

➤ **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: Freddy Stanley Barbe, 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: Mary Ellen Kelly, Victor Carnello Schembri, Hilda Mundy, Mary Christina McAllister, Mary Diffley, Kathleen Cornwall, Taiwo Elizabeth Kasunmu, Marilyn Ann Flynn, Bridget Otle, Peter McConnell, Mary Mulrennan.

**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 OCTOBER. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.**

JUDITH	UWADIAE	LLOYD MINGLE
MRS AGNES	ANNAN	ANGELA BRAIMAH
TERRY	DIALA	AFUA KWATEMAA V.
SAM	UGBADE	OGHENEKEVWODE E
LETTIQ	EFESOA	
FERNANDES	TOM	
GEORGE	KORANTENG	
MRS ADELAIDE	LUMOR	
DARINE	KEGRIA	
NATALIE	BONSU	
BIBIANA	BONSU	
BENEDICTA	MAKU	
CATHERINE	NNADILI	
DELPHINE	BEDA	
TONY	WILSON	
BENJAMIN	WILSON	
AMAKA	OKPETI -AGU	
CHIKE BENSON	AGU	
KAIRO	UGBANA	
MICHAEL	ODUTAYO	
JASON JAY	KAATC	
GEORGINA	AMMA SERWAAH AMPAAFO	
JOANNA	ODUNTAN	



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

**TWENTY SEVENTH 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](mailto: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 6th October 2019 <b>TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>	<b>MASS: TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C).</b> Hb. 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4. 2 Tm.1: 6-8, 13-14, Lk 17: 5-10.	<b>9.00am:</b> Joe Connor – RIP : David John Priestley - RIP <b>10.30am:</b> Nigerian Independence - Thanksgiving <b>2.00pm:</b> Misa en Espanol <b>6.30pm:</b> People of the Parish
Monday 7th September 2019 Our Lady of The Rosary	<b>NO SERVICE</b> Jon. 1: 1. 2: 2, 11. Lk. 10: 25-37	<b>Priest's Day off</b> <b>Prayer: Psalter Week 3.</b>
Tuesday 8th October 2019 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament</b> Jon. 3: 1-10. Lk. 10: 38-42.	<b>9.30am – Chapel.</b> Antiphonist: Justina Reader: Brian
Wed. 9th October 2019 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>MASS</b> Jon. 4: 1-11. Lk.11: 1-4.	<b>9.30am – Chapel.</b> AnnMarie and Family – <b>Special Intention</b> Antiphonist: Christy Reader: Gerry
Thursday 10th October 2019 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>MASS</b> Mal. 3: 13-20. Lk 11: 5-13.	<b>9.30am – Chapel</b> AnnMarie and Family – <b>Special Intention</b> Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Jeannette
Friday 11th October 2019 <b>St. John xx111, Pope Weekday</b>	<b>MASS</b> Jl.1: 13-15; 2: 1-2. Lk 11: 15-26.	<b>9.30am – Chapel.</b> <b>Sick and Housebound</b> Antiphonist: Christy Reader: Isaac
Sunday 13th October 2019 <b>TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>	<b>MASS: TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C).</b> Hb. 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4. 2 Tm.1: 6-8, 13-14, Lk 17: 5-10.	<b>9.00am:</b> Joe Connor - RIP <b>10.30am:</b> <b>2.00pm:</b> Misa en Espanol <b>6.30pm:</b>

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**  
**(Mass Book pp: 146- 149). 6TH OCTOBER 2019**

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** (362). **Reader:** I will go to my Father and say,  
**People:** 'Let me be your servant.'

**WE NEED INCREASE OF FAITH**

'Increase our faith,' The request of the apostles comes immediately after the exhortation of Jesus to offer forgiveness seven times a day if necessary, to someone who says 'I'm sorry.' A tall order... which is why they ask for an increase of faith. Jesus replies that the tiniest seed of faith will provide the power to up root negative reactions. Casting into the sea is repeating the image of Luke 17:2, the dramatic way of protecting the community from those who mislead young lives.

'Increase our faith,' The Lord then continues with a parable about daily faithfulness. The increase in faith which he wants to see is in fidelity or faithfulness. Fidelity is the backbone of daily perseverance. The Mass is boring! The rosary is so repetitive! I always make the same confession! The servant of the parable did the same daily chores out of a sense of duty, expecting no special reward. The most important acts in life are repetitive.....heartbeat, breathing, eating, sleeping, etc. Do we call them boring? Daily fidelity matters hugely. 'if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail ... the upright will live by their faithfulness.' (Habakkuk)

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

**Church Cleaning Next Saturday: Latin American Community.** God bless you.

- **We thank the Nigerian Catholic Association 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.

**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. Preparation will take place on November 22 and 28 at 6.00pm for parents and God parents.

**First Holy Communion 2019/20:** We thank all who attended the parents' meeting last Saturday. First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday 12/10/2019. Time: 11.00am. Parents are expected to bring the young ones on time

**ALL SAINTS & HOLY SOULS:** 1st of November is the feast of All Saints. Mass at 9.30am in the Church. All souls Day is on Saturday 2/11/2019. Let us remember our departed dear ones. There will be Mass at 9.30 am in the Church.

**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 has closed.** The program starts on 12th October 2019. Time is 1pm.

**NO CHILDREN LITURGY: WILL COMMENCE FROM NEXT SUNDAY.** Parents please bring your children. Ages 4 – 7, 8 and above.

**SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS:** Parents who wish to sign school forms should turn them in this week. The Parish Priest will not be available after this week.

**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.

**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: £842.31 and £160.62.** Thank you for your contributions and may the Lord bless all who give generously to support our Parish Projects.  
**2nd Collection this week: CAFOD FAMILY FAST & Next week: Parish Maintenance/Building Fund**

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 6TH OCTOBER 2019:**  
**9.00am:** Brian Sanders. **10.30am:** Cynthia Andoh & Isaac Ehioghae. **6.30pm:** Caroline Hurt.

**LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 9.00AM = 115. 10.30AM = 230, 2.00pm = 75, 6.30pm = 65