

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



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NEWSLETTER for the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul 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



Ss Peter & Paul
Jusepe de Ribera

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 27th June	Ss Peter & Paul (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 28th June	Ss Peter & Paul	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Monthi Mascarenhas *RIP* Francis K L Woo *Ann*
Mon 29th June	Feria Week 13			**No Mass**
Tue 30th June	Feria Week 13	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Patty Ryan *RIP* Priest's Intention
Wed 1st July	Dedication of the Cathedral	10.00am	Poplar	Cristopher Camillire *Ints*
Thu 2nd July	Feria Week 13	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Fri 3rd July	St Thomas the Apostle	10.00am	Poplar	Sunday Ubom & Peter Wilson *Ann*
Sat 4th July	Memoria of BVM 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace The People of the Parish
Sun 5th July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Mascarenhas & D'Silva Family *Ints* Rosalia Peralta *RIP*

*= 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

Pat Ryan, Theo Louison, Trevor Delves, Camil Agius, Eileen Morrison, Michael Hall, Joanne O'Neill, Ella Fulgence, Anne O'Connell, Susan Duhig and Ryan Pill who have died. And 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 11th July at 11.00am** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

PETER'S PENCE

This weekend we will have a second special collection for Peter's Pence in support of the charitable works of our Holy Father throughout the world.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This Friday is the first Friday of the month and so we will have our regular Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6pm at Poplar. There will also be an opportunity for confession. Adoration is a wonderful way to spend some time in the simple silence of friendship with the Lord Jesus who makes himself available to us in the Eucharist. If this is not something that you have ever really done, why not try it.

MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIAL EVENING

At 7pm (after the 6pm Vigil Mass) on Saturday 4th July in the Guild Room at Poplar there will be a Multi-cultural social evening. We are so fortunate to have parishioners from every corner of the globe, so come along and celebrate our diversity, bring food, flags, dresses, music and have some fun!

POPLAR PARISH BBQ

On Sunday 12th July in Church Green, Canton Street, opposite the church from 4pm we will have our annual parish BBQ at Poplar. There will be fun for all the family and a chance to celebrate our community together.

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

Join us on Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm, for episode 10 of "Metanoia": 'Do You Love Me?'. God never gives up on us and always seeks us out in order to love us. God does not force himself on us, but tenderly and patiently waits for us to return to him. We reciprocate this love by loving others. Jesus came in love to save us and we respond by sharing the news of this great love with the world. When we come to know the love of Jesus we are moved to share it with others. 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 30th June**. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

CALAIS Our next visit will be on Wednesday. Thanks to one of our parishioners' donation, we have been able to buy 10 new tents for Care 4 Calais. Secours Catholique have asked us for colouring books and pencils for the refugee children who use their centre.

JOB FAIR Wednesday July 8th from 11am to 2pm in St Matthias Community Centre. Over 12 companies have registered their attendance and we are planning a post-event support workshop. All welcome. Please email nip65@msn.com for more information.

FR ANDREW WRITES

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul which we celebrate this weekend is an important celebration in the Church's year. This weekend we honour the "Princes of the Apostles" who built the Church on the bedrock of Christ. Their very different lives and personalities remind us that God uses even human imperfection and especially our diversity to spread the Gospel. Although Peter and Paul were quite different, they were united by their love for Jesus. Saint Peter, the hot-headed fisherman and acknowledged leader of the disciples, represents the roots, the stability, and the continuity of the Church. Saint Paul, the man of letters who was also something of a firebrand, was Apostle to the Gentiles. He represents the Church's missionary zeal and drive to spread the Gospel to new peoples. Neither saint was perfect. Peter denied Christ three times, and Paul actively persecuted the early Church. Yet, in His mercy, Christ looked past their failures. He transformed their guilt into grace and their weakness into a source of strength.

The life and especially the conversion stories of these two saints remind us that Jesus does not call us as Apostles because we are ready made and perfect. It is his call and our generous response to it that transforms us in the instruments that he needs. Today, Peter and Paul call the Church to both unity and fidelity on the one hand and courageous action on the other. Peter and Paul had their differences and disagreements but ultimately, they worked toward the same mission and that same mission led them both to give their lives completely. They were both martyred in Rome.
Celebrating Ss Peter and Paul ought to lead us to reflect on what unites us as Catholics and to the extent to which we, like them, are willing to give ourselves completely to the mission of building up the Church and drawing others into it.

Here's a question you might ask yourself: In what area of your life or faith is God calling you to show the quiet, steadfast trust of Peter or the zealous, outgoing missionary spirit of Paul?

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teachings of those through whom she received the beginning of right religion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (the Collect from the Mass of Ss Peter & Paul)

May God bless you all

Fr Andrew

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £111.53	Loose: £432.79	Contactless: £293.00	Total: £837.32
Standing Orders & Online	March: £513.34	April: £628.35	May: £513.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £38.00	Loose: £103.00	Contactless: £145.00	Total: £286.00
Standing Orders & Online	March: £1,507.00	April: £1,180.00	May: £1,507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – Ss Peter & Paul (Year A)

First reading Acts 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Response to the Psalm From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called; the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who fear him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'