

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:** Avis Simpson, John Payne, Pauline Priestly, Catherine Gabbett, Bill Rutherford, Jeremiah Kelleher, Ann Marie Joyce, James Rogan, Daniel O'Brien, Ellen Golden, Jessie Holmes, Mary Ellen McDonagh, Joan Eileen Butcher, Patrick McKay, Arnold Charles, Abayomi Obafunwa, Stanley Lebon.

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

SEVENTH 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 23rd February 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	MASS: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Lv. 19: 1-2, 17-18. 1 Cor. 3: 16-23. Mt.5: 38-48.	9.00am: 10.30am: Isaac Ehioghae's Family – Family Intention 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish
Monday 24th February 2020 Weekday	NO SERVICE Jas. 3: 13-18. Mk. 9: 14-29.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 3
Tuesday 25th February 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament Jas. 4: 1-10. Mk. 9: 30-37.	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Brian
Wed. 26th February 2020 ASH WEDNESDAY	MASS Jl. 2: 12-18. 2 Cor. 5: 20. 6: 2. Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18.	9.30am: Church 7.00pm: Church Holy Souls - requested by Emelia Adomakoh-Kontoh
Thursday 27th February 2020 Thursday after Ash Wed.	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS Dt. 30 15-20. Lk. 9: 22-25.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Theresa 9.30am - Reader: Justina Isaac Ehioghae's Family – Family Intention
Friday 28th February 2020 Friday after Ash Wed.	Service of the Word & Sacrament Is. 58: 1-9. Mt. 9: 14-15.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Gabriel 9.30am - Reader: Deidre
Sunday 1st March 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	MASS: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Gn. 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7. Rom. 5: 12-19. Mt. 4: 1-11.	9.00am: 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A)
 (Mass Book pp: 139 - 142). 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

BIDDING PRAYERS: (78). **Reader:** God of love and forgiveness,
People: teach us your ways.

FORGIVE! THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RETALIATION

Christians are called to reflect God's perfect love even when faced with hatred and injustice. God's love is unconditional. It is not based on the condition that one is holy or deserving. God is love and, therefore, loves even the greatest sinner with nothing less than 100% love. He causes his sun to rise on bad people as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest people alike. Love is more than a natural attraction to those we might like. It is a decision of the will to act positively towards everybody, regardless of whatever evil or hatred may be encountered.

The most severe testing of the depth of one's Christian spirit is the willingness to forgive. It is pointless asking somebody to forget the past. The option is not between forgetting or remembering. Our only option is about how we remember.... with negative reactions or with the love of Christ. Prayer is the source of lifting up our hearts to Christ's level. 'It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offence; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession' (Catechism # 2843)

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

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: Not Available

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

APPRECIATION: We thank the **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & FATHERS ASSOCIATION/CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANISATION/READERS/COMMUNION MINISTERS.** for cleaning the Church last Saturday.

➤ **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 **Youth/Charismatic Renewal, Volunteers and the 2 Choirs at 10.30am Mass.** Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **29/02/2020** at 11.00am. Parents are expected to bring the young ones on time, and take them home after the lesson. thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2020: Lessons will take place on Saturday **29/02/2020** at 1.30pm. Please attend.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation 2020: The Rite of Election which will take place on **29/02/2020** at 12.30pm in St. George's Cathedral. Please God Parents and Sponsors should be in the Cathedral with us on the day.

ASH WEDNESDAY 26/02/20: MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT. There will be Mass at 9.30am, and 7.00pm. Pupils of St. Thomas the Apostle College will join us at 9.30am Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER – LENT GROUPS: Lent offers us a special time to take stock of our lives and to grow closer to God.

One good way of doing this is by joining a Lent Study Group. We shall be meeting on Wednesday 4th March at 10am in the Sacristy and each Wednesday during Lent. There shall be reading, reflection, discussion and prayer. It will be quite informal and last not more than an hour. Please join us for what can be a rewarding experience.

SACRAMENTS AND EDUCATION: Readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir Leaders: You're encouraged to attend a Seminar on the Year of the Word: The God who speaks, at **Sacred Heart Parish, Camberwell 14/03/20.**

DONATION: we thank all our Parishioners who donate generously in support of the Parish through Gift Aid, Standing Order and Sunday collection.

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.

Collection Last Week: £866.61 & £114.86. 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 Dev/Building Fund & Next week: Poor Parishes

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 23RD FEBRUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Ciaron Roberts.
10.30am: Atim Blossom & Isaac Ehioghae. **6.30pm:** Deirdre Toussant

❖ **LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 9.00AM = 115. 10.30AM = 150, 2.00pm = 45 and 6.30pm = 30

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