

➤ **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:** Maurice Fitzgerald, Thomas O'Dowd, Stanislas Noel, Alice Doran, Margaret Blake, Steve Navarez-Jara, Mary Cleary, Nellie Langtry, Carol Anne Mitchell, Eileen Speller, Patrick Archer, Dennis Scally, Paula Harmer, Rita Rainey.

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (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 29th December 2019.	MASS: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3: 12-21, Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23	9.00am: People of the Parish 10.30am: Edward Agyei-Kyem – 1 st Year Anniversary Sir Ben & Lady Amaka Agu & Family – Thanksgiving to God for blessing and asking for protection 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Ann Mary – Special intention
Monday 30th December 2019	NO SERVICE 1 Jn 2: 12-17, Lk 2: 36-40	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 1.
Tues. 31st December 2019	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS: THANKSGIVING TO GOD & NEW YEAR'S BLESSING 1 Jn 2:18-21	10.00pm – Church James Omigre & Victoria Atiatiky - RIP
Wed. 1st January 2020 NEW YEAR'S DAY	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21	10.00am – People of the Parish
Thursday 2nd January 2020	Short Break - NO MASS 1 Jn 2: 22-28, Jn 1: 19-28	
Friday 3rd January 2020	Short Break - NO MASS 1 Jn 2: 29-3:6, Jn 1: 29-34	
Sunday 5th January 2020 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	MASS: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is. 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12	9.00am: 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A)
(Mass Book pp: 106 - 109). 29TH DECEMBER 2019

BIDDING PRAYERS: (24). **Reader:** Spirit of the living God,
People: fall afresh on us.

CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF FAMILY

The Lord Jesus conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of Virgin Mary, became a member of the human family. He spent thirty years in family life and three years in public ministry. This is certainly a strong statement on the importance of family. Jesus came to identify with every family and as such Jesus is solidarity with every family. Christmas is a time for family reunion. The holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is a model for family life. The most basic responsibility of both parents is towards their children. The most basic duty of partners, couple is to love and respect each other by promoting each other's well-being. Hence the family is the greatest school of interpersonal relationships.

Col 3:12-21 contains seeds for a season of sermons on qualities of relationships. In family we learn love, trust, sharing, respect for others, awareness of the rights of others, how to handle conflict, forgiveness, fidelity etc. *We have to be thankful to God for the gift of our families and try to value members of our families, not taking anyone for granted.* The Lord loves each member of our family. The family is the cradle of faith, handing on the Christian story, teaching the basic prayers, linking up with the local parish, celebrating the liturgical year's seasons and festivals

HAPPY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY AND I WISH ALL A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2020!

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**

CHURCH NOTICES

Parish Office: The Parish office has closed for Christmas Break and will resume on Friday 7th January 2020. We thank our Parish Staff and Volunteers, and wish all a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Today we Celebrate the **feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, may Christ our Lord bless our families. Mary, Joseph and all the Saints, pray for us. All are Welcome to this celebration.

- **We thank the CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & FATHERS ASSOCIATION/CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANISATION /READERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** 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 **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.** Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS: A special celebration ushering in the New Year 2020 will begin with Praise and Worship at 9.30.00pm and the **Mass at 10.00pm**, come and give glory to God for the gift of life, blessings received in 2019 and may blessing the Lord will give us in 2020. May God grant us a blessed, joyful and peaceful New Year 2020.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020! 1st January the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. It's a new beginning with Jesus Christ, God who became human in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to save us. Please join the **Mass at 10.00am** to mark this day.

BLESSINGS: for all FAMILIES in the Parish and December birthday Celebrants at the end of Mass.

MSP DAY and APPEAL: The Annual MSP Day Celebration will take place on Friday 24th January 2020, the Mass will be Celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson in the Cathedral at 6.30pm and Reception in Amigo Hall. All Parishioners are invited. **The Annual Parish Appeal in support of MSP Missions** in different parts of the world will take on 26th Jan 20.

Christmas Offering: Thanks to all for your kind Christmas offering, cards, good wishes, food/drinks and great support. These are highly appreciated, may God bless and reward all of you, amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Lessons will resume on Saturday 11th January at 11.am.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Young People 2019/20: Lessons will resume on Saturday 11th January at 11am.

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 Sunday: £831.51 and £.136.05 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 29TH DECEMBER 2019: 9.00am:** Polly Au. **10.30am:** Cynthia Andoh & Isaac Ehioghae. **6.30pm:** Babatunde Sotonwa & Dian Connor

❖ **LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 9.00AM = 125, 10.30AM = 200, 2.00pm = 65, 6.30pm = 50