

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



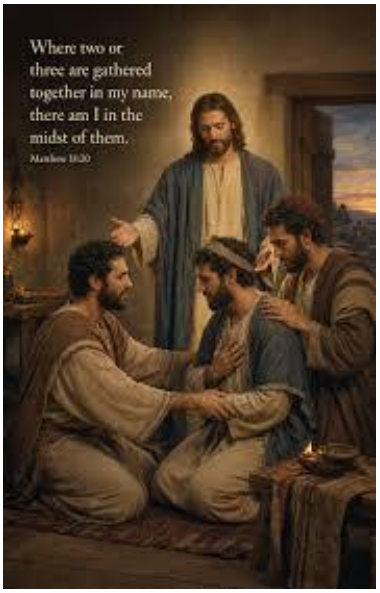
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NEWSLETTER for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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 5th Sep	23rd Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Sr Christine *Thanksgiving*
Sun 6th Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Ihor Hirnyak *RIP* The People of the Parish
Mon 7th Sep	Feria Week 23			**No Mass**
Tue 8th Sep	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Victoria & Damian *Intentions* Priest's Intention
Wed 9th Sep	Feria Week 23	10.00am	Poplar	Eileen Lyddon *Ann*
Thu 10th Sep	Funeral of Sheila Terry	**11.00am**	Poplar	Sheila Terry *RIP*
Fri 11th Sep	Feria Week 23	10.00am	Poplar	John Sullivan *RIP*
Sat 12th Sep	The Most Holy Name of Mary 24th Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace Raphaël Chowdery *RIP*
Sun 13th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish John Rosario Dsouza *Ann*

* = Refreshments after Mass in the Guild Room
† = Multi Faith Prayer Room in the Churchill Place Shopping Centre between Joe the Juice and Barclays

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sheila Terry, Norma Giller, Ihor Hirnyak, Pat Ryan, Trevor Delves, Charlie Agius, Theo Louison and John Hall who have died. And Robert Hageman, Jane Dooley, Jacqui Newson, Kai Aizoodin, Joan Russell, Nita da Fide, Bernadette McSweeney, Zakhyrah Eugene, Herbert Parillon, Sylma Simon, Norma Geller, Mary Sauntry, Lucia Calixte, Emilio Campanella and Anthony Gafa who are ill.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

The next course will be at **11.00am on Saturday 19th September** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Applications for this year's First Holy Communion course are now open. Please use the forms available at the back of Church. The course is open to children who are in year 3 at school. If your child is older please speak to Fr Andrew. All children and their parents or guardian must attend Mass every Sunday, even if this has not been your practice to date, and must commit to attending each of the meetings of the programme. Applications close at the end of September.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Applications for this year's Confirmation Programme are now open. Please use the forms available at the back of Church. This course is open to young people in year 10 or above who are not yet 18 years old. Young people must attend Mass every Sunday and must commit to attending each of the meetings and events of the programme. Furthermore, young people will be required to begin some voluntary work in the parish or wider community as part of the programme. Applications close at the end of September.

COURSE FOR ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

This course is known as the RCIA. Applications are now open for this year's RCIA programme. Please use the forms available at the back of Church. This programme is open to those who are over 18 years and who are either not baptised or baptised in another Christian denomination, or who have fallen away from the practice of the faith and are not confirmed and who wish to become a Catholic or to re-engage with the practice of their Catholic Faith. Applicants must attend Mass every Sunday and must commit to attending each of the meetings and events of the programme. Applications close at the end of September.

LIMEHOUSE CHURCH OPENING

The church is open for private prayer every Friday 8am-8.30am. 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 8th September**. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

ANDY & TERESA 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate this special milestone, Andy and Teresa Lewis will renew their marriage vows during a special Mass at **St Mary & St Joseph's, Poplar, at 3pm on Saturday 12th September**. All are welcome.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House Festival is a London-wide festival that opens up and celebrates the city's built environment. Every year, buildings and other sites across all 33 London boroughs open to the public, so that Londoners can explore them for free. The 2026 festival will take place **12th – 20th September** and will be the 35th edition. This year as last year, St Mary & St Joseph's, Poplar, will take part in the scheme thanks to José who has organised this. Do spread the word. This is a great way of opening our doors and inviting people into our Church.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place this year on **Saturday 19th September**. If anyone would like to go, St Patrick's parish in Wapping have organised a coach. Here is a link for booking a place https://rcwappingwalsingham2026.eventbrite.co.uk In order to join the coach you will need to be at St Patrick's by 8am.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Saturday 12th September Celebration on Will Crooks Estate of Neighbours in Poplar's 55th Summer programme, 6pm to 9pm. Just off Hale St. Come and join us, especially if you have ever been on one of our activities or trips. Music, refreshments and chat!

Wednesday 16th September We will be visiting three Charities in Calais. It is a great opportunity to see for oneself how Refugees and Asylum Seekers are being treated. All you need is your passport.

Saturday 19th September "Standing together for Peace", We will gather at 12.30pm outside Iceland as we stand in solidarity with all who suffer at the hands of others in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Nigeria, Somaliland, Sudan and elsewhere. We cannot go and help them but we can pray together for peace and justice.

Wednesday 23rd September Lansbury Festival Tea Dance in St. Matthias Community Centre. Tickets are now available.

Saturday 17th October Talk on "Poplar and the Blitz" at 2pm at St Matthias Community Centre. In WW2, Londoners were subjected night after night to heavy bombing during the Blitz. How did they handle this experience and deal with the grief of losing homes and loved ones? With a specific focus on the East End of London, Danny Wells will explore the impact of the bombing on these communities.

ADOREMUS 2026

Sr Anouska with the FCJ Young Adult Network is gathering a group of young adults (those aged 18-35) who want to attend the Adoremus event on **Saturday 10th October** in London. Adoremus 2026 in London has a programme of events that starts at 10.30am St George's Cathedral in Southwark (near Waterloo Station) and ends with adoration at Westminster Cathedral near Victoria Station. If you are interested in attending Adoremus 2026 with Sr Anouska and the FCJ Young Adult Network, send Sr Anouska a message on +447353797192.

FR ANDREW WRITES

This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are only three birthdays that we celebrate in the liturgical calendar, the Nativity of the Lord or Christmas, the Nativity of St John the Baptist on 24th June, and the Nativity or Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Clearly both Mary and John the Baptist relate directly to the birth of Jesus. St Luke tells us that Elizabeth is 6 months pregnant with John the Baptist when Mary conceives the Christ Child, which is why his birthday is celebrated 6 months before Christmas. Mary's whole being is devoted to bringing about God's plan for our salvation by bringing God made Man to birth. Mary's birthday then is like the first light before the dawn of salvation. In celebrating Mary's birthday, we remember how a human life devoted to God can change the course of human history. And we remember that she is not just the Mother of God made Man in Jesus Christ but also our spiritual Mother, Mother of all who come to new birth in Jesus Christ. We would never forget our earthly Mother's birthday, so let's be sure to celebrate on Tuesday.

May God bless you all

Fr Andrew

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £137.88	Loose: £171.66	Contactless: £288.00	Total: £597.54
Standing Orders & Online	June: £543.34	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £32.00	Loose: £93.00	Contactless: £260.00	Total: £385.00
Standing Orders & Online	June: 1,507.00	July: £2,250.00	August: £1,507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

Response to the Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us, for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second reading Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

Next Sunday is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)