

➤ **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: Margaret Langston, Frances Taylor, Buonamore Pellicci, Baby Aaliya Carrithers, James O'Dea, Rudson Bright, Hannah (Joan) Cotter, James Keane, Margaret Harrison, Annie Neary, Vera Martin, Seth Asiedu

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 NKOUEUNDJE	
ABOSEDE DOSUNMU	



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

TWENTY THIRD 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 8th Sept. 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 Madam Grace Obakpolor & Mr Iyore Moses Ighodaro - Thanksgiving to God. Lawrence Frimpong – 65 th Birthday Blessing 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Veronica Otuodung - RIP
Monday 9th September 2019 Weekday	NO SERVICE Col 1: 24-2:3, Lk 6: 6-11	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 3
Tuesday 10th September 2019 Weekday	Service of the Word & Sacrament Col 2: 6-15, Lk 6: 12-19	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Brian. Reader: Violet
Wed. 11th September 2019 Weekday	MASS Col 3: 1-11, Lk 6: 20-26	9.30am – Chapel. Isaac Ehioghae & Family – Family Intention Antiphonist: Gerard Reader: Comfort
Thursday 12th September 2019 Weekday	MASS Col 3: 12-17, Lk 6: 27-38	9.30am – Chapel Isaac Ehioghae & Family – Family Intention Antiphonist: Justina Reader: Theresa
Friday 13th September 2019 Weekday	MASS 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14, Lk 6: 39-42	9.30am – Chapel. Special Intention. Antiphonist: Deirdre Reader: Gabriel
Sunday 15 th September 2019 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
(Mass Book pp: 133 - 136). 8th SEPTEMBER 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (354). **Reader:** Dear God, in the morning
People: fill us with your love.

GOD FIRST: A CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS

Great crowds did not impress Jesus. Opinion polls would not interest him. Truth and morality are too serious to be left to the swings and sways of passing fashion and public opinion. The only majority vote in the gospel asked for the release of Barabbas and condemnation of Jesus. *'The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable.'* The Gospel of Jesus is a solid rock to build on. And it has the stability of **Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and forever** (Hebrews 13:5-9).

Take the cross out of Christianity and what have you got? A la carte picking or rejecting from Christ's message; inability to see a meaning in suffering; no backbone in times of trial; selfish using of God for the personal feel-good factor. Carrying one's cross may even entail the plans of leaving family.

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 = 120. 10.30AM = 240, 2.00pm = 80, 6.30pm = 35

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, all are Welcome to this celebration.

Church Cleaning Next Saturday: will be done by the Latin American Community. God bless you.

- **We 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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: We thank all who attended the meeting yesterday. Among other things, the Council deliberated on the need for active participation and commitment of members and leaders of Groups/Associations.. Leaders of Ghanaian Association & Choir, Catholic Women Association. Christian Mothers/Fathers, Ushers and the Latin American Community Please attend parish meetings and programs as announced. Also, **Coordinators of the Parish Commissions** are to reorganise their Commissions, plan meetings/activities and give reports to the Parish Council.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: We thank all the parents who have returned forms for the Holy Communion. First Parents Meeting with the Catechists/Sacrament & Education Commission will take place on 5th October, at 12.00.

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 by 21st September.

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.** Please keep in your prayers our Candidates for 2019 Confirmation. Parents, Sponsors and Parishioners are welcome to the celebration. All Candidates will meet in the Church on Saturday 14th Sept for Retreat, Reconciliation & Rehearsal at 1.00pm.

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.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Day. Contribute to the work of evangelisation at home & make a donation to the Church.

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 & 6 pm.

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: £956.20 and £208. 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 8th SEPTEMBER 2019:**
9.00am: Kate Galle **10.30am:** Cynthia Andoh & Isaac Ehioghuae **6.30pm:** Dian Connor