

➤ **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: Mary Kelly, Maurice Gunning, Maurice Hughes, Maureen Bowen, Patrick Murphy, George Perm, Baby Sean Mongan, Mrs Loftus, Ernie Palmer, Kate McDonagh, Grace Oveghe.

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 AUGUST. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

KOREDE	OKE
JULIANA	ADJEI
RICHARD	OPPONG-WADIE
ELIZABETH NARDU	CROFFIE-DUAH
FELA	ODUNTAN
RIANNA	OWUSU
NANA OTCHERE KLU	KORANTENG
BECKY OSAZEE	IYAMU KINGS
GRACE	CATO
ERICA	BATEREN
TRACY	BOAFO
TONY	FATUNBI
JOSEPHINE	ROBERTS
JOHN	MAMBU
EVA-MARIE	PALMER-SIMMONDS
DWAYNE	OKOYE-KACHIKWU
TEAHAQ	UGBANA
SAMUEL	AYODELE-OJO
THERESAH	TWENEBOAH
RAYMOND	AMAKIHE
NEAVEAH	TAKYIWAA AKOTO
JEREMY	NANA OWUSU
AKAKAN THEODORE	MBET-UDOAKA
BUTLER	EMMANUEL



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

EIGHTEENTH 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 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: Georgina Mensah – God's Healing : Kamsi & Kene Agu – Family Thanksgiving 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish
Monday 5th August 2019 Weekday	NO SERVICE Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14: 13-21	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 1.
Tuesday 6th August 2019 The Transfiguration of the Lord	Service of the Word & Sacrament Dn. 7: 9 – 10, 13 -14. 2 Pt 1:16-19. Lk 9: 28b - 36	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Justina. Reader: Brian</i>
Wed. 7th August 2019 Weekday	MASS Nm 13: 1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34 – 35 Mt 15: 21 - 28	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Christy. Reader: Gerry</i>
Thursday 8th August 2019 Saint Dominic	MASS Nm 20:1 -13, Mt 16: 13-23	9.30am – Chapel <i>Antiphonist: Violet. Reader: Jeannette</i>
Friday 9th August 2019 Weekday	MASS Dt. 4: 32 – 40, Mt 16: 24 -28	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Christy. Reader: Isaac.</i>
Sunday 11th August 2019 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	MASS: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Wis 18: 6-9. Heb 11:1-2, 8-19. Lk 12: 32 - 48	9.00am: 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
(Mass Book pp: 117 - 121). 4TH AUGUST 2019**

BIDDING PRAYERS: (344). **Reader:** Jesus, by your death and resurrection
People: you have loved us with an everlasting love.

‘Your life is not made secure by what you own.’

‘Greed is the same thing as worshipping a false god.’ *Fools say in their hearts there is no God, they are corrupt and do horrible deeds, not one of them does anything good* (Psalm 53:1). **Fool** is a word used in the bible to describe unbelievers. We become fools when we put our trust in material wealth than in God (Luke 12:13-21).

“How many sleepless nights, anxieties, heart conditions, ulcers, family squabbles, marriage break-ups are caused by the desire to have more, to acquire more? Having more often leads to enjoying less. The most valuable things in life are beyond the buying power of money.”

“We have more wealth than years ago but less contentment: more choices on our menu but less commitment; more options open to us but less fidelity; more opportunities for development of life, yet more suicides. We have bigger houses and smaller families, advanced means of communication and more lonely hearts. We surf the net but only net the surf, never reaching the depths of life. Maybe it is time to change our priorities, to curtail our wants and to commit ourselves to eternal values.” (Cf. *Silvester O’Flynn, Sunday Seed, 2002, p.176*).

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 items with you during Mass/Church service. **Be vigilant & 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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, all are Welcome to this celebration.

Church Cleaning: We thank the Nigerian Catholic Association 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: Latin American Community. God bless you as you care for the Church of Christ.

Confirmation 2019: Will be celebrated on **21st September at 12.00 noon.** Parents, Candidates, families and Parishioners please be prepared to participate in the celebration.

- **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: If you would like to have a wedding in the Church, you are welcome to contact the parish Priest on office day to start discussion and preparation.

First Holy Communion 2020: Many thanks to the Teachers/Catechists who attended the meeting last Friday. Registration is now open for 2020 First Holy Communion in the Parish. Forms will be made available in the Hallway from Monday 5th August for Parents who wish to register their children and registration will close by 1st Week of September.

Diocesan Day for Catechists: will take place on Saturday 28 September 2019 at St. George’s Cathedral Southwark SE1 6HR for all Catechists, Children’s Liturgy and RCIA Teachers. Time: 10.30am. Please attend.

Parish Finance Committee and Church Hall Policy: Thanks to the members of the Finance Committee who attended the meeting last Friday. The Committee is in the process of making policy for the use of the Church Hall, send in your suggestions. The Policy will be binding on all those using the hall.

Upkeep 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.

- **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.

Church Renovation: Many thanks to parishioners and donors for your generous giving. Work is still 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: £820.62. and £125.51. 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 4TH AUGUST 2019:**
9.00am: Brian Sanders. **10.30am:** Albert Quansah & Cynthia Andoh. **6.30pm:** Caroline Hurt

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 78. 10.30AM = 200, 2.00pm = 75, 6.30pm = 40

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