

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



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NEWSLETTER for All Saints 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 31st Oct	All Saints (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Eddie Frost *RIP*
Sun 1st Nov	Solemnity of All Saints	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Agnes Camillire *Ann* Fan Mei Ngan *RIP*
Mon 2nd Nov	All Souls	7.00pm	Poplar	The Holy Souls
Tue 3rd Nov	St Martin de Porres	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Herbert Fernandes *Ints* The Holy Souls
Wed 4th Nov	St Charles Borromeo			**No Mass**
Thu 5th Nov	Feria Week 31	10.00am	Poplar	Doreen Maciejewski *B'day Ann*
Fri 6th Nov	Feria Week 31 Exposition & Benediction	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Sr Teresa White *Ann*
Sat 7th Nov	Saturday Memorial of BVM 32nd Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	The Holy Souls Sharon Kamara & Terry Jeffries *B'day Ann*
Sun 8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Sr Teresa White *Ann* War Dead

* = 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 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 14th November in the Guild Room at Poplar.** **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!** 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.

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 3rd 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.

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Poplar burns this week for Regina Salve Andes.

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.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Throughout the month of November, it is customary to pray and offer Masses in particular for the Holy Souls. 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 it to Fr Andrew or place it in the box in front of the altar.

SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR

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 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

This **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**.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

This coming **Friday 6th November** is the first Friday of the month and therefore from **6pm at St Mary & St Joseph's in Poplar** there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for Confession ending with Benediction at 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for a time of quiet prayer in the presence of the Lord.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £172.65	Loose: £303.28	Contactless: £386.00	Total: £861.93
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,915.14	August: £543.34	September: £694.92

Special Collection for Missio £179.40

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £47.00	Loose: £120.50	Contactless: £245.00	Total: £412.50
Standing Orders & Online	July: £2,250.00	August: £1,507.00	September: £2,707.00

Special Collection for Missio £70.35

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

MASS THIS SUNDAY – All Saints (Year A)

First reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Response to the Psalm Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second reading 1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday