

➤ **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, Bridget Power.

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: Hyacinth Fontinelle, Brendan Fitzgibbon, Caroline Ashford, John Griffin, Seth Korankye, Eileen Small, Reginald Gibbs.

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 SEPTEMBER. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

TRACY STEWART	PHILOMINA ODOGWU
ERIC BATEREN	LILIAN CHARLES
FRANCIS ERZAN ASIEDU	ANTHONY K OFFE
CARINE KEGNIA	PAUL CUMMINGS
UYAI-ABASI EMERALD OTUODUNG	OSARUGUE IYAMU KINGS
FABIENNE SYLVESTRE	ATIM-BLOSSOM OTUODUNG
DIVINE IYAMU	ELIZABETH EHIOGHAE
REV FR JOSEPH UDOH	JEROME FRANTON
FRIDA UWADIAE	MARY MCGRATH
ASHTON STEWART	STELLA DEBRA MENSAH DAWUTEY
LAUREN STEWART	JOSEPH NOUKA
CHINEDU DIALA	
VIOLET MCQUEEN	
RUTH EHIOGHAE	
CEDRIC NKOUENDJE	
ABOSEDE DOSUNMU	



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

TWENTY FOURTH 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 15th Sept. 2019 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) HOME MISSION	MASS: TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1: 12-17, Lk 15: 1-32	9.00am: Bridget Lane & Robert Lane - RIP 10.30am: Violet McQueen – Birthday Blessings 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish
Monday 16th September 2019 Weekday	NO SERVICE 1 Tm 2: 1-8, Lk 7: 1-10	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 4
Tuesday 17th September 2019 Weekday	Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Tm 3: 1-13, Lk 7: 11-17	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Justina Reader: Brian
Wed. 18th September 2019 Weekday	MASS 1 Tm 3: 14-16, Lk 7: 31-35	9.30am – Chapel. Special Intention Antiphonist: Christi Reader: Gerry
Thursday 19th September 2019 Weekday	MASS 1 Tm 4: 12-16, Lk 7: 36-50	9.30am – Chapel Special Intention Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Jeanette
Friday 20th September 2019 Weekday	MASS 1 Tm 6: 2c – 12, Lk 8: 1-3	9.30am – Chapel. Angela Roberts – Well being Antiphonist: Christi Reader: Isaac
Sunday 22nd September 2019 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	MASS: TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Am 8: 4-7, 1 Tm 2: 1-8, Lk 16: 11-13	9.00am: 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Rev Fr Augustin Silveria - RIP

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
(Mass Book pp: 136 - 140). 15th SEPTEMBER 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (356). **Reader:** Jesus, Loving Shepherd
People: find us when we are lost.

TURN TO GOD FOR MERCY AND FORGIVENESS

All of today's readings celebrate the mercy of God. Strict justice would have struck down the worshippers of the calf, the persecutor of Christians and the wastrel son. Lucky for us that God's justice is sweetened with mercy and prefers to offer forgiveness. *Every saint has a past and every sinner a future.* (Wilde) *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*

Sinners were flocking to Jesus to hear his words. What did he have or say that attracted sinners? In my words and demeanour do I give across that same understanding, welcome and hope? It was amazing how many people came to confess their sins on the occasion of the visit of the relics of St Therese to Ireland. What can we read into that? What message did her visit give to people? It appears that there is a large constituency of people ready to respond if they hear about the tender mercy of God. Nothing shows forth God's love so much as God's willingness to forgive. As a result, the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say.

. (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
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: 12.00 to 4.00pm Wed – 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**

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and Home Mission Sunday, all are Welcome to this celebration.**

Church Cleaning Next Saturday: will be done by the Ghanaian Catholic Association. God bless you.

- **We thank all the Latin American Community for cleaning/preparing the Church for Mass this weekend. 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.

Confirmation 2019: We congratulate our Confirmation Candidates who have successfully been through their retreat and final preparation. Confirmation will be **celebrated on 21st September at 12.00 noon.** Please keep them in your prayers. Parents, Sponsors and Parishioners are welcome to the celebration.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: We thank all the parents who have returned forms for the Holy Communion. First Parents Meeting will take place on 5th October, at 12.00. **The Catechists, Sacrament & Education Commission will meet with the Parish priest after 10.30 Mass today in the Parish Office.**

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 will close on 28th September. Program will commence on the 12th October.

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

No CHILDREN LITURGY this Sunday. Education commission please meet to plan the Liturgy, and present your program to the Parish priest, Thank you.

Life Ascending: Our meetings will resume on Wed. 18th September after the 9.30am Mass. New members are always welcome.

Diocesan Day for Catechists: 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.

Please remember, there is **NO MASS on SATURDAY in the Parish.** Kindly join the Sun Mass at 9. & 10.30 am, 2 & 6pm.

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: £944.28 and £242.83. 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: Home Mission Sunday & **Next week:** Parish Maintenance/Building Fund

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 15th SEPTEMBER 2019:**
9.00am: Jackie Sanders **10.30am:** Irene Kontoh & Albert Quansah **6.30pm:** Deidre Toussant

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = **115.** 10.30AM = **245,** 2.00pm = **75,** 6.30pm = **40**