

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



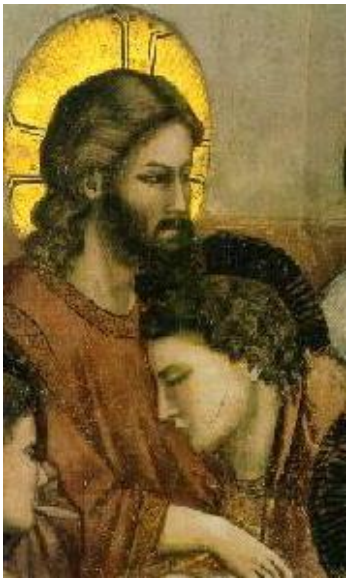
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NEWSLETTER for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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 24th Oct	30th Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Michael & Eileen Hart *RIP*
Sun 25th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Brian John Tatham *Ann* Monica Egoy *Sick*
Mon 26th Oct	Feria Week 30			**No Mass**
Tue 27th Oct	Feria Week 30	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Kathleen Carolan *Ann* Priest's Intention
Wed 28th Oct	Ss Simon & Jude	10.00am	Poplar	Private Intention
Thu 29th Oct	The Douai Martyrs	10.00am	Poplar	Richard Goss *Ann*
Fri 30th Oct	Feria Week 30	10.00am	Poplar	Monica Egoy *Sick*
Sat 31st Oct	Saturday Memorial of BVM All Saints (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Peace Eddie Frost *RIP*
Sun 1st Nov	All Saints	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Agnes Camillire *Ann* Fan Mei Ngan *RIP*

* = 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

The RCIA 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. 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. Please fill in everything that you can on the form before giving it Fr Andrew (at the very least the name of your child). Do not give Fr Andrew a blank form.

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 27th October**. For more information please email stevejohnaj@gmail.com

CHURCH HEATING

The heating systems in both our churches have now been turned on. It is incredibly expensive to run these heating systems. Would everyone therefore take responsibility for ensuring that heat does not escape unnecessarily. **This is particularly relevant at Poplar where the inner glass doors MUST be kept closed at all times.** Please close them after yourself and close them if someone else has left them open.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Calais Due to the riots it has been impossible to book Eurostar on the 4th, so we are now hoping for the 11th. We just cannot imagine how the riots have impacted on the Refugee Charites working there!

Urgent Call Out We need more Deliveroo Angels and Peelers, please email Sr. Christine if you can spare any time on a Saturday or Sunday morning to bring a smile to a lonely face nip65@msn.com

Fund-Raising Hope & Anchor Pub is doing a Fund-Raising afternoon on Sunday November 1st at 3pm for Neighbours in Poplar's Christmas dinners. Should be a lively, friendly, happy afternoon! The pub is in Newby Place near All Saints Church.

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 evenings. 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

Are you interested in volunteering to become a member of the governing body of Our Lady & St Joseph's Catholic Primary School? 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

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Next Sunday is the 1st November which is the Feast of All Saints when we will rejoice in our communion with all those who are enjoying the vision of God in Heaven and praying for us there. **Next Monday is therefore the 2nd November and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** also known as All Souls Day when we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory who are being purified and prepared for the joys of Heaven. As we pray for the Holy Souls, they are able to help us on our journey to Heaven and so these two feasts really celebrate the entire Church which unites us on our earthly pilgrimage, those in Heaven and those being prepared for Heaven. It is customary to pray and offer Masses in particular for the Holy Souls during the whole month of November. To that end, envelopes for the November Dead are available at the back of church. Please write the names of those whom you would like included in our Masses for the Holy Souls throughout November together with your donation and either give to Fr Andrew or place it in the box at the front of church from the beginning of November. In addition to the regular Masses for the Holy Souls throughout November, on **Saturday 28th November at 11am at Poplar**, there will be a special Mass for all those in our two parishes who have died during the last year, followed by a lunch in the Guild Room. If you would like your loved one's name to be included specifically in that Mass, please email the parish office.

ALL SOULS DAY

On **Monday 2nd November there will be a special Mass of All Souls for both parishes at 7pm at St Mary & St Joseph's in Poplar**.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £165.19	Loose: £317.91	Contactless: £280.00	Total: £763.10
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34	September: £694.92

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £25.00	Loose: £129.15	Contactless: £230.00	Total: £384.15
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,250.00	August: £1,507.00	September: £2,707.00

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

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MASS THIS SUNDAY – The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

Response to the Psalm I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength; O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God, my rock where I take refuge; my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold. I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!' and see, I am saved from my foes.

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord gives great victories to his king, and shows merciful love for his anointed.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints