

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 26th 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 26th Sep	26th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 27th Sep	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Maria Iolanda Vaglio *Ann* Okere Family *Thanksgiving*
Mon 28th Sep	Feria Week 26			**No Mass**
Tue 29th Sep	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention **No Canary Wharf Mass this week**
Wed 30th Sep	St Jerome	10.00am	Poplar	Jessie Gray *Ann*
Thu 1st Oct	St Therese of Lisieux			**No Mass**
Fri 2nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels	10.00am	Poplar	Eddie Toulon *Ann*
Sat 3rd Oct	Saturday Memorial of BVM 27th Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace The People of the Parish
Sun 4th Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Okere Family *Thanksgiving*

* = 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 Eileen Masset, 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 17th October** in the Guild Room at Poplar.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Applications for this year's First Holy Communion course must be received by this Wednesday. The first meeting for parents and children will take place at **4.45pm on Saturday 10th October in the Guild Room at Poplar. Parents must have completed and returned an application form to either Fr Andrew or the Parish Office by 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. The first meeting will be at **7.00pm on Tuesday 13th October in the Guild Room at Poplar. Please complete and return an application form to either Fr Andrew or the Parish Office by 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 rather than emailing or phoning.

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.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Calais We had a good day at the Refugee charities last week. There are regular camp evictions with families left with nothing. Big call for blankets, woolies and tents. Our next visit will be in late October.

Tea Dance Thank you to all who attended the Festival of London's 75th Anniversary Tea Dance, nearly 100 turned up and there were some amazing performances on the floor! Poplarites never grow old!

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.

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 29th September**. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

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.

LIMEHOUSE FAITH GROUP

The Faith group is resuming its regular 7.30pm Thursday evening meetings. For the next few months the group will be reading and reflecting on the readings from the Mass of the previous Sunday. This is a great way to deepen your knowledge of the scripture and your participation in the Mass while getting to know other parishioners. All are welcome. Please contact Limehousefaithgroup@outlook.com

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This coming Friday 2nd October is the First Friday of the month and so we will have our usual First Friday Adoration and Confessions from 6pm. This month our Adoration coincides with CAFOD Family Fast Day and so we are invited to dedicate this beautiful time of prayer for an end to hunger and a more equitable sharing of the earth's resources.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This coming Friday 2nd October is CAFOD Family Fast Day when we are invited to go without some food in solidarity with the many people around the world who are regularly forced to go without. As well as fasting we are encouraged to donate some money, including the money that we may save by going without food, to the work of CAFOD for the relief of hunger and poverty. On Friday October 2nd we will therefore have a simple soup and bread supper in the Guild Room at 7pm after Adoration so that we observe the fast together.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

This is a great time of year to either return to a practice of regularly praying the Holy Rosary, either alone or as families or with friends, or indeed to begin if you have never really done it before. There are leaflets available at the back of church which explain more about what the Rosary is and how to pray it which you may find useful.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On **Wednesday 7th October at 11am at Poplar**, which is the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, we will have a special Mass during which those who are sick may receive the Sacrament of the Sick. There will be a lunch in the Guild Room afterwards. If you know of anyone who may like to come but who will need help with transport, please contact the Parish Office. If you are able to help with transport and/or willing to help prepare the lunch, please speak to Fr Andrew or contact the Parish Office.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £116.55	Loose: £219.35	Contactless: £252.00	Total: £587.90
Standing Orders & Online	June: £543.34	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £	Loose: £	Contactless: £150.00	Total: £
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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Response to the Psalm Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Second reading Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

Next Sunday is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)