

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 28th 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 10th Oct	28th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Kemor Kamara & Mary Jeffries *Ann*
Sun 11th Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Doreen Maciejewski *Ann* Michelle Ho *Sick*
Mon 12th Oct	St Wilfrid Bishop			**No Mass**
Tue 13th Oct	St Edward the Confessor	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	KH *ints* Priest's Intention
Wed 14th Oct	Feria Week 28	10.00am	Poplar	Bill Stone *Ann*
Thu 15th Oct	St Teresa of Avila Doctor	10.00am	Poplar	Margaret Watts *Ann*
Fri 16th Oct	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Sat 17th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch Bishop 29th Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Quintus Desouza *Ints* The People of the Parish
Sun 18th Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish William Edward 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 Ann Rush, Kate Pill, 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. After this Saturday's first session, the next meeting for parents and children will take place at **5.00pm on Saturday 7th November 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.

SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

If in addition to English you speak another language and are happy to occasionally support those in the Parish who struggle with English, please speak to Sr Christine.

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 13th October**. For more information please email stevejohnaj@gmail.com

PLEASE BE VIGILANT

We have had a report of a pickpocket creeping into the church at Poplar during Sunday Mass. Please take care not to leave your valuables unattended or anywhere where they may easily be stolen.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Calais We are planning our next visit, if anybody would like to join, please contact Sr Christine. There are regular camp evictions with families left with nothing. Big call for blankets, woollies, tents, sleeping bags.

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 continues to meet at 7.30pm on 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

Jesus commanded us to have a special care for prisoners in particular; "I was in prison and you visited me." This 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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday and it will actually mark the 100th Anniversary of its establishment under the theme "One in Christ, united in mission". We will therefore have a special second collection for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, to assist missionaries and communities facing severe hardship all over the world. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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.

FR ANDREW WRITES

This Tuesday is the Feast of St Edward the Confessor who is one of the patron saints of this our diocese of Westminster. St Edward was King of the English from 1042 until his death in 1066. He was the last reigning monarch of the House of Wessex. Saint Edward proved that earthly power does not define greatness. Instead of wielding his status with pride, he chose gentleness, patience, and deep prayer. He is called a "Confessor" because he witnessed to Jesus Christ not through the bloodshed of martyrdom, but through a quiet, steady life of mercy, caring for the poor, and seeking peace. His greatest architectural and spiritual gift was commissioning the building of Westminster Abbey, creating a sacred house of prayer for generations to come. A prayer: *"O God, who crowned the holy king Saint Edward the Confessor with the glory of an unfading kingdom, grant that we, who venerate him upon earth, may be helped by his prayers to reign one day with you in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"*.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £112.53	Loose: £310.34	Contactless: £327.00	Total: £449.87
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34	September: £413.34

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £37.00	Loose: £257.30	Contactless: £179.00	Total: £473.00
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,250.00	August: £1,507.00	September: £1,507.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

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MASS THIS SUNDAY – The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Response to the Psalm In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Next Sunday is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)