

➤ **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: Caroline, 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: Richard Taylor, Michael Classick, Mary Sullen, Veronica Otuodung, William Hanrahan, Patrick Reardon, Claudie Daniels, Ann French, George Bugner, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Valentina Wise, Frances Howard

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 EHIIOGHAE
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 EHIIOGHAE	
CEDRIC NKOUEJDI	
ABOSEDE DOSUNMU	



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

TWENTY SECOND 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 1st Sept. 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: Veronica Otuodung – RIP 10.30am: Isaac Ehioghae & Family – Family Intentions 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Ken Essien – Birthday blessing/Thanksgiving
Monday 2nd September 2019 Happy Bank Holiday!	NO SERVICE 1Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4: 16-30	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 2
Tuesday 3rd September 2019 Weekday	Service of the Word & Sacrament 1Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11, Lk 4:31-37	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Justina. Reader: Brian</i>
Wed. 4th September 2019 Weekday	Service of the Word & Sacrament Col: 1: 1-8, Lk 4: 38-44	9.30am – Chapel. <i>Antiphonist: Christi Reader: Gerry</i>
Thursday 5th September 2019 Weekday	MASS Col 1: 9 -14, Lk 5: 1-11	9.30am – Chapel Special intention <i>Antiphonist: Violet. Reader: Jeanette</i>
Friday 6th September 2019 Weekday	MASS Col 1: 15-20, Lk 5: 33-39	9.30am – Chapel. John O'Brien - RIP <i>Antiphonist: Christi Reader: Isaac</i> PPC Meeting – 7.00pm
Sunday 8th September 2019 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	MASS: TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Wis 9: 13-18b, Phlm 9-10, 12-17, Lk 14: 25-33	9.00am: Comfort and Children – Family intention 10.30am: Mrs Emma Dadzie – RIP Anniversary Moses Iyore Ighoparo - Thanksgiving 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
(Mass Book pp: 130 - 132). 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (352). **Reader:** We are all children of God
People: and citizens of heaven.

HUMILITY

The readings are on the theme of humility. The word comes from *humus*, Latin for the stuff of the earth. The virtue is often mistaken for cloying self-depreciation or timorous subservience. True humility is rooted in down-to-earth truthfulness and honesty. **It recognises where all good gifts come from and gives the credit to God.** It nurtures gifts and develops talents in gratitude and celebration, in co-operation and teamwork, in service and fidelity. **The humble person rejoices in the gifts and successes of another.** Whoever walks humbly before God will be prayerful and reverential, grateful and courageous, respectful and gentle.

'Be gentle in carrying out your business and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.' (First reading)
 Gentleness in thought, in attitude and in judgement. Gentleness in marriage, at work and in the car. Gentleness in tone of voice and in choice of words. And above all, be gentle with failures, especially your own. It is a virtue not favoured in the brash world of competition, weakest to the wall and win at any cost.

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

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = **125.** 10.30AM = **285,** 2.00pm = **90,** 6.30pm = **30**
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CHURCH NOTICES

Parish Office Hours This Week: PARISH PRIEST – Thursday, 11am – 1.30pm and 5 - 6pm
Office Staff: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12.00pm – 4.00pm

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

Church Cleaning: Thanks to the Nigerian Catholic Association for cleaning the Church last Saturday. God bless.
 ➤ **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.

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

Congratulations to the newly Baptised Children, and their parents and God parents. May God bless you.

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 4.30pm 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 BBQ 2019: Today 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.

Birthday Blessing for September Celebrants: Ensure you thank God and claim your blessing this month.

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: £1,193.92. and £194.65. 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 1st SEPTEMBER 2019:**

9.00am: Brian Sanders **10.30am:** Niquella Owusu & Erica Bateren **6.30pm:** Danata Small