

➤ **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: John Nolan, Izaak Symons, Edwina (Winnie) Tomking, Mary McCarthy, Harry Furey, Mary Donovan, Jamie Campbell, Peter Joseph, David Gould, Richard Taylor, Michael Classick, Mary Sullen, Veronica Otuodung.

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*

TWENTY FIRST 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 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: William Paul - Anniversary Margaret Namusoke Mukasa – Well being 10.30am: Chief Otomewo RIP (1st Anniversary) Isaac Ehioghae & Family - Personal Intention 2.00pm Misa en Espanol - Virgen Del Cisne/Virgen Urkupina 6.30pm: People of the Parish |
| Monday 26th August 2019 Happy Bank Holiday! | NO SERVICE 1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8b-10, Mt 23: 13-22 | Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 1 |
| Tuesday 27th August 2019 Weekday | Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Thes 2: 1-8, Mt 23: 23-26 | 9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Violet. Reader: Brian</i> |
| Wed. 28th August 2019 Weekday | MASS 1 Thes 2: 9-13, Mt 23: 27-32 | 9.30am – Chapel. Margaret Namusoke Mukasa – Well being <i>Antiphonist: Comfort Reader: Gerard.</i> |
| Thursday 29th August 2019 Weekday | MASS 1 Thes 3: 7-13, Mt 6: 17-29 | 9.30am – Chapel Kathleen McMahan - RIP <i>Antiphonist: Theresa. Reader: Justina</i> |
| Friday 30th August 2019 Weekday | MASS 1 Thes 4: 1-8, Mt 25: 1-13 | 9.30am – Chapel. Michael McCreal - RIP <i>Antiphonist: Gabriel Reader: Deirdre</i> |
| Sunday 1st September 2019 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) | MASS: TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Sir 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29, Herb 12: 18-19, 22-24a, Lk 14: 1, 7-14 | 9.00am: Comfort and Children – Family intention 10.30am: Isaac Ehioghae & Family – Family Intentions 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: |

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
(Mass Book pp: 127 - 130). 25TH AUGUST 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (350). **Reader:** Passion of Christ,
People: Save me

Many will try to enter and will not succeed

Today's readings rejoice in the call of all nations, north, south, east and west, to salvation. But there is a warning added: even God's offer is not sufficient without our effort. *Try your best to enter by the narrow door.* People used to be so fearful of losing their salvation because of the strictness of the way that their despairing question was: 'Will there be only a few saved?' From despair we have swung to the other extreme... presumption. The presumption of today asks, 'Won't everybody be saved?' Survey shows that while most people believe in God, few believe there is hell. God desires all to receive his mercy and be saved but people go their own way and freely choose darkness rather than the light. Hell is freely chosen and self-inflicted. *Many will try to enter and will not succeed.*

The door is narrow. So are the goalposts, the golf hole, the archer's target. The old Greek word for sin meant missing the target. The accurate free-taker must focus vision and eliminate distractions. In the pursuit of being liberal and broadminded many are missing the target. It is significant that this broadminded age is when we are hearing of boredom, inertia and depression. It has much to do with the absence of commitment to a clear purpose. (Cf. Silvester O'Flynn, Sunday Seeds)

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.**



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 = 265, 2.00pm = 80, 6.30pm = 39
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CHURCH NOTICES

Parish Office Hours This Week: PARISH PRIEST – Thursday, 11am – 1.00pm and 5 - 6pm

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

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

Church Cleaning: Thanks to 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: will take place on First Saturday of September 7/9/18 at 7.00pm, Kindly attend

Baptism of Children: will take place on Saturday 31/8/19. Next Preparation for parents and God parents will take place in the Church on 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.

Parish Office times in August/September: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12.00pm – 4.00pm

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 4.00pm in the Church. **No CHILDREN LITURGY this Sunday. Also remember, NO MASS on SATURDAY in the Parish.**

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.

Churches Together BBO 2019: Sunday 1st September 2019 at St Catherine's Church, Pepys Road SE14 5SG. Tickets on the door: £5 adults/ £3 children under 12. Free soft drinks available, bring your own alcohol. Food between 1pm-3pm with veggie options. Any volunteers to prepare salad would be appreciated. All Welcome

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: £876.05. and £110.05. Thank you for your contributions and may the Lord bless all who give generously to support our Parish Projects. **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 25TH AUGUST 2019:**

9.00am: Debra Mitchell **10.30am:** Regina Ehioghae & Irene Kontoh **6.30pm:** Dian Connor