

➤ **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:** Antella Blake, Teresa John, Ann Payne, James Doyle, John Winter, Theresa Shanahan, Frank Vidovic, Louis Frankie, Eric Wood, Tom Reilly, Sheila Mallaghan, Kathleen Weller, Ivy Angus, Philip May, Harry Barber, Thomas O'Brien, Eamon Lennon, Frank Hayes, Roderick Lynch.

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.

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| 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 EPIPHANY 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 |
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| 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: People of the Parish. 10.30am: AnnMary – Heart Desire 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Special Intention |
| Monday 6th January 2020 | NO SERVICE 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mk 4:12-17, 23-35 | Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 2. |
| Tuesday 7th January 2020 | Morning Prayer, Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Jn 4: 7-10, Mk 6: 34-44 | 9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Violate and Reader: Brian |
| Wednesday 8th January 2020 | Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52 Funeral – Thomas Alexander | 9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christi 9.30am – Chapel. Reader: Gerry Holy Souls – requested by Brian Sanders 10.30am – Camberwell New Cemetery Chapel |
| Thursday 9th January 2020 | Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1 Jn 4: 19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22 | 9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Violet 9.30am – Chapel. Reader: Jeannette Holy Souls – requested by Gabriel Uwaechie Parish Priest's Office Hours – 11.am – 1.pm & 5 - 6.30pm |
| Friday 10th January 2020 | Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1 Jn 5: 5-13, Lk 5: 12-16 | 9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christi 9.30am – Chapel. Reader: Isaac Holy Souls – requested by Patience Egbejule |
| Sunday 11th 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: 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: |

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A)
(Mass Book pp: 115 - 118). 5TH JANUARY 2020

BIDDING PRAYERS: (28). **Reader:** We have seen his star,
People: and have come to worship him.

BE A STAR – ARISE & SHINE!

Who is this child born at Bethlehem? Epiphany means the revelation of his identity to the nations of the world. **Gold** for a king proclaims the coming of the reign of God. **Frankincense** for the true priest who alone mediates between heaven and earth in his own right. **Myrrh** is an oil extracted from the bark of a tree and is used in embalming a dead body. It suggests the suffering servant who would take the sins of the people on himself. Uniting with Jesus in his mission and suffering, we are the Stars to help people find Him today. **Arise and Shine in 2020, help people find the meaning and purpose of life in Christ.**

What gift can we bring to Jesus? What can you give to somebody who has everything? Give him yourself, for he loves you and wants you to know that he is your friend. Give him your time, some quality time each day in prayer. Bring him your problems... for he has invited you to come with your burdens. Bring him your sinfulness and weakness... for he alone is the Saviour. Bring him your darkness... for he is the light of the world. Bring him your waywardness... for he is the true shepherd who guides along the right path. Bring him your emptiness and hunger, for he is the bread of life (cf. O'Fynn, Sunday Seeds).

HAPPY FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY 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 |
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| 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**

Knights of St Columba – **07834 117416**

Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee – 02076393724

CHURCH NOTICES

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

Parish Priest: Thursday 11.am – 1.pm & 5 - 6.30pm

Today we Celebrate the **feast of The EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**, 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.** Thank you.

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

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation 2020: Lessons will resume on Saturday 11th January at 11am.

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 and it is important all parents attend. Those who are yet to submit their application forms are given this week as the last for registration.

RESPECT THE BODY OF CHRIST: Please do not receive Holy Communion and throw on the floor, it is sinful, be careful.

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.

Missions Appeal: Annual Parish Appeal in support of MSP Missions in different parts of the world will take place on 26th Jan 20. Please support the appeal. You can also be an Associate Member of MSP.

Christmas Offering: Many thanks to all Parishioners and friends for your kind Christmas offering, cards, good wishes, food/drinks and great support. These are highly appreciated. God bless all of you.

Birthday Blessing: for January birthday Celebrants at the end of Mass.

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 Week: £1,083.30, Christmas £1, 453.75 and 268.56. 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 5TH JANUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Brian Sanders.
10.30am: Josephine Coker & Erica Bateren **6.30pm:** Babatunde Sotonwa

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 98. 10.30AM = 240, 2.00pm = 75 and 6.30pm = 55

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