most Holy Trinity (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	**No 10am Mass** The People of the Parish
Sun 31st May	The Most Holy Trinity	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Doreen Maciejewsky *RIP* John Guidotti *B'Day Ann*

*= 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

Camil Agius, Eileen Morrison, Michael Hall, Joanne O'Neill, Ella Fulgence, Anne O'Connell, Susan Duhig, and Ryan Pill 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, 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**.

CHANGES TO THE MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

This week there will be no 10am Mass on Friday or Saturday and no confessions and adoration on Saturday morning.

FUNERAL OF ANNE O'CONNELL

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

IMPORTANT WARNING

A number of people have reported receiving strange emails that appear to come from Fr Andrew. The emails often ask if you are available and say that Fr Andrew wants you to do him a favour or run him an errand. Please do not reply to these emails or click on any link within them. If you are in any doubt about emails that appear to come from the parish or Fr Andrew please call the parish office. If the email comes from an email account that looks different from the usual one then it is not genuine.

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 28th May at 7.30pm, for episode 5 of "Metanoia": 'Jesus Prays'. Throughout the Scriptures, Jesus takes time to pray. Jesus prayed before he healed, after he healed, before he spoke, after he spoke, before he ate, and before he suffered. Jesus sought intimacy with his Father, an intimacy that is achieved in prayer. If this intimacy was necessary for Jesus, how much more necessary is it for every person? 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 26th May**. 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 Linda Modest.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

CALAIS Thanks for all the donations for our last visit, we had a full mini bus of items including shoes, tents, sleeping bags, rice, oi, and euros for our three charities in Calais. We are now collecting for our next visit, our donation box is at the back of church. For further information contact nip65@msf.com

JOIN US at The All Saints Church Grounds in Newby Place this Sunday, 3pm to 5pm. Bring your own food and we'll have a picnic with fun games and quizzes. All welcome! Free!!

SUNDAY 31st MAY Neighbours in Poplar will be celebrating their 65,000th dinner delivery.

FR ANDREW WRITES

This week we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, when we recall how the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and filled them with all the gifts that they needed to preach the Gospel and bring many people to salvation. But we are not just remembering something that happened to those first Christians, we are imploring that the Holy Spirit descends upon us now so that we are built up into the Body of Christ which is the Church and so that we ourselves are filled with all the gifts that we need to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in our homes and families, in our workplaces and in all the situations in which we find ourselves. Congratulations to Yumi, Travis and Harriet who are baptised at the Vigil Pentecost this weekend and to Kaya (Yumi's daughter) confirmed along with them and filled with the Holy Spirit.

After the second reading at Mass this Sunday, we will recite together the Pentecost Sequence (below) which implores the Holy Spirit to come into our lives and transform them.

THE SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £142.47	Loose: £346.64	Contactless: £198.00	Total: £687.11
Standing Orders & Online	February: £478.34	March: £513.34	April: £628.35

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £57.00	Loose: £121.40	Contactless: £154.00	Total: £332.40
Standing Orders & Online	February: £880.00	March: £1,507.00	April: £1,180.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – Pentecost (Year A)

First reading Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Response to the Psalm Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Sequence (see overleaf)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:19-23

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.'

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year A)