

➤ **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:** Michael Wright, Herman Harriette, William Sanders, Kate Robson, Elizabeth Hayes, Sybil Perm, Joyce Pound, Patrick O'Donnell, Baby Jeovane Lubegar-Sancroft, Bartly Walsh, John Blakesly, William Streete, Florence Joyce, Patrick Dilworth, John Keane, Tony Hawkins, Elizabeth Prior.

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 DECEMBER. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

ADEDOYIN	OKE
REBECA	MENDIA PRADO
YAA	OWUSU-ANTWI
OSATO	IYAMU KINGS
NANA	BINFOH
DANUTIA	SYLVESTRE
BRIAN	SANDERS
GODRICK	ADUFU
RICKY	OBASEKI
EMELIA	ADOMAKOH - KONTOH
FRANK	PAINTSIL
GLADYS	BREMA-BAAH
DANIELLA	BOATENG
EMMANUEL	OSE -MENSAH
NIQUELLA	OWUSU



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

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 8th December 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	MASS: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Is. 11: 1-10. Rom. 15: 4-9. Mt. 3: 1-12.	9.00am: People of the parish 10.30am: Blessing Osuagwu – Thanksgiving to God on her 50th Birthday 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Vicky – Special Intention
Monday 9th December 2019 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	NO SERVICE Gn. 3: 9-15, 20. Lk. 1: 26-38.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 2.
Tues. 10th December 2019 Advent Week	Service of the Word & Sacrament Is. 40: 1-11. Mt. 18: 12-14.	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Violet. Reader: Brian
Wed. 11th December 2019 Advent Weekday	MASS Is. 40: 25-31. Mt. 11: 28-30.	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Comfort. Reader: Gerard
Thursday 12th December 2019 Advent Weekday	MASS Zec. 2: 14-17. Lk. 1: 26-38.	9.30am – Chapel. Mary Fitzpatrick - RIP Antiphonist: Theresa. Reader: Justina
Friday 13th December 2019 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	MASS Is. 48: 17-19. Mt. 11: 16-19.	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Gabriel. Reader: Deirdre
Sunday 15th December 2019. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	MASS: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) Is. 35: 1-6, 10. Jas. 5: 7-10. Mt. 11: 2-11.	9.00am: 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
(Mass Book pp: 85 - 88). 8TH DECEMBER 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (16). **Reader:** In his days justice shall flourish,
People: and peace till the moon fails.

Advent of Joy and Hope: Come Lord!

Advent confronts winter and wilderness. The church is experiencing a severe winter in few signs of growth or fruitfulness.... falling numbers... few vocations, etc. Wilderness was considered the abode of evil spirits ... untamed, anti-life forces. The moral wilderness is facing us every day. The Good News is that the word of God came to John in the wilderness. May be its not a bad place to be. Advent restores hope. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus Christ into our Hearts and Homes.

The way out of the moral wilderness is in one word, Repent. Re-pensare means to think again. Who sets the agenda for our thinking? Do we think for ourselves? Do we let the moguls of consumerism plan our Christmas? Repent, think again, straighten out life and see how near God is. Prepare for an Advent celebration of Reconciliation, Joy and Hope of better things to come, (S. O'Flynn, *Sunday Seeds*).

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 – **07834117416**

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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 we Celebrate **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** All are Welcome to this celebration.

- **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.

Church Cleaning Next Saturday: will be done by the **LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.** Thanks, and God bless.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Lessons will take place next Saturday at 11.am. Also, there will be **parents meeting** on **14/12/2019.** Time: 11.00am. Parents please endeavour to attend. Thank you.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Young People 2019/20: Lessons on **14/12/2019** at 11am.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: 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.

PARISH YOUTH AND CHRISTMAS DECORATION: All young people and young adults in our parish please join in preparing the Church for Christmas by decorating the Christmas tree, put Christmas light round the church & set up the Christmas Crib on Saturday 14 and 21 December 2019 from 11.00am to 12.00. Let's make a home for Christ here!

NATIVITY MASS FOR CHILDREN: Children Nativity Mass will take place on **Tuesday 24/12/19 at 6.00pm.** This Mass is dedicated to all Children in our parish. Parents should please bring the Children to this Mass so that they can celebrate Christmas with Jesus in the Church. Catholic Women, Christian Mothers & Fathers please prepare refreshment and gifts for the Children in the Back Hall after their Mass. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIFT ENVELOPES: Please collect your envelope in the Hallway and return it with good Christmas gift in support of the Priest and his Ministry in the Parish, thank you and God bless you.

MEETING: Parish Finance Committee on Friday 13/12/19 at 6.00pm. Members please attend.

Knights of St. Columba Christmas Poster Collection will take place after Mass, do support them.

ORON DEVELOPMENT UNION UK/IRELAND (ODU) DINNER PARTY – Damien Hall on Saturday 14/12/19 at 6.30pm: Fr Francis invites parishioners & friends to his Community Annual Dinner and Dance Party. There will be Plenty Delicious & Assorted Continental Food/Drinks. Come and have a good time with friends and Well Wishers.

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.

Church Hall Hiring/Use: Groups and parishioners should please read and keep to the New Hall Policy.

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: £1,062.13 and £119.00. 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: Church Development/Building Fund. & Next week: Church Development/Building Fund**

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 8TH DECEMBER 2019: 9.00am:** Kate Galle.
10.30am: Irene Kontoh & Albert Quansah. **6.30pm:** Danata Small.
LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = **115.** 10.30AM = **250,** 2.00pm = **65,** 6.30pm = **60**