

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:** Catherine Leggett, Kenneth Severin, Peter Coyle, Ellen O'Brien, Veronica Batholomew, Mary James, Samuel Tomey, Jim Kavanagh, James McKeever, Mrs, Lemmow, Bridget Crawford, Christopher Armstrong, Christopher George

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 JANUARY. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

RAYMOND	AKPALOU
DIVINE	UWADIAE
JAYDEN	UKACHUKWU
TATIANA	MENDIA PRADO
DANIEL	KORANTENG
BERNARD	AGU
SANDRA	OKOYE-KACHUKWU
NANCY	KONADU BAAH
DANIEL	ODUNTAN
DAVID	EBUKA
KEVIN	BONSU
KARLUN	BONSU



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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)

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 19th January 2020 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	MASS: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 49: 3, 5-6. 1 Cor. 1: 1-3 Jn. 1: 29-34.	9.00am: Joseph & Stephen Muwonge - Anniversary 10.30am: Kevin, Karlun & Natalie Bonsu – Birthday Thanksgiving 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: AnnMary – Special Intention
Monday 20th January 2020 Weekday	NO SERVICE 1 Sm. 15: 16-23. Mk. 2: 18-22.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 2.
Tuesday 21st January 2020 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Sm. 16: 1-13. Mk. 2: 23-28	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Brian
Wednesday 22nd January 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Sm. 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51. Mk. 3: 1-6	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Comfort. 9.30am - Reader: Gerard
Thursday 23rd January 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Sm. 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7. Mk. 3: 7-12.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Theresa. 9.30am - Reader: Justina
Friday 24th January 2020 Saint Francis de Sales	Morning Prayer MASS 1 Sm. 24: 3-21. Mk. 3: 13-19	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Gabriel. 9.30am - Reader: Deirdre Holy Souls – requested by Violet M'Queen
Sunday 26th January 2020 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	MASS: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Is. 8: 23, 9: 3. 1 Cor. 1: 10-13, 17. Mt. 4: 12-23.	9.00am: 10.30am: Blossom & Uyai-Abasi Emerald - Heart Desires 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: AnnMary – Special Intention

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
(Mass Book pp: 125 - 127). 19TH JANUARY 2020

BIDDING PRAYERS: (68). **Reader:** Make me
People: a channel of your peace.

BEHOLD JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD

John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the **Lamb of God** that takes away the sins of the world. It means that Jesus will replace all previous religious sacrifices. Lambs were sacrificed in expiation for sin. The lamb also recalls the blood sprinkled on lintel and door to save the Hebrews in Egypt. The Lamb, meek and gentle before the slaughter, represented the innocence and non-violence of Jesus, the suffering servant, dying to save others.

At Mass we profess our faith in Jesus as the **Lamb of God who takes away our sins**. Guilt is the heaviest burden to carry; a burden that cannot be carried by another because it is within. The grace of handling all guilt over to Jesus is a gift beyond price. Before receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, we call on him as the Lamb who takes away our sins. Although we are unworthy, yet happy are we who are called to his banquet (cf. S. O'Flynn *Sunday Seeds*, p38).

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.** R CIA Formation - **020 7639 3724**

First Holy Communion – **020 7639 3724.** Confirmation - **020 7639 3724**

Knights of St Columba – **07834 117416**

Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee – 02076393724

CHURCH NOTICES

Parish Office Hours This Week: Office Staff: Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Parish Priest: Friday 12.00 – 2.00pm

Today we Celebrate Mass of the SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A). We welcome all to this wonderful Celebration.

APPRECIATION: 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.

CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY: to be done by the **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & FATHERS ASSOCIATION/CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANISATION/READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.** Thank you.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: will take place on Saturday, 25/01/2020. Parents who are yet to apply should do so. Parents & God parents are requested to **attend Preparation on Thursday 23/1/20 at 6.00pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **25/01/2020.** Time: 11.00am. Parents are expected to bring the young ones on time.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation 2020: Lessons will take place on Saturday 25/01/2020 at 11.00am.

CONFIRMATION 2020 PARENTS' MEETING: Parents and Candidates who have applied to join the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation should please attend Meeting on **25/01/2020 at 1.30pm** in the Church. This meeting will mark the beginning of the preparation program for all. Please attend.

MSP DAY: The Annual MSP Day Celebration will hold on Friday 24th January 2020, the Mass will be Celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson in the Cathedral at 6.30pm. Reception after Mass in Amigo Hall. Food/drinks will be free for all. Parishioners are invited, It's the time to say thank you to all friends of MSP.

❖ **Annual Parish Appeal in support of MSP Missions** in different parts of the world will take place on Sunday 26/01/2020 during Mass. Please support the appeal. Consider being an Associate Member of MSP.

PROJECTOR: Please be informed that there is a projector installed in the Church for use during Mass. We thank members of the Choir and all who have contributed to ensure the installation and management of the projector in the church, work is still in progress.

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: We thank parishioners and donors for giving generously in support of the ongoing Renovation Work. 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.** God bless and reward all (2Cor 9:7-8).

Collection Last Week: £775.78 & £143.93. Thank you all for giving generously in support of the Church and may the good Lord bless you as you help us to build our Parish. Be assured of our prayers.
2nd Collection this week: Church Development/Building Fund & Next week: Church Development Fund

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 19TH JANUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Jackie Sanders
10.30am: Cynthia Andoh & Albert Quansah **6.30pm:** Danata Small

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 110. 10.30AM = 230, 2.00pm = 75 and 6.30pm = 55
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