

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



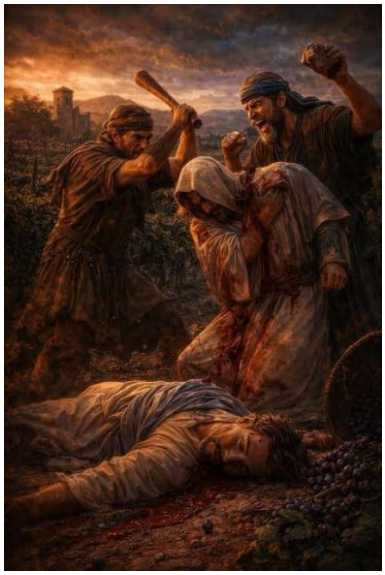
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NEWSLETTER for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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 3rd Oct	27th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	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*
Mon 5th Oct	Feria Week 27			**No Mass**
Tue 6th Oct	St Bruno	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Elena Busti *RIP* Priest's Intention
Wed 7th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	11.00am	Poplar	**Mass for the sick**
Thu 8th Oct	Feria Week 27	10.00am	Poplar	John Flanagan *RIP*
Fri 9th Oct	St John Henry Newman	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Sat 10th Oct	Saturday Memorial of BVM 28th Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	David Stacey *Ann* Kemor Kamara & Mary Jeffries *Ann*
Sun 11th Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Doreen Maciejewski *Ann* Michelle Ho *Sick*

* = 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 have now closed. The first meeting for parents and children will take place at **4.45pm on Saturday 10th October in the Guild Room at Poplar.** Parents are expected to attend Mass on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning each week in addition to attending all the meetings.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Applications for this year's Confirmation Programme have now closed. Look out for information soon about the first meeting. In the meantime, young people must attend Mass every Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

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.**

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.

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 6th October**. Contact Michael for more information on ikorabs@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Calais We had a good day at the Refugee charities during our last visit. There are regular camp evictions with families left with nothing. Big call for blankets, woolies and tents. Our next visit will later this month.

Saturday 17th October Talk on "Poplar and the Blitz" at 2pm at St Matthias Community Centre. In WW2, Londoners were subjected to heavy bombing during the Blitz. How did they handle this experience and deal with the grief of losing homes and loved ones? With focus on the East End, Danny Wells will explore the impact of the bombing on these communities. This is part of the Festival of Britain and also tells the story of our original Church and its destruction on December 8th 1940 when it suffered a direct hit!

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

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

There's lots in the news these days about prisons and the early release scheme etc… Jesus commanded us to have a special care for prisoners in particular; "I was in prison and you visited me." Next Sunday 11th October is Prisoners' Sunday, when we are invited to pray especially for those in prison and for their families. Envelopes are available at the back of church if you would like to donate to the work of PACT, which is the national Catholic charity for prisons.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Last Friday 2nd October was CAFOD Family Fast Day, when we were 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. There will be a special collection as you leave church this weekend when you can donate whatever you can for CAFOD. Please be as generous as you can.

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

This **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: £256.70	Loose: £301.79	Contactless: £325.00	Total: £883.49
Standing Orders & Online	June: £543.34	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £70.00	Loose: £250.10	Contactless: £180.00	Total: £500.10
Standing Orders & Online	June: 1,507.00	July: £2,250.00	August: £1,507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

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MASS THIS SUNDAY – The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Response to the Psalm The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea; to the River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Second reading Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'