

➤ **This is St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. A Warm Welcome** to our Visitors, Friends and Parishioners worshipping with us today! We are happy to have you with us. Help us keep our Vision and Mission alive. Do join us in the Hall for refreshment after 9.00am and 10.30am Mass. Holy Shop in the Hallway.

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound in our parish: Margaret Namusoke, Alan Bond, Omobolaji Odokale, Pat Miller (Phillips), Rosemary Mbachu, Arlene Brown, Rosa Maria, Bernard Bruno Da Silva, May Purvis, Maria Herriart, Teresa Cox, Adama Sheriff, Antonio Neto, John Cox, Angela Roberts, Betty MacLean, George Kirby, Alma & Tom Fernandes, Margaret and Tom Wyse, Caroline Knight, Frederick Okolo, Stephanie and Peter St. Rose, Mrs Taylor, Lily Mulraine, Rebecca Linton, Femi Wete. Mrs Collet, Ella Thomas, Margaret Gallee, Varsha Chopra, Joyce Barnette, Benedict Kalunta, David Smith.

Pray for the dead: especially those who died recently in our Parish: Joan Bond, Victoria Abbey, Shormeh Nortey, Edison Otomewo, Martin Wallace, Anna Akosua Adea, Steven N, Fr. John Leahy, Esther Maurice Ekpo, Bridget O'Shea, Jim Duffy, Veronica Otuodung, Francis Otuodung, Maurice Ekpo and those whose anniversaries occur this week: Kathleen Gainty, Michael Lowe, Gary Platts, Frederick Blake, Margaret Sowley, Annie O'Keefe, Lawrence White, John Christopher Lennon, Donnette Greene, Maria Middleton, John King, Brian Albert Hall, Mary Gunning, Maria Boyd.

OUR VISION: To be a Catholic Community that seeks to meet the Pastoral needs of all our Parishioners.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a diverse, welcoming and lively community that strives to be caring and listening to all through our active participation in the sharing of God's gifts.

MOTTO: St. Thomas the Apostle: Sharing God's Gifts in Love and Service

PARISH PRAYER:

God our Father and Creator of the human family, pour out your Spirit on the people of this Parish and grant us generous hearts, faithfulness to your word and a new vision of your glory, as we seek to build a welcoming, lively and caring community. Bless us with greater unity in worship and a new consecration to your service that your love may grow among us. Forgive us all our sins and let this parish be a family where healing, pardon and goodness flow for all, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. Holy Mary Mother of God: Pray for us. St Thomas the Apostle: Pray for us. May the souls of our departed parishioners and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS IN JULY. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

MUSHIA	FRANTON
FRANCISCA	POKUCA
VIVIAN	AMOALCO-ATTA
KATIE	DIALA
PATRICIA	PRADO
DORIS	BESONG
MICHELLE	BARKER
GIDGON	DABANILA AKOTO
JOSIAH ISHOLA	ATOBATELE
ISABELLE	DOUGLAS
KAMSI CHARLES	AGU
KENE CHRISTOPHER	AGU
TRINA	UKACHUKWA
JOSEPH TAIYE	TIJANI
SAMUEL KEHINDE	TIJANI
TYLER	OKOYE-KACH
IFEAT	ADUFU
BENEDICT	KALUNTA
JOHN	DAWUTEY
PHARRELL	AKOTO
ISABELLE	
DERRICK	BLAY
CHANTAL	KAMUKAMA
ANGELA	EHIIOGHAE
JULIAN	PROSPERE
DADDY	OMOTOLA



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Motto: St. Thomas the Apostle : Sharing God's Gift in love and Service

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

The Ordinary: Most Revd. John Wilson – Archbishop of Southwark | Area Bishop: Rt. Rev. Patrick Lynch ss.cc

Parish Priest: **Rev. Father Francis Eyo, MSP** (parishpriest@stthomasnunhead.org.uk).

Pastoral Assistants: Deacon: **Rev. Alan Bond** (rtd) | Religious: **The Sisters of Christian Instruction**

PARISH PROGRAMME

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday: 9.00am, 10.30am, 2.00pm (Spanish) & 6.30PM.

WEDDINGS: by appointment with the Parish Priest (six months' notice is required).

FUNERAL: by arrangement – contact the Parish Priest.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING: First & Last Sundays of the Month.

THANKSGIVING/BLESSING: by arrangement - contact the Parish Priest.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Last Saturday of the month and as announced (No Baptism in Lent).

RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 5.30pm – 6.30pm & by arrangement

VISITATION TO THE SICK: Friday after Morning Mass and by arrangement

OFFICE HOURS: Priest – by appointment & as indicated (bulletin p. 3). Office Staff: Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm

DATE	WEEKLY LITURGY	INTENTIONS/ACTIVITIES/TIME
Sunday 28th July 2019 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	MASS: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Gn 18: 20-32. Col. 2: 12-14. Lk 11: 1-13.	9.00am: Junior Ationu –Thanksgiving for his success : Margaret Namusa Mukasa - Wellbeing 10.30am: Michael Cotter - RIP 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish
Monday 29th July 2019 Saint Martha	NO SERVICE Ex. 32: 15-24, 30-34. Jn. 11: 19-27.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 1.
Tuesday 30th July 2019 Saint Peter Chrysologus	Service of the Word & Sacrament Ex. 33: 7-11, 34: 5-9, 28. Mt. 13: 36-43.	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Violet. Reader: Brian</i>
Wed. 31st August 2019 Saint Ignatius of Loyola	MASS Ex. 34: 29-35. Mt 13: 44-46.	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Comfort. Reader: Gerard</i>
Thursday 1st August 2019 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	MASS Ex. 40: 16-21, 34-38. Mt. 13: 47-53.	9.30am – Chapel <i>Antiphonist: Theresa. Reader: Justina</i>
Friday 2nd August 2019 Weekday	MASS Lv. 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37. Mt 13: 54-58.	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Gabriel. Reader: Deirdre</i>
Sunday 4th August 2019 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	MASS: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Eccl. 1: 2. 2: 21-23. Col. 3: 1-5, 9-11. Lk 12: 13-21.	9.00am: Margaret Namusa Mukasa - Wellbeing 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Mass Book pp: 114 - 117). 28TH JULY 2019**

BIDDING PRAYERS: (342). **Reader:** Father, hallowed be your name;
People: your Kingdom come.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

In Prayer we communicate with God. Jesus teaches us that, when we pray, the doors of heaven are opened (Matthew 7:7). The disciples were eager to learn from Jesus how to pray. Jesus taught them the greatest of all prayers. The **Our Father** is the prayer of Christian identity, the prayer expressing who we are as Christians.

In his prayer, Abraham bargained with God, he pleaded for others to be saved. Jesus told us to **ask.... Search... knock.** We ask not because God does not already know our needs. Nor is it to twist the arm of an unwilling God. Perseverance in asking makes us grow in our dependence on God. Prayer should not be an expression of the selfishness inherent in our desires, rather it should be opportunity to appreciate God and become more attuned to God's will. Some people are afraid of God's will. Too often we only speak of God's will in a fatalistic way when something sad or difficult happens. **We must learn how to pray from the Master, Jesus.**

Indeed, God's will is 100% full of love, beauty, truth and the enhancement of life. The most beautiful prayer for anybody is to wish God's will for them. "Thy Will be done ..." (Mt. 6:10).

Wishing all Parishioners & Friends Happy and Blessed Sunday! – Fr Francis, MSP

PARISH INFORMATION DESK

Group	Place of Meeting	Day and Time
Breaking the Word	Chapel	Mon 7.30pm
Life Ascending	Chapel	Wed 10.00am
Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary	Chapel	Thurs 7.00pm
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Meeting	Chapel	Friday 7.30pm

CCTV - CAMERAS are in operation within the Church premises for your Security and Safety. Keep your valuable mitems with you during Mass/Church service. Be vigilant and if you notice any suspicious movement inform the Ushers.

- **PHONE USAGE IS FORBIDDEN DURING MASS! Please Comply.**
- Stop eating food, chewing gums inside the main Church during Mass, and do not litter the Church, please.

Please DO NOT take the Mass & Hymn Books home, handle with care & Return them to the Shelf after Mass.

- ✓ **Hall booking: 10.00 to 5.00pm Monday – Friday or call 07538759770, 020 7639 3724.**
The Hall is currently under repairs and booking will resume in due course,



Church Halls: Book our standard Church Hall, equipped with kitchen, Bar and other facilities, clean & neat for a full day or per hourly program. It's a lovely space that can hold 180 – 200 people for various functions, celebrations, meetings, receptions, etc. Back Hall is good for events of about 80 people in case you need such. Contact us: **020 7639 3724. 07538759770.**

Pastoral/Administrative Staff Contacts

Parish Administrative Assistant/Secretary | Parish Business/Communication Assistant
 Atim Blossom – **020 7639 3724.** Julian Prospere - **020 7639 3724.**
HALL BOOKING - 020 7639 3724/ 07538759770.
 Baptism of Children – **020 7639 3724.** RCIA Formation - **020 7639 3724**
 First Holy Communion – **020 7639 3724.** Confirmation - **020 7639 3724**
Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee – 02076393724
 Knights of St Columba -- 07834 11741

CHURCH NOTICES

Parish Office Hours This Week: PARISH PRIEST – Thursday, 11am – 1pm and 5 - 6pm

Office Staff: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, All are Welcome to this celebration.
Welcome: Fr Michael to our parish, we are happy to have you with us. Thank you for celebrating the Mass for us

Church Cleaning: We thank Christian mothers & fathers Association, Catholic women Organisation/Readers/Eucharistic ministers for cleaning the Church last Saturday. God bless you.

- **We also thank all who made this Mass a wonderful celebration,** especially, the Altar Servers, Readers, Holy Communion Ministers, Ushers, Music Team, Sacristans/Volunteers, Communication Team, our office Staff, Sunday Liturgy Teachers, Children, and Young people.

Cleaning of Church Next Saturday: Nigerian Catholic Association. God bless you as you care for the Church of Christ.

Confirmation 2019: Confirmation this year will be **celebrated on 21st September at 12.00 noon.** Preparation meetings will be arranged accordingly, we encourage the parents, candidates and families to participate.

- **NO Confirmation lessons next Saturday and No CHILDREN LITURGY this Sunday.**
- **Also remember, NO MASS on SATURDAY in the Parish.**

Baptism of Children: will take place on the Last Saturday of August 31/8/19. Please fill the form and return it to the Parish office. Preparation for parents and God parents in the Church on Friday 23rd and Thursday 29th of August at 6.00pm.

Christian Marriage: We congratulate Joelle Nyambikiwe and Wenze Mokabi who received the Sacrament of Matrimony yesterday. If you would like to have a wedding in the Church, you are welcome to contact the parish Priest on office day.

First Holy Communion: The Parish Priest would like to meet with First Holy Communion Teachers/Catechists and Volunteers on Friday at 6.30pm in the Church in preparation for the next Holy Communion lessons and celebration.

- **A Caretaker Needed:** for the Church premises, interested person should apply in writing to: The Parish Finance Committee, St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church 81 Evelina Road, London SE15 3HL.

Use of the Church Hall and Premises: We are appealing to Church Groups & Parishioners using the Hall and Church premises to ensure they clean well, remove the waste, and handle the facilities with care.

- **Suggestion Box:** if you would like to make a suggestion about the use of the Church Hall by parishioners and non-parishioners, the suggestion box is still available in the hallway for this and will be removed by the end of July.

Church Renovation: Many thanks to parishioners and donors for your generous giving. Work is in progress. You can always support us through a donation, standing order or paying directly to: **St. Thomas the Apostle Church: A/c: 95248463 SC 601616 – NatWest.** [For God loves a cheerful giver](#) (2Cor 9:7-8).

Collection Last Weekend: £820.88. and £170.00. Thank you for your contributions and may the Lord bless all who give generously to support our Parish Ministries. **We appreciate all giving by Standing Order, Gift Aid, Tithe, Seed Sowing and Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless and reward your generosity, Amen.**
2nd Collection this week: Church Development Fund & Next week: Parish Maintenance/Building Fund

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 28TH JULY 2019:**
9.00am: Brian Sanders. **10.30am:** Niquella Owusu & Regina Ehioghae. **6.30pm:** Dian Connor.

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 90. 10.30AM = 290, 2.00pm = 86, 6.30pm = 45

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