

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Sat 10:30am - 11:30am at Poplar
1st Fridays - 6pm - 7pm at Poplar
(except during August)

Baptisms
By appointment. Usually at 12 noon on Saturdays.

Parish Office Opening
Tue - Fri 10.00am - 2.30pm



Christ Giving the Keys to St Peter
Guido Reni

Confessions during August:
Sat 5.00pm - 5.45pm 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 22nd Aug	21st Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	David Stacey B'day Ann
Sun 23rd Aug	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Miguel A Salazar Ann The People of the Parish
Mon 24th Aug	St Bartholomew			**No Mass**
Tue 25th Aug	Feria Week 21			**No Mass**
Wed 26th Aug	Funeral of Norma Giller	10.00am	Poplar	Norma Giller *RIP*
Thu 27th Aug	St Monica	10.00am	Poplar	Mary Stone *B'day Ann*
Fri 28th Aug	St Augustine	10.00am	Poplar	John Lyddon *B'day Ann*
Sat 29th Aug	Passion of St John the Baptist 22nd Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	**No 10am Mass** Norma Giller *RIP*
Sun 30th Aug	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Baby Franklin *RIP* The People of the Parish

MASS THIS SUNDAY – The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house." '

Response to the Psalm O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my
mouth. In the presence of the angels I
praise you.
I bow down towards your holy
Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your
faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the
lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for 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 16:13-20

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.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Next Sunday is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)