

➤ **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: Charles Hodgson, Alexander Bosompem, Richard Sewell, Rose Carter, Veronica Loveday, Michael Sheehan, Thomas Conroy, Dennis Palmer.

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.

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| 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*

TWENTIETH 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 |
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| Sunday 18th August 2019 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) | MASS: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Jer. 38: 4-6, 8-10. Heb. 12: 1-4. Lk. 12: 49-53. | 9.00am: People of the Parish 10.30am: Catherine Egbuji-Anisi RIP (1 st Anniversary) 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Gabriel Uwaeachie & Family - Thanksgiving |
| Monday 19th August 2019 Weekday | NO SERVICE Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22 | Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 4. |
| Tuesday 20th August 2019 Weekday | Service of the Word & Sacrament Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19: 23-30 | 9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Justina. Reader: Brian</i> |
| Wed. 21 st August 2019 Weekday | Service of the Word & Sacrament Jgs 9: 6-15, Mt 20: 1-16 | 9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Christi. Reader: Gerry.</i> |
| Thursday 22nd August 2019 Weekday | MASS Jgs 11: 29-39a, Mt 22: 1-14 | 9.30am – Chapel <i>Antiphonist: Violet. Reader: Jaennette</i> |
| Friday 23rd August 2019 Weekday | MASS Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22. Mt 22: 34-40 | 9.30am – Chapel. Mary Selormey – Birthday Thanksgiving <i>Antiphonist: Christi. Reader: Isaac</i> |
| Sunday 25th August 2019 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) | MASS: TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Is 66: 18-21, Herb 12: 5-7, 11-13, Lk 13: 22-30 | 9.00am: 10.30am: Chief Otomewo RIP (1st Anniversary) Isaac Ehioghae & Family - Personal Intention 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: |

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
(Mass Book pp: 124 - 127). 18TH AUGUST 2019**

BIDDING PRAYERS: (348). **Reader:** Lord Jesus, in the hour of trial
People: call me, and bid me come to you.

LET US NOT LOSE SIGHT OF JESUS

Jesus was passionate and enthusiastic. He came to set the world ablaze. He knew that his challenging message would meet with counter-currents but he had the courage to plunge into the waters. Why has religion become dull, dreary, lacking fire or passion? Back-of-the-church stuff, no singing, clock-watching liturgy. Too many corner backs trying to keep the score down rather than believing that we can outscore any opposition. Where have we hidden the fire and the enthusiasm?

Let us not lose sight of Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it. *'We are certainly not seduced by the native expectation that, faced with the great challenges of our time, we shall find some magic formula. No, we shall not be saved by a formula but by a person.'* (John Paul II, **Novo Millennio Ineunte**, #29). While Peter looked at Jesus, he walked on water. When he looked at the waves, he sank. Let us keep our minds focused on Jesus. (cf. Silvester O'Flynn, Sunday Seed, 2002).

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

PARISH INFORMATION DESK

| Group | Place of Meeting | Day and Time |
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| 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

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = **115.** 10.30AM = **260,** 2.00pm = **85,** 6.30pm = **60**

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CHURCH NOTICES

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

Office Staff: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12.00pm – 4.00pm.

Today is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, all are Welcome to this celebration.

Church Cleaning: Ghanaian 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: Christian Mothers & Fathers Association / Catholic Women Organisation / Readers / Eucharistic Ministers. God bless you as you care for the Church of Christ.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: will take place on First Saturday of September 7/9/18 at 7.00pm - Back Hall.

Parish Finance Committee: will meet after 10.30 Mass this Sunday. Suggestions for hall policy still needed.

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.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: Forms are available in the Hall-way for parents to fill and return to the office with all the requirements. Registration will end by **1st Week of September.** Please Parents do well to register your children.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Young People 2019/20: This is a useful Program for those who are yet to receive Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are in the Hallway.

Parish Registration forms: are available in the Hallway, If you are new in the parish, kindly register with us.

Confirmation 2019: Will be celebrated on **21st September at 12.00 noon.** Parents, all are welcome to the celebration. Rehearsal with Candidates, Parents and Sponsors on 7th September 2019 at 4pm in the Church.

No CHILDREN LITURGY this Sunday. Also remember, **NO MASS on SATURDAY in the Parish.**

Christian Marriage: If you would like to have a wedding in the Church, kindly contact the parish Priest on office day for guidance and preparation. **Congratulate Wenze and Jolle on your successful wedding celebration.**

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.

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: £961.81. and £248.66. 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 18TH AUGUST 2019:**
9.00am: Jackie Sanders. **10.30am:** Irene Kontoh & Raymond Akpalou. **6.30pm:** Deidre Toussant