

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 for your sacramentals.

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, Stephen Anthony Doyle

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, Muriel Chapman, Mary Borett, Daisy Hollis, Ellen Jacobs, Joan Southgate, Rhonda Parker, Baby Gary Rocke, Thomas Lydon, Margaret Woodley, Mary Coppinger, Miriam Laing, Beatrice Gray, Frederick Major.

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 FEBRUARY. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.

THERESA	BOAHIN	MARIAN KWARTENG
MRS DOROTHY	A -DADZIE	JOHN ASAMOAH
JANCIE	MENSAH	EMMANUEL ASAMOAH
BINTY	BANGURA	EMMANUELLA ASAMOAH
AYOOLA	OKE	
PAULINA	FRANTON	
JULIET	OGHENEKEVWODE	
TINA	OGHENEKEVWODE	
PAULINE	BEASLEY	
MASEROY MARCELLA	KOROMA	
EVONNE	KORANTENG	
MARIETT	OGBEIDO	
AGNES ADWOA	MANSAH	
SHEYI	VERA-CRUZ	
CHISOM PROMISE	AGU	
EHI	OLUMESE	
BABATUNDE	SOTONWQ	
TREMAYNE JAMES	LOWE	
REBECCA	MILLER	



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

FIFTH 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 9th February 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	MASS: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME (RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY) Is. 58: 7-10. 1 Cor. 2: 1-5. Mt. 5: 13-16.	9.00am: In Honour of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am: Blossom & Uyai-Abasi Emerald - Special Int.: McQueen's Family – Special Intention: Janette Domoraud Youkpo - RIP 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: Ann Mary & family – Special Intention
Monday 10th February 2020 Weekday	NO SERVICE 1 Kgs. 8: 1-7, 9-13. Mk. 6: 53-56.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 1
Tuesday 11th February 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Kgs. 8: 22-23, 27- 30. Mk. 7: 1-13	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Brian
Wed. 12th February 2020 Weekday	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1 Kgs. 10: 1-10. Mk. 7: 14-23.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Comfort 9.30am - Reader: Gerard Holy Souls - requested by Thembi Ationu
Thursday 13th February 2020 Weekday	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1 Kgs. 11: 4-13. Mk. 7: 24-30.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Theresa 9.30am - Reader: Justina Holy Souls – requested by Emmanuel Lamptey
Friday 14th February 2020 Weekday Happy Valentine Day!	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 1 Kgs. 11: 29-32, 12: 19. Mk. 7: 31-37.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Gabriel 9.30am - Reader: Deidre Holy Souls – requested by Victoria Amakihe
Sunday 16th February 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	MASS: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Sir. 15: 15-20. 1 Cor. 2: 6-10. Mt. 5: 17-37.	9.00am: Comfort's Children – Special Intention 10.30am: Blossom & Uyai-Abasi Emerald – Special Int.: Janette Domoraud Youkpo - RIP 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A)
(Mass Book pp: 133 - 135). 9TH FEBRUARY 2020

BIDDING PRAYERS: (74). **Reader:** Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer

BE THE LIGHT THAT SHINES FOR ALL (Matt. 5: 13 - 16)

Let Christ-in-you be seen in your attitudes and actions, visible like a city on a hill, drawing others to the glory of God. Salt does its job in direct contact whereas light has to be at a distance. Christians are part of the mixture of society. We are called to witness to our Christian ideal in all our daily contacts. Like salt, preserving good morals: drawing out the tasty juices in the positive qualities of people. Salt heals, though it stings in doing so. Christians must challenge and correct what is sinful and putrid. Like Paul, we follow a crucified Christ.

Light needs a distance to cast its rays. Christians must take up the high moral ground by standing apart from society to critique its values and pursuits: to offer a wider view of power, politics, policies, finance, social services, etc. In the world but not of the world. **Your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.** (Second reading). Ps. **When I see the good works of others, am I moved to jealousy and fault-finding or do I give praise to God?**

Wishing all Parishioners & Friends Happy and Blessed Sunday! – Fr Francis, MSP

HAPPY VALENTINE WEEKEND TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND MAY THE GOOD LORD KEEP US IN HIS LOVE.

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

Use of Candles: Always put candles on heat resistant surface or in proper holder, away from children, curtains, furniture, etc.

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: Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Parish Priest: Friday 12.00 – 2.00pm & 5 - 6pm

Today we Celebrate Mass of the **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**. The Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrate **Racial Justice Sunday 2020**. The Theme is: "You are the heart of the Church". Welcome to this celebration!

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: THE YEAR OF THE WORD 2020: Ignorance of the Scripture is ignorance of Christ (St. Jerome). "... these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the messiah ..." (John 20:31). Let us read, share, live and celebrate the Scripture every day.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY: to be done by the **GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION**. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **15/02/2020**.

Time: 11.00am. Parents are expected to bring the young ones on time, thank you.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation 2020: Lessons will take place on Saturday **15/02/2020** at 11.00am. **Please note:**

The Rite of Election will take place on 29/02/2020 at 12.30pm in St. George's Cathedral. All are expected to attend the Retreat on 15th February. 2020 at St. Jude Centre Faversham in preparation for the election. **Departure from the Church is 9.30am.** Please bring your own picnic/lunch, dress for the weather and let's gather in the Church by 9.20am.

CONFIRMATION 2020: Lessons will take place on Saturday **15/02/2020** at 1.30pm. Please attend.

Congratulations Jennifer and Chinedu Onyali: on your wedding which took place yesterday. God bless you.

Christian Marriage: All preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage this year please meet the Parish Priest before 20th Feb, 2020 to speed up the preparation and the required documentation. Thank you.

Parish Finance Committee: members of PFC please note that there will be important meeting on Thursday 13th of February 2020 at 7pm in the Back Hall. Kindly attend. Please meet briefly after 10.30 Mass today in the Parish Office.

Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion: Please meet with the Parish Priest after Mass for an important information the Area Bishop about the Year of the Word and your role in the Church.

Leaders of the following Associations/Groups: Nigerian Cath Ass. Ghanaian Cath Ass. Latin American Comm. Catholic Women, Christian Mothers/Fathers, the two choirs at 10.30 Mass - please meet Alex Kontoh after 10.30 Mass.

Donation: The Parish Priest and Finance Committee appreciate and thank a member of our parish who recently made a generous donation of £1000.00 in support of the Parish and building fund, God bless her and family. Similarly, we thank all our Parishioners who donate generously in support of the Parish through Gift Aid, Standing Order and Sunday collection.

CHURCH RENOVATION: 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: £972.58 & £137.30. 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: Racial Justice Sunday & Next week: Church Development/Building Fund

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 9TH FEBRUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Kate Galle'. **10.30am:** Regina Ehioghae & Irene Kontoh. **6.30p:** Danata Small

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 125. 10.30AM = 230, 2.00pm = 55 and 6.30pm = 50
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