

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



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NEWSLETTER for the 33rd 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 14th Nov	33rd Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Eileen Hamilton *Ann*
Sun 15th Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Sr Teresa White *1st Ann* Vincent Sales *B'Day Ann*
Mon 16th Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon			**No Mass**
Tue 17th Nov	Feria Week 33	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Wed 18th Nov	Feria Week 33			**No Mass**
Thu 19th Nov	Feria Week 33	10.00am	Poplar	Antonio Pereira Baroca *RIP*
Fri 20th Nov	Feria Week 33			**No Mass**
Sat 21st Nov	Presentation of BVM Christ the King (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Sun 22nd Nov	Christ the King	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Holy Souls Mary & Fred Stageman *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

Eileen Cattini, Sheila Terry, Norma Giller, Ihor Hirnyak, Pat Ryan, Trevor Delves, Charlie Agius, Theo Louison and John Hall who have died. And Jennette Coleman, Elizabeth McGee, 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 12th December** 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 session, the next meeting for parents and children will take place at **5.00pm on Saturday 5th December 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 take place at **7.00pm on Tuesday 24th November in the Guild Room at Poplar.**

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 17th November**. 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.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Poplar burns this week for the Holy Souls.

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamps at either of our churches to burn in memory of, or for the intentions of, anyone in particular, please use the brown Sanctuary Lamp Envelopes.

NEIGHBOURS IN POPLAR

Exhibition The Irish in Tower Hamlets will be celebrating 400 years in Tower Hamlets with an Exhibition in Bancroft Road Library which will begin on November 18th.

Christmas Sale at All Saints Church on Saturday 5th December, 12noon to 5pm.

Christmas Bazaar at Neighbours in Poplar, St Matthias, on Saturday 12th December, 12noon to 3pm.

Neighbours in Poplar Volunteers All welcome to join us on Sunday 13th December at 3pm, come and find out what we do and how you can help this Christmas and through the winter. We will be celebrating our 70,000th dinner delivery.

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

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

It is still possible to have your loved ones included in our November Masses for the dead by putting their names and your donation in one of the November envelopes and placing it in the box at the front of church.

SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS FOR OUR TWO PARISHES

On Saturday 28th November at 11am at Poplar, there will be a special requiem Mass for all those in our two parishes who have died, especially but not limited to those 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.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

This weekend we will have a second special collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. Envelopes are available at the back of Church and you can also make your donation online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

ADVENT RECOLLECTIONS

Fr Andrew will give two reflections to help us to enter into the richness of the Advent Season. The talks will take place **at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 9th December, the first will take place in the Guild Room at Poplar, the second will take place in the church at Limehouse**. More information to follow.

SPECIAL ADVENT CELEBRATIONS – SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 13th December 6pm at Our Lady's in Limehouse – Festive Mass by Candlelight

Thurday 17th December 7pm at St Mary & St Joseph's in Poplar – Carols by Candlelight

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £176.59	Loose: £300.52	Contactless: £298.00	Total: £775.11
Standing Orders & Online	August: £543.34	September: £694.92	October: £730.05

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £37.00	Loose: £147.45	Contactless: £235.00	Total: £419.45
Standing Orders & Online	August: £1,507.00	September: £2,707.00	October: £2,720.35

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

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MASS THIS SUNDAY – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Response to the Psalm Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4a, 5b

Alleluia, Alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King (Year A)