

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



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NEWSLETTER for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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



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 15th Aug	The Assumption (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	The People of the Parish
Sun 16th Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am 12noon	Poplar Limehouse	Norma Giller *RIP* The People of the Parish
Mon 17th Aug	Feria Week 20			**No Mass**
Tue 18th Aug	Feria Week 20			**No Mass**
Wed 19th Aug	Feria Week 20	10.00am	Poplar	Kaluga & Tula *Ints*
Thu 20th Aug	St Bernard	10.00am	Poplar	Kevin Hart *Ints*
Fri 21st Aug	St Pius X	10.00am	Poplar	Christopher Powell *RIP*
Sat 22nd Aug	Our Lady Mother & Queen 21st Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	**No 10am Mass** 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

MASS THIS SUNDAY – The Assumption of the BVM (Year A)

First reading Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

Response to the Psalm On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear: forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty. He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.' And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.