

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



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NEWSLETTER for Remembrance Sunday 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 7th Nov	Remembrance Sunday (Vigil)	6.00pm	Poplar	Sharon Kamara & Terry Jeffries *B'day Ann*
Sun 8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	10.00am 12noon	Poplar * Limehouse	Sr Teresa White *RIP* War Dead
Mon 9th Nov	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			**No Mass**
Tue 10th Nov	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	10.00am 12.30pm	Poplar Canary Wharf †	Boruch Family *RIP* The Holy Souls
Wed 11th Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	10.00am	Poplar	Mary Donelan *RIP*
Thu 12th Nov	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	10.00am	Poplar	Elizabeth McGee *Sick*
Fri 13th Nov	Feria Week 32	10.00am	Poplar	Waldemar Kozar *RIP*
Sat 14th Nov	Saturday Memorial of BVM 33rd Sunday (Vigil)	10.00am 6.00pm	Poplar Poplar	The Holy Souls 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*

* = 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 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 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 10th 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!

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 17th.

Interfaith Celebration Please put Thursday 12th at 6.30pm in your diaries. We have speakers from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim Faiths, we will share what we have in common and also plan events we can do together between now and Ramadan. The theme is Bridge Building. Refreshments will follow.

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 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.

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 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

Next weekend we will have a second special collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests retire at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. 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.

RECENT FINANCIAL NEWS

POPLAR COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £128.22	Loose: £249.45	Contactless: £287.00	Total: £664.67
Standing Orders & Online	August: £543.34	September: £694.92	October: £730.05

LIMEHOUSE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes: £30.00	Loose: £148.20	Contactless: £170.00	Total: £348.20
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 – Remembrance Sunday

First reading Micah 4:1-4

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Response to the Psalm The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day.

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

Second reading Romans 14:7-12

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God; for it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:39

Alleluia, Alleluia. It is my Father's will, says the Lord, that whoever believes in the Son shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day. Alleluia!

Gospel John 12:23-28

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him. 'Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour?" But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven: 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

Next Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)