

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:** Paul Gladwin, Ellen Butcher, Rivera Roberto, Joseph Umukoro, Margaret Cronin, Daniel Callaghan, Ronald Berrelly, Georgina Octave, Tony McAndrew, Eric Rose, Charles Williams, Enid Crowther-Nicol, Peter Keehan, Ruby Bell, James Peters, Lesli Maule, John Harvey, Gerard Hayes, Joan Bond.

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

THIRD 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 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: Julie Mulvihill – Special Intention 10.30am: Blossom & Uyai-Abasi Emerald – Special Intention: Mrs Raj-Rani Ugbade – 5th RIP Anniversary 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: AnnMary – Special Intention
Monday 27th January 2020 Weekday	NO SERVICE 2 Sm. 5: 1-7, 10. Mk. 3: 22-30.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 3.
Tuesday 28th January 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament 2 Sm. 6: 12-15, 17-19. Mk. 3: 31-35	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Brian
Wed. 29th January 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer MASS 2 Sm. 7: 4-17. Mk. 4: 1-20	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Comfort. 9.30am - Reader: Gerard Holy Souls - requested by Tina Braimah
Thursday 30th January 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer MASS 2 Sm. 7: 18-19, 24-29. Mk. 4: 21-25.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Theresa. 9.30am - Reader: Justina Holy Souls – requested by Simon & Rebecca Bonsu
Friday 31st January 2020 Saint John Bosco, Priest	Morning Prayer MASS 2 Sm. 11: 1-4, 5-10, 13-17. Mk. 4: 26-34.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Gabriel. 9.30am - Reader: Deirdre Holy Souls – requested by Uyai-Abasi & Atim Blossom
Sunday 2nd February 2020 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A)	MASS: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A) Mal. 3: 1-4. Heb. 2: 14-18. Lk. 2: 22-40.	9.00am: 10.30am: Blossom & Uyai-Abasi Emerald – Special Intention 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
(Mass Book pp: 127 - 130). 26TH JANUARY 2020

BIDDING PRAYERS: (70). **Reader:** The Lord is my light and my help,
People: whom shall I fear?

PROMOTING THE MISSION OF CHRIST

The mission of Jesus was to set up the reign or kingdom of God in place of the rule of Satan. Later, in the Sermon on the Mount, we will hear the ideals of this kingdom in more detail. He is the light who will lead nations out of the ways of darkness. He will break the rod of the oppressor.

Matthew gives only one sentence from the opening sermon of Jesus: **Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.** Repent repensare..... think again about how you are living. The kingdom of heaven ... the reign of God in our hearts and minds. People are called to think again about life, to make a break from the dark ways of the past and take on the new ideals of Jesus. There is an alternative to the ways of violence, greed, selfishness, hatred, etc.: to follow the rule of God in our hearts and minds.

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A). We welcome all to this wonderful Celebration.

APPRECIATION: 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: to be done by the **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.** Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK, The Most Reverend JOHN WILSON on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis has asked that the third Sunday of ordinary time be specially kept at the "Sunday of the Word of God" so that we might "...appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people". This first celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God comes during our 'Year of the Word' focusing on 'the God who speaks'. During this year the Lord encourages us to develop or renew a habit of prayerful reading and reflection of the Scriptures, and to bring open to Him speaking to us in our daily lives.

I would like to invite you to join me in Aylesford later this year for a Diocesan celebration marking the 'God who speaks'. On Saturday 27th June an event is being organised so that Parishes can come together for Mass and other activities focused on the Year of the Word. More details will follow, but I would like to encourage you to plan for the special day. On the day before I will be celebrating a similar day with the young people of the schools and college in the diocese.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **01/02/2020.** 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 **01/02/2020** at 11.00am.

CONFIRMATION 2020 PARENTS' MEETING: Thanks to parents and candidates who attended the meeting in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. **Lesson starts on Saturday 01/02/2020 at 1.30pm.** Please attend.

MSP DAY: The Annual MSP Day Celebration: Thank you to our parishioners and friends who attended this Mass. God bless you.

Annual Parish Appeal in support of MSP Missions: We welcome Fr. Sam Ofia, MSP for celebrating the Mass for us today and preaching the MSP appeal. Thanks to all parishioners for supporting the appeal. Consider being an Associate Member of MSP.

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: £749.93 & £110.77. 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 26TH JANUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Ciaron Roberts.
10.30am: Niquella Owusu & Erica Bateren. **6.30p:** Deirdre Toussant

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 100. 10.30AM = 220, 2.00pm = 65 and 6.30pm = 66
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