

➤ **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 Heriart, 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:** Michael Clemente, Fitzly George Corlis, Fr. John Leahy, Francis Murray, Frances Borg, Peter Herschell, Michael McDonagh, Charlie McGuirl, Ronald Danbridge, Mr. Redding, Mary Agnes, Josie Clark, Trevor Priddin.

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 NOVEMBER. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

MERCY	IYAMU	JOSEPH CUMMINGS
OPEOLUWA	OKE	ALEX KONTOH
ANNIE	UKPABI	ELIJAH AKUFO
VIDA	AMACHIE	DIANA ODUNTAN
STACEY	UWADIAE	DYREL SMITH
DAISY	IMOESI	JARDEL OSUAGWU
DESMOND	BILY	ESTELLE LAURENT
ELIZABETH	BOAKYE	MOSES OKE
CHRIST	AGUAH	DR JOHN KOROMA
CHRISTOPHER	DIALA	ROSE KOROMA
CHRISTIAN	DIALA	ANGELA KOROMA
CHERISH	EFESOA	NNENNA EKEMIRI
STEPHANIE	BASTON	ART-JUNIORATIONU
ISAAC	EHIIOGHAE	ALICE-ADA AATIONU
RACHEAL	EGBENIYOK	GIDEON ANABARAONYE
ROSINA	PENAIHOOK	JUDE ANABARAONYE
NNENNA	EGBUJI-ANISI	REV. FR. FRANCIS EYO
REBECCA	ASANTEWAA-DUAH	
TODI	VERA-CRUZ	
SHIRLEY	OTOMEWO	
CHIDIMMA LOVETH	AGU	
NNEKA	UCHENDU	
JUMOKE AYOKE	FAYEMILUA	



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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

The Ordinary: Most Revd. John Wilson – Archbishop of Southwark | Area Bishop: Rt. Revd. 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 24th November 2019	MASS: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C) 2 Sm. 5: 1-3. Col. 1: 12-20. Lk 23: 35-43.	9.00am: People of the parish 10.30am: Knights of Marshall - Founders' Day thanksgiving : Amma Kwatemala- Birthday thanksgiving 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Special intention
Monday 25th November 2019 Weekday	NO SERVICE Dn. 1: 1-6, 8-20. Lk. 21: 1-4.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 2.
Tuesday 26th November 2019 Weekday	Service of the Word & Sacrament Dn. 2: 31-45. Lk.21: 5-11.	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Justina Reader: Brian
Wed. 27th November 2019 Weekday	MASS Dn. 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28. Lk.21: 12-19.	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christy Reader: Gerry 10.00am- MSP Meeting
Thursday 28th November 2019 Weekday	MASS Dn. 6: 12-28. Lk. 21: 20-28.	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Jeannette Office Day – (see office hours above). Baptism Lesson 6pm
Friday 29th November 2019 Weekday	MASS Dn. 7: 2-14. Lk. 21: 29-33.	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christy Reader: Isaac
Sunday 1st December 2019	MASS: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Is. 2: 1-5. Rom. 13: 11-14. Mt. 24: 37-44.	9.00am: Maria Johnson - RIP : Sheamus Howlin - RIP 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)
(Mass Book pp: 167 - 169). 24TH NOVEMBER 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (376). **Reader:** Lord Jesus, remember us,
People: now you have come into your kingdom.

CHRIST THE KING OF KINGS

Jesus is King and Jesus' kingdom is established from the very beginning of creation and through the Davidic kingship, His reign has no end. His reign is not one of power but of mercy, not one of self-service but of self-giving, not one of material wealth but of eternal salvation. His throne is the cross and He reigns in the Hearts of people. Through His suffering and death, He brings life to all who are open to receive it. He offers paradise to all those who come to Him, accept His reign, and remain faithful to the will of His Father. He bids us come into His kingdom; into the eternal life He has won for all. The present world will pass away, but God's Kingdom where Christ is King will remain forever. **Through Christ we become citizens of everlasting Kingdom.** Let us pray for the grace to imitate Christ our King.

Can you say that you belong to the Kingdom of Christ? The scripture tells us that there are two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another – the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Since Christ is the true Light of the world (John 8:12), His Kingdom of light and salvation is where we should belong and serve above all else. The anti-Christ offers false promises, lies, fake wealth & power.

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.

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 – 1.00pm and 5 - 6pm
Office Staff: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

Today we Celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are Welcome to this celebration.

We welcome the Knights of Marshall as they mark their Founders Day and thanksgiving today at 10.30 Mass.

- **We thank the CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/FATHERS ASSOCIATION and CATHOLIC WOMEN ASSOCIATION** for cleaning the Church last Saturday. God bless and reward 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.

Church Cleaning Next Saturday: will be done by the **YOUTH, CHARISMATIC RENEWAL, VOLUNTEERS & THE TWO CHOIRS AT 10.30am MASS.** God bless you as you care for His House.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD in the Catholic Church in England and Wales 2020: Catholics are encouraged to focus on celebrating, living and sharing God's word from now until the end of December 2020. Let us engage with the Holy Scriptures.

Meetings: Parish Pastoral Council on Saturday 7th at 6.30pm. Parish Finance Committee on Fri 13th at 6.00pm.

Baptism of Children: on 30th November and 7th December 2019. Thanks to those who attended the lesson last Friday, next preparation will take place on Thurs. 28th November at 6.00pm for parents and God parents, please attend.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **30/11/2019.** Time: 11.00am. Parents are expected to bring the young ones on time

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. Lessons on **30/11/2019.** Time is 11.00am.

CONFIRMATIONS FORMS 2020: Parents please collect the forms, fill and return to the office. Candidate must be at least 14 years. Final date for registration is 20/12/2019. Parents to include passport photos of the young persons.

YOUTH CHOIR: Dear Young People, we want to Praise the Lord in a Special Way. We invite all young people who gave their names to be part of youth choir and all who are interested, to meet in the Sacristy after 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Birthday Blessing: We congratulate all the celebrants in November! Kindly claim your blessing today.

Parish Year Planner 2020: All Church Groups/Associations intending to use the Church and Parish Halls in 2020 should send their programs to the parish Office to enable us prepare the 2020 Planner. Booking will be done based on availability of dates.

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 Hall Hiring/Use: Groups and parishioners should please read and keep to the new policy.

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: £692.57 and £113.17. Building donation £845.00 Thank you all for giving generously in support of the Church and may the good Lord bless you as help us to build our Parish. Be assured of our prayers.
2nd Collection this week: Catholic Youth Work. & Next week: Church Development/Building Fund

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 24TH NOVEMBER 2019: 9.00am:** Ciaron Roberts.
10.30am: Knights of Marshall. **6.30pm:** Caroline Hurt.

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 110. 10.30AM = 215, 2.00pm = 60, 6.30pm = 45