

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



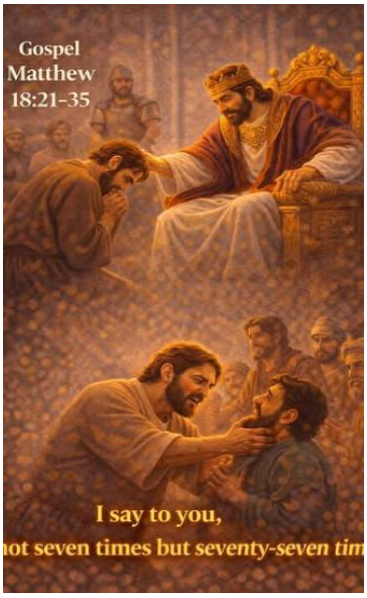
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NEWSLETTER for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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 12th Sep	24th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Raphael Chane Nam *RIP*
Sun 13th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish John Rosario Dsouza *Ann*
Mon 14th Sep	Exaltation of the Cross			**No Mass**
Tue 15th Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Harold *RIP* Priest's Intention
Wed 16th Sep	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	10.00am	Poplar	Christopher Powell *RIP*
Thu 17th Sep	Feria Week 24	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Fri 18th Sep	Feria Week 24	10.00am	Poplar	Canon John Wright *Ann*
Sat 19th Sep	Saturday Memorial of BVM 25th Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace The People of the Parish
Sun 20th Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Edna & Mark Hill *Ints* William Henry Phillips *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, 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 9** 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**.

SCHOOL FORMS

Parents who are applying for places in Catholic Schools next year may be asked to obtain the signature of their parish priest on the school form and/or a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Please speak to Fr Andrew after Mass if this is the case. The important thing to note about these forms and certificates is that Fr Andrew is being asked to confirm that the child in question attends Mass regularly with their family. Fr Andrew can only say this where he knows it to be true. If you do indeed come to Mass regularly and you speak to Fr Andrew at Mass, he will instantly know that he can sign the form. If you email or phone the Parish Office, he may not know who you are, so the best thing is to speak to him after Mass.

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 15th September**. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

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.

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.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

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.

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.

LIMEHOUSE SOCIAL

Straight after the 12noon Mass next Sunday 20th September, we will have a social get-together with food and drinks. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with the community after the summer, during which many people have been away. It is also an opportunity to find out what's going on in the parish. If you are able and would like to bring some food or drinks, please speak to Leonard Sebastian after Mass.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM APPEAL

Next weekend there will be a special second collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day, previously known as Home Mission Sunday, in support of the work of evangelisation through sharing the joy of the Gospel.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £156.37	Loose: £260.88	Contactless: £252.00	Total: £669.25
Standing Orders & Online	June: £543.34	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £32.00	Loose: £103.50	Contactless: £100.00	Total: £235.50
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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Response to the Psalm The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

He will not always find fault; nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

Second reading Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. 'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'