

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



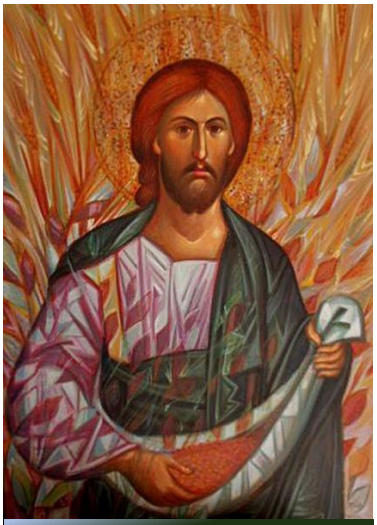
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NEWSLETTER for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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



Christ the Sower
Charalambos Epimanondas

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 11th July	15th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 12th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Antonio Tangpos & Lucia Ysao *RIP* Mary Layzell *B'Day Ints*
Mon 13th July	Feria Week 15			**No Mass**
Tue 14th July	Feria Week 15	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	K H *Ints* Priest's Intention
Wed 15th July	St Bonaventure	10.00am	Poplar	Fr Andrew *Thanksgiving*
Thu 16th July	Our Lady of Mt Carmel			**No Mass**
Fri 17th July	Feria Week 15	10.00am	Poplar	Michael Joseph Cusuak *Ints*
Sat 18th July	16th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	**No 10am Mass** The People of the Parish
Sun 19th July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish 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

Ihor Hirnyak, Pat Ryan, Theo Louison, Trevor Delves, Camil Agius, Eileen Morrison, Michael Hall, Joanne O'Neill, Ella Fulgence who have died. And Norma Geller, Jane Dooley, Mary Sauntry, Lucia Calixte, Jacqui Newson, Herbert Parillon, Emilio Campanella, Joan Russell, Robert Hageman, Nita da Fide, Anthony Gafa, Bernadette McSweeney and Sylma Simon who are ill.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

The next course will be in September, please keep checking the Newsletter for further updates.

STELLA MARIS

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, therefore we will have a second special collection for Stella Maris – the Apostleship of the Sea, which supports the lives of seafarers around the world.

PARISH SEASIDE TRIPS

As in previous years Sr Christine is organising two parish trips to the seaside. These are offered especially for those who otherwise might not get a trip away over the summer. The trips will be to:

Broadstairs, Wednesday 19th August & Clacton, Saturday 22nd August, 9am to 6pm. Booking Sheets will be available from next Saturday. Payments must be made before booking is confirmed. Adults: £10. Children: £5. Coaches will be leaving from Canton Street.

CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE

There will be no 10am Mass on Thursday or Saturday of this week (16th and 18th) or on Tuesday or Thursday of next week (21st and 23rd). There will be no Saturday 10am Mass (or adoration or morning confessions) during August. Confessions will still be available before the 6pm Mass on Saturdays (from 5.15pm).

POPLAR PARISH BBQ

This 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. Burgers etc. will be provided but if anyone would like to bring along salads and sides or deserts that would be greatly appreciated. Also help with setting up and organising the children's games would be welcomed.

LIMEHOUSE CHURCH OPENING

We will take a break from opening the church on Friday mornings through July. The church will resume opening for private prayer every Friday 8am-8.30am from 31st July. If you would like to volunteer to help keep our church open during the week, please speak to Fr Andrew.

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 14th July**. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

SEASIDE TRIPS Neighbours in Poplar 55th Summer Project will take place this year in August. Bookings for trips will take place outside the Workhouse on Poplar High Street on Thursday 23rd July between 2pm and 5pm. The trips are for families in E14 who will not be going away on holiday.
JOB FAIR We had a great attendance at our Job Fair with a number of very happy attendees leaving with hope and positive vibes.

FR ANDREW WRITES

This Thursday I will be setting off with a group from our two parishes to France to take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We will of course be praying for everyone in our parishes of Poplar and Limehouse but if you would like any specific intentions to be taken to Our Lady of Lourdes and left at the Grotto please let Fr Andrew or anyone from the group know before Thursday. You can email the parish office with petitions or hand a note to Fr Andrew or someone in the group.

Our schools will soon break up for the summer and some of you may be heading off for holidays. Be sure to seize the opportunity of the holiday season, whether or not you are going away, to reconnect as families and to spend some time in prayer.

If you're not fortunate enough to be able to plan a trip away this summer, you might consider one of the day trips to the seaside organised by Sr Christine. The trips will be to Broadstairs on Wednesday 19th August & to Clacton, Saturday 22nd August, 9am to 6pm. Booking Sheets will be available from next Saturday.

If you want to enjoy the sunshine in what is now a traditional way in this country, why not come along to the Poplar BBQ from 4pm this Sunday afternoon in Church Green, Canton Street, just opposite the side the church. There will be the usual food and fun for all the family.

When I'm back from Lourdes I will start to take a little holiday. I will be away for some of the weekend of 25th/26th July and then properly from 30th July to 7th August.

For the weekend of the 1st/2nd August we will welcome the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) who will celebrate the masses and make an appeal for their missionary work. Please make sure that you bring along some cash to donate to their appeal.

For the whole of August we will switch to a 'holiday timetable', which will mean that there will be no Saturday 10am Mass during August or adoration and confessions in the morning. There will continue to be confessions in the evening before the 6pm Mass,

May God bless you all

Fr Andrew

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £117.69	Loose: £243.47	Contactless: £299.00	Total: £660.16
Standing Orders & Online	April: £628.35	May: £513.34	June: £543.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £31.00	Loose: £74.05	Contactless: £241.00	Total: £346.05
Standing Orders & Online	April: £1,180.00	May: £1,507.00	June: 1,507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Response to the Psalm Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows. The hills are girded with joy.

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Second reading Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Next Sunday is the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A