

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



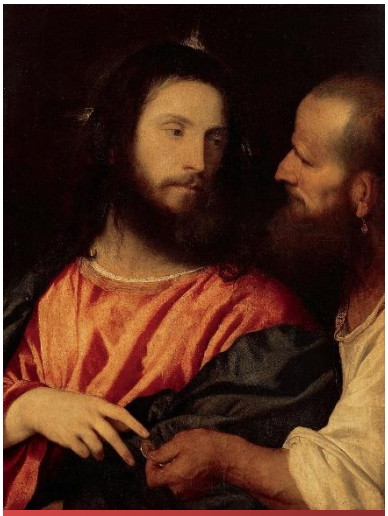
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NEWSLETTER for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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



The Tribute Money *by Titian*

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 17th Oct	29th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Eddie Frost *RIP*
Sun 18th Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Maria Tangpos *Thanksgiving* William Edward Phillips *B'Day Ann*
Mon 19th Oct	Feria Week 29			**No Mass**
Tue 20th Oct	Feria Week 29	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Vlad, Charles & Anna *Sick* Priest's Intention
Wed 21st Oct	Feria Week 29	10.00am	Poplar	Daniel Morris *Ann*
Thu 22nd Oct	St John Paul II Pope	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Fri 23rd Oct	St John of Capistrano Priest	10.00am	Poplar	Edna & Mark Hill *Ints*
Sat 24th Oct	Saturday Memorial of BVM 30th Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace The People of the Parish
Sun 25th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Brian John Tatham *Ann* Monika Ecoy *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 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 7th November** 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 next meeting will be at **7.00pm on Tuesday 27th 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 20th 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 Our next visit will be on 4th November. If anybody would like to join, please contact Sr Christine, all you need is your passport. There are regular camp evictions with families left with nothing. Big call for blankets, woollies, tents, sleeping bags.

Green Week There are several events on next week drawing our attention to the need to recycle and generally take care of our environment. See green leaflet at the back of Church.

Exhibition The Irish Connection in Tower Hamlets. Launch of exhibition in Bancroft Rd. Library on 29th October.

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

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Jo Faulkner, the chair of Governors of our primary school, Our Lady & St Joseph's, will be speaking to us after Mass this weekend to appeal for volunteers to join the governing body. This is a wonderful way to support an important part of the mission of the Church in our parishes by becoming involved in the governance of our school. No particular expertise or experience is required but you must be willing and able to commit to attend at least three meetings of the governing body per year and to sit on at least one sub-committee. Training is provided. If you would like to know more, please contact Jo Faulkner on chair@olsj.co.uk

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend is World Mission Sunday and it actually marks the 100th Anniversary of its establishment under the theme "One in Christ, united in mission". We are therefore having 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.

THE CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend marks the end of British Summer Time, which means that we turn the clocks back one hour in the early hours of Sunday morning 25th October. This means that we get an extra hour in bed which is always welcome! Don't forget to change your clocks though because otherwise you might be late for Mass.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £172.50	Loose: £322.89	Contactless: £221.00	Total: £716.39
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34	September: £694.92
Second Collections	Cafod: £296.70		

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £36.00	Loose: £69.70	Contactless: £217.00	Total: £322.70
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,250.00	August: £1,507.00	September: £2,707.00
Second Collections	Cafod: £111.94		

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

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MASS THIS SUNDAY – The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.'

Response to the Psalm Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples.

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised, to be feared above all gods. For the gods of the nations are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and power; ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour. O tremble before him, all the earth. Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Next Sunday is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)