

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



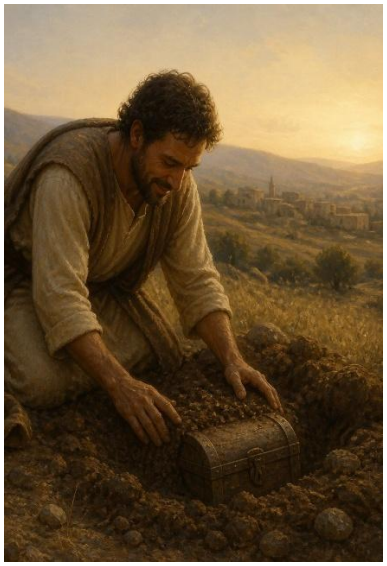
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NEWSLETTER for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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



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 25th July	17th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Liam Hamilton *Anniversary*
Sun 26th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Gloria Ubidia *Sick & B'Day Ints* The People of the Parish
Mon 27th July	Feria Week 17			**No Mass**
Tue 28th July	Feria Week 17	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf†	Shaniece Camillire *Intentions* Priest's Intention
Wed 29th July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	10.00am	Poplar	Shalom Belandry *Birthday Intentions*
Thu 30th July	Feria Week 17	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Fri 31st July	St Ignatius Loyola			**No Mass**
Sat 1st Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori 18th Sunday (Vigil)	 6.00pm	 Poplar	**No 10am Mass** Sharon Raymond *Intentions*
Sun 2nd Aug	18th 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

MASS THIS SUNDAY – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

Response to the Psalm O LORD, how I love your law!

You, O LORD, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold.

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple.

Second reading Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

Next Sunday is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)