

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: Kym Greene, Marie Goggins, Patrick Walsh, Hudson Green, John Barrett, Mary Dandridge, Lynne Cottrell, Bridie Connelly, Sonny Fernandes, Mary Hickey, Johnny Hickey, Eamon Walsh, Sr. Una McCaffrey SS.CC, John McNamara, Mary Cox, Charles Clemento, Rebecca Allen.

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	UKACHUKWA
TATIANA	MENDIA PRADO
DANIEL	KORANTENG
BERNARD	AGU
SANDRA	OKOYE-KACHIKWU
NANCY	KONADU BAAH
DANIEL	ODUNTAN



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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (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 12th January 2020 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	MASS: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Is. 42: 1-4, 6-7. Acts 10: 34-3, Mt 3: 13-17	9.00am: Mary Muwonge - Thanksgiving 10.30am: Charlotte D'Almeida – RIP Anniversary 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: David Ebuka – Birthday Thanksgiving
Monday 13th January 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time	NO SERVICE 1 Sm. 1: 1-8. Mk. 1: 14-20.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 1.
Tuesday 14th January 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time	Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Sm. 1: 9-20. Mk. 1: 21-28	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Brian
Wednesday 15th January 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS. 1 Sm. 3: 1-10, 19-20. Mk. 1: 29-39	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Comfort. 9.30am - Reader: Gerard Holy Souls – requested by Stella Basiima
Thursday 16th January 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1 Sm. 4: 1-11. Mk. 1: 40-45.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Theresa. 9.30am - Reader: Justina Holy Souls – requested by Mrs Comfort Otomewo Parish Priest's Office Hours – 11.am – 1.pm & 5 - 6.30pm
Friday 17th January 2020 Saint Anthony, Abbot	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1 Sm. 8: 4-7, 10-22. Mk. 2: 1-12	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Gabriel. 9.30am - Reader: Deirdre Holy Souls – requested by Marie Okonyia
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: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)
(Mass Book pp: 118 - 120). 12TH JANUARY 2020

**BIDDING PRAYERS: (30). Reader: Jesus, you do not break the crushed reed,
People: nor put out the wavering flame.**

THE BAPTISM OF LORD IS THE MODEL OF OURS

To do what righteousness demands. Righteousness for John the Baptist meant punishment of the sinner. But for Jesus it meant coming down to pick us up in hope and forgiveness. Though sinless, he entered the muddy waters of humanity. He did not stand aloof from the sinners. He is the saviour of the sinner, not a messiah sent to gather the perfect into a club of the elite. He **DOES NOT BREAK THE CRUSHED REED NOR QUENCH THE WAVERING FLAME.** What does righteousness mean to me? Does it give me the right to judge others as inferior to myself?

The baptism of Jesus is the model of ours. The divine revelation at the Jordan enlightens us about our relationships with the three Divine Persons. The Father loves us as his beloved children. The Son, in mercy, enters the rivers of humanity to rescue the sinner. The Holy Spirit, dove of peace, rests on the soul in a constant, divine presence (S O'Flynn, Sunday Seed, p.17).

HAPPY FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 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	<u>Chapel</u>	Mon 7.30pm
Life Ascending	<u>Chapel</u>	Wed 10.00am
Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary	<u>Chapel</u>	Thurs 7.00pm
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Meeting	<u>Chapel</u>	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: Thursday 11.am – 1.pm & 5 - 6.30pm

Today we Celebrate the **feast of The BAPTISM OF THE LORD**, and the **End of the Season of Christmas.** We welcome all to this wonderful Celebration and may the Lord keep us in His Love. We begin Ordinary Time Week I from Monday 13/1/20.

APPRECIATION: We thank the LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY 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.

➤ **Thank you** to chief Tony Ajiduah who kindly donated a big catering **Hot water boiler** for our tea and coffee after Mass. May God bless you. Please the groups serving tea/coffee handle it well.

CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY: to be done by the **GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.** 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 **18/01/2020.** 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 18/01/2020 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 26th Jan 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.

LIFE ASCENDING: meeting will resume next Wed. 15/01/2020 after the 9.30am Mass. New members always welcome.

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: £1,056.24 & £244.25.** 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 12TH JANUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Kate Galle' **10.30am:** Regina Ehioghae & Atim Blossom **6.30pm:** Caroline Hurt

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 80, 10.30AM = 220, 2.00pm = 85 and 6.30pm = 66