

**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:** Thomas Cronin, Bridie McDonagh, John Anthony Clarke, Leslie Brooks, Charles Sargent, Kathleen Ward, John Shine, Edward Coleman, Mary Modeste, Frank Watson, Nestor Onyali, Evelyn Gabriel

**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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**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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

**SIXTH 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](mailto: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 16th February 2020 <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>	<b>MASS: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Sir. 15: 15-20. 1 Cor. 2: 6-10. Mt. 5: 17-37.	<b>9.00am:</b> Comfort's Children – <b>Special Intention</b> <b>10.30am:</b> Blossom & Uyai-Abasi Emerald – <b>Special Int.</b> .....: Janette Domoraud Youkpo - RIP <b>2.00pm:</b> Misa en Espanol <b>6.30pm:</b> People of the Parish
Monday 17th February 2020 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b> Jas. 1: 1-11. Mk. 8: 11-13.	<b>Priest's Day off</b> <b>Prayer: Psalter Week 2</b>
Tuesday 18th February 2020 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament</b> Jas. 1: 12-18. Mk. 8: 14-21	<b>9.30am – Chapel</b> <b>Antiphonist: Violet</b> <b>Reader: Brian</b>
Wed. 19th February 2020 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament</b> Jas. 1: 19-27. Mk. 8: 22-26.	<b>9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Comfort</b> <b>9.30am - Reader: Gerard</b>
Thursday 20th February 2020 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>Adoration/Morning Prayer</b> <b>MASS</b> Jas. 2: 1-9. Mk. 8: 27-33.	<b>9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Theresa</b> <b>9.30am - Reader: Justina</b> <b>Isaac Ehioghae's Family – Family Intention</b>
Friday 21st February 2020 <b>Weekday</b>	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament</b> Jas. 2: 14-24, 26. Mk. 8: 34. 9: 1.	<b>9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Gabriel</b> <b>9.30am - Reader: Deidre</b>
Sunday 23rd February 2020 <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>	<b>MASS: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> Lv. 19: 1-2, 17-18. 1 Cor. 3: 16-23. Mt. 5: 38-48.	<b>9.00am:</b> Isaac Ehioghae's Family – <b>Family Intention</b> <b>10.30am:</b> Isaac Ehioghae's Family – <b>Family Intention</b> <b>2.00pm:</b> Misa en Espanol <b>6.30pm:</b> People of the Parish

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A)**  
**(Mass Book pp: 136 - 139). 16TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** (76). **Reader:** Train me to observe your law,  
**People: to keep it with all my heart.**

**Keeping God's commandments**

Now machines carry Manufacturer's Instructions. No guarantee holds if these are disregarded. God is our maker and the commandments are our instruction book. Disobey them and see how individuals lose direction and society disintegrates. The first three commandments are signposts to reverence for God's place, God's name and God's day. Then five commandments uphold the values of family authority, respect for life, fidelity in marriage, matters of justice and truth. The final two commandments are about personal self-control. God's commandments provide a solid structure for society.

But I say this to you. The voice of Jesus resounds with strong authority. His authority comes from the Father. Our authority to preach comes not from our own merits but from the Lord's command. Are we losing our nerve to preach God's commandments? Is morality to be based on opinion polls or on God's word?

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

**PARISH INFORMATION DESK**

Group	Place of Meeting	Day and Time
Breaking the Word	<b>Chapel</b>	Mon 7.30pm
Life Ascending	<b>Chapel</b>	Wed 10.00am
Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Meeting	<b>Chapel</b>	Thurs 7.00pm  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 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A).** *We welcome all to this wonderful Celebration.*

**APPRECIATION:** We thank the **GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION** 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 **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & FATHERS ASSOCIATION/CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANISATION/READERS/COMMUNION MINISTERS.** Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **22/02/2020** 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 **22/02/2020** at 1.30pm. Please attend.

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation 2020:** Thank you to the Catechumens, Candidate, RCIA Coordinators and all who made it to the retreat at St Jude Centre Faversham yesterday. **There will be no Lessons on Saturday 22/02/2020.** Please use the time to prepare for The Rite of Election which will take place on 29/02/2020 at 12.30pm in St. George's Cathedral. Please inform your God Parents and Sponsors to be in the Cathedral with you 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 9am Mass.

**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:** £817.49 & £174.14. 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: Church Development/Building Fund**

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 16TH FEBRUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Jackie Sanders. **10.30am:** Niquella Owusu & Erica Bateren. **6.30p:** Babatunde Sotonwa

❖ **LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 9.00AM = 125. 10.30AM = 200, 2.00pm = 55 and 6.30pm = 40

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