

➤ **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: Sharon (Shirley) Belgrave, Elihue Ignatius Horton, Philomena Nelson, David Gaynor, Baby Theresa McQuade, Cecilia Williams, Alice Byrne, Audrey Beryl McCreery, Hannah McAndrews, Mary Fleming.

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	KATE O'REGAN
VIOLET MCQUEEN	
RUTH EHIIOGHAE	
CEDRIC NKOUEJJE	
ABOSEDE DOSUNMU	



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

TWENTY SIXTH 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 29th September 2019 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	MASS: TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Am 6: 1, 4-7, 1 Tm 6: 11-16, Lk 16: 19-31	9.00am: Teresa Walsh - RIP 10.30am: Violet Mcqueen - Birthday Blessing Atim Otuodung & Uyai Emerald – Birthday Blessing 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Kathleen McMahon - RIP Georgia Tsolaki – RIP : Peter Emeka Uwaeche – RIP
Monday 30th September 2019 Weekday	NO SERVICE Zec. 8: 1-8, Lk 9: 46-50	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 2
Tuesday 1st October 2019 Weekday	Service of the Word & Sacrament Zec. 8: 20-23, Lk 9: 51-56	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Justina Reader: Brian
Wed. 2nd October 2019 Weekday	MASS Neh. 2: 1-8. Mt. 18: 1-5, 10	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christy Reader: Gerry
Thursday 3rd October 2019 Weekday	MASS Neh. 8: 1-4, 5-6, 7-12. Lk 10: 1-12	9.30am – Chapel Special Intention Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Jeannette
Friday 4th October 2019 St. Francis of Assisi Weekday	MASS Bar. 1: 15-22. Lk 10: 13-16	9.30am – Chapel. Sick and Housebound Antiphonist: Christy Reader: Isaac
Sunday 6th October 2019 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	MASS: TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C). Hb. 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4. 2 Tm.1: 6-8, 13-14, Lk 17: 5-10.	9.00am: Joe Connor - RIP 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
(Mass Book pp: 143- 146). 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (360). **Reader:** Lord God, give us the courage
People: to fight the good fight of faith.

THE RICH MAN OR POOR LAZARUS: WHICH SIDE GOD IS ON?

The only person in any parable to be given a name is Lazarus, meaning the compassion of God. What a consoling name for the man whose life on earth was in pain and poverty. Read the blessings and woes of Luke 6: 20-25. Lazarus, poor, hungry, lacking medical care, and unjustly treated, is the personification of the beatitudes. The rich man personifies the four woes. There is a vast gulf between them. Guess which side God is on.

There is no suggestion in the story that the rich man acquired his wealth by unjust means. His sin was in what he failed to do. Amos portrays the rich people who spend lavishly on their own entertainment while about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. Joseph, he of the technicolour dreamcoat, was not killed by his brothers ... they merely planned to let him die. Sins of omission are easily overlooked. Self-serving piety frequently launders conscience of its social responsibilities. Charity has to be proactive, looking beyond self, taking the initiative, making the gesture, doing what is possible (Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap)

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 Mon – 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 117416

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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 **Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, all are Welcome to this celebration.**

Church Cleaning Next Saturday: Nigerian Catholic Association. God bless you.

- **We thank the Parish Youth (especially those who have done their confirmation), Charismatic Renewal Group, and Volunteers**
- **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.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: will take place on last Saturday of November and 1st Saturday of December 2019. Parents who are yet to apply should do so.

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. Catechists meeting with the Parish priest on 27/9/19 at 6pm.

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.

NO CHILDREN LITURGY: this Sunday. The program of Sunday Liturgy presented by the Education commission will take effect from 6th Oct. 2019.

Diocesan Day for Catechists: Thanks to all the catechists/Teachers/Sacrament & Education Commission for attending the Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 28th September 2019 at St. George's Cathedral Southwark SE1 6HR.

Churches Together Quiz Night: Friday 4th October in the back hall. Please gather at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. Still only £6 which includes your Fish and Chips supper.! Please join us for what is always a fun night. See poster in the entrance hall.

Life Ascending: Our next meeting will take place after 9.30am Mass on Wed. Oct. 2nd

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: £892.47 and £216.62. Thank you for your contributions and may the Lord bless all who give generously to support our Parish Projects.
2nd Collection this week: Parish Maintenance/ Building Fund & **Next week:** Parish Maintenance/Building Fund

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019:**
9.00am: Polly. **10.30am:** Deirdre Roberts & Albert Quansah. **6.30pm:** Babatunde Sotonwa.

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = **140.** 10.30AM = **240,** 2.00pm = **80,** 6.30pm = **50**