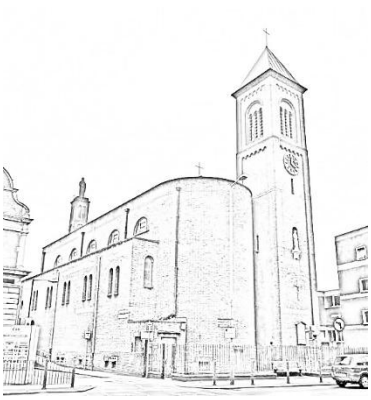


THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST MARY & ST JOSEPH, POPLAR AND OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST FREDERICK, LIMEHOUSE



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NEWSLETTER for Christ the King 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 21st Nov	Christ the King (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Joe *Sick*
Sun 22nd Nov	Christ the King	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Holy Souls Mary & Fred Stageman *Ann*
Mon 23rd Nov	Feria Week 34			**No Mass**
Tue 24th Nov	St Andrew Dung Lac & companions	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Sr Christine *Thanksgiving* Holy Souls
Wed 25th Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria	10.00am	Poplar	Virginia Vasconcelos *Ann*
Thu 26th Nov	Feria Week 34	10.00am	Poplar	Pamela Blinman *RIP*
Fri 27th Nov	Feria Week 34	10.00am	Poplar	Donna Duggan *Ints*
Sat 28th Nov	Special Requiem Mass 1st Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	11.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	Holy Souls The People of the Parish
Sun 29th Nov	1st Sunday of Advent	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	The People of the Parish Marianna & Stanislaw Mazur, Zofia Radecka *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

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. 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

Calais We hope to spend a day with Refugee Charities in Calais on Wednesday 25th, if anyone would like to join us, we need to know by Sunday afternoon! Woolies and toiletries needed in Calais.

Advent Calendars We have been given some Calendars which are supporting Charities. They are being promoted by Caritas Westminster and there should be enough for every family.

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.

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

Please make a note of the following special events during which we will mark the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas. On **Sunday 13th December 6pm at Our Lady's in Limehouse there will be a Festive Mass by Candlelight followed by a party.** This 6pm Mass will replace the usual 12noon Mass.

On **Thursday 17th December 7pm at St Mary & St Joseph's in Poplar we will have a service of Carols by Candlelight** followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Guild Room. Everyone is welcome for both of these events – spread the word!

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £106.50	Loose: £303.85	Contactless: £287.30	Total: £697.65
Standing Orders & Online	August: £543.34	September: £694.92	October: £730.05

Special Collection for Sick & Retired Priests: £190.43

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £42.00	Loose: £117.20	Contactless: £135.00	Total: £294.20
Standing Orders & Online	August: £1,507.00	September: £2,707.00	October: £2,720.35

Special Collection for Sick & Retired Priests: £82.50

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity!

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MASS THIS SUNDAY – Christ the King (Year A)

First reading Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

Response to the Psalm The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

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 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)