

➤ **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: Maisie Parkinson, Robert Bruce, Mary O'Donnell, Nigel Dawson, Mary Thompson, Alfred Collins, Malcolm Smyth, Margaret McCormack, Victor Steeds, Eva Essex, Samuel Ofurum, Ann Murphy, Michael Clemente, Francis Doran, Andrea Saide, Jerome Bailey, Francis Murray, Frances Borg, Peter Herschell

**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.**

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| 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              |                  |



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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



### TWENTY NINTH 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 20th October 2019<br><b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b> | <b>MASS: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C).</b><br>Ex. 17: 8-13. 2 Tm. 3: 14, 4: 2.<br>Lk 18: 1-8.          | <b>9.00am: Archbishop Michael Bowen - RIP</b><br><b>10.30am: Tom Corcoran &amp; Winnie Morgan - RIP</b><br>: <b>Lloyd Boateng - Thanksgiving</b><br><b>2.00pm: Misa en Espanol</b><br><b>6.30pm:</b> |
| Monday 21st October 2019<br><b>Weekday</b>                                  | <b>NO SERVICE</b><br>Rom.4: 20-25. Lk. 12: 13-21   | <b>Priest's Day off</b><br><b>Prayer: Psalter Week 1.</b>  |
| Tuesday 22nd October 2019<br><b>St. John Paul 11, Pope</b>                  | <b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament</b><br>Rom. 5: 12, 15, 17-19, 20-21. Lk. 12: 35-38.                         | <b>9.30am – Chapel.</b><br><i>Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Brian</i>  |
| Wed. 23rd October 2019<br><b>Weekday</b>                                    | <b>MASS</b><br>Rom. 6: 12-18. Lk.12: 39-48.  | <b>9.30am – Chapel.</b><br><i>Antiphonist: Comfort Reader: Gerard</i>  |
| Thursday 24th October 2019<br><b>St. Anthony Mary Claret</b>                | <b>MASS</b><br>Rom. 6: 19-23. Lk 12: 49-53.  | <b>9.30am – Chapel</b><br>Archbishop Michael Bowen - RIP<br><i>Antiphonist: Theresa Reader: Justina</i>  |
| Friday 25th October 2019<br><b>Weekday</b>                                  | <b>MASS</b><br>Rom. 7: 18-25. Lk 12: 54-59.  | <b>9.30am – Chapel.</b><br><i>Antiphonist: Gabriel Reader: Deirdre</i>   |
| Sunday 27th October 2019<br><b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)</b>    | <b>MASS: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C).</b><br>Sir. 35: 12-14, 16-18. 2 Tm. 4: 6-8, 16-18.<br>Lk 18: 9-14. | <b>9.00am: People of the parish</b><br><b>10.30am:</b><br><b>2.00pm: Misa en Espanol</b><br><b>6.30pm:</b>   |

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**  
**(Mass Book pp: 152 - 154). 20TH OCTOBER 2019**

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** (366). **Reader:** Lord, hear us;  
**People:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**THE NEED TO PRAY CONTINUALLY**

Prayer is a simplest form of conversing with God through our listening and presence. There are moments we may feel that our prayers are not answered. The widow in today's Gospel becomes a symbol of perseverance in prayer and faith. The first Christian community expected the imminent return of the risen Lord. Luke is helping his readers to know that this is a time of waiting, therefore prayer and faith will sustain our life and help us in remaining closer to Jesus. The moments of frustration in one's life are to be addressed in faith. The life of prayer will help us to anchor in faith and find meaning in perseverance.

*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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**LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 9.00AM = 121. 10.30AM = 235, 2.00pm = 65, 6.30pm = 39

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Parish Office Hours This Week: NOT AVAILABLE**

**Office Staff: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm**

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

**Welcome:** Fr. Dominic who is here to celebrate Mass for us. Thanks for being with us.

**Church Cleaning Next Saturday: CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & FATHERS ASSOCIATION/ CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANISATION/READERS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.** God bless you.

- **We thank the GHANAIAN 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.
- **Thanks**, and God bless Mrs Philo Otomewo for tithe offering.
- **Thanks to the following parishioners for their thanksgiving offering and gift:** Alex Kontoh & family, Elizabeth Duah & family, Tina & family. God bless you all.
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**Archbishop Michael Bowen** is dead. Please remember him in your prayers.

**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:** First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday 02/11/2019. 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 02/11/2019. Time is 1pm.

**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, **Mass at 9.30 am** in the Church. Let us remember our departed dear ones.

**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 policy which will come into effect by 30/10/2019.**

**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: £952.61. and £130.11.** Thank you for your contributions and may the Lord bless all who give generously to support our Parish Projects.

**2nd Collection this week: Missio & Next week: Parish Maintenance/Building Fund**

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 20TH OCTOBER 2019:**  
**9.00am:** Jackie Sanders. **10.30am:** Regina Ehioghare & Atim Blossom. **6.30pm:** Deirdre Toussant