

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:** Sidney Scott, Christopher Aherne, Holgar Andersen, William O'Brien, Sandra Augustin, Agnes Willane, Robert Jennings, Alice Guest, Brendan Rogers, Baby Tamari Austin, Miss. Perretta, John McLaughlin, Ellen Keane.

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.

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| THERESA | BOAHIN |
| MRS DOROTHY | A -DADZIE |
| JANCIE | MENSAH |
| BINTY | BANGURA |
| 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

THE PRESENTATION 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
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 Pauline Beasley – 76th Birthday Thanksgiving 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish
Monday 3rd February 2020 Weekday	NO SERVICE 2 Sm. 15: 13-14, 30,16: 5-13. Mk. 5: 1-20.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 4.
Tuesday 4th February 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament 2 Sm. 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25, 30. 19: 3. Mk. 5: 21-43	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Justina Reader: Brian
Wed. 5th February 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer MASS 2 Sm. 24: 2, 9-17. Mk. 6: 1-6	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christy 9.30am - Reader: Gerry Holy Souls - requested by Anne Tyler
Thursday 6th February 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament 1 Kgs. 2: 1-4, 10-12. Mk. 6: 7-13.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Violet 9.30am - Reader: Jeannette Holy Souls – requested by Maureen Obiako
Friday 7th February 2020 Weekday	Morning Prayer MASS Sir. 47: 2-11. Mk. 6: 14-29.	9.00am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christy 9.30am - Reader: Isaac Holy Souls – requested by Bernard Kwaku Duah
Sunday 9th February 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	MASS: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Mal. 3: 1-4. Heb. 2: 14-18. Lk. 2: 22-40.	9.00am: 10.30am: Blossom & Uyai-Abasi Emerald – Special Intention McQueen's Family – Special Intention 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD(A)
(Mass Book pp: 300 - 302). 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

BIDDING PRAYERS: (382). **Reader:** The light of Christ

People: has come into the world.

BE PRESENT TO THE LORD

Traditionally this is the last day of the Epiphany season when Jesus, the first born of Joseph and Mary is ritually given in obedience to the service of Yahweh, the God of the people Israel in thanksgiving for their release from bondage in Egypt. It is a feast of Light, when the Light of God begins to move into the world of ordinary time and history, growing surely and truthfully in the power of the Spirit of God in the person of Jesus.

The family is met by Simeon the old faithful prophet silent in waiting on the time of God and he cries out in joy and hope that is present. This is "the Light [God is] revealing to the nations" and God has let him see it in his lifetime, graciously. There will be resistance, and those closes to the Light will know their own hearts torn open, exposed and sorrowful because of closeness to the burning fire of God. The ritual finished, the child grows in wisdom; God's grace upon him. This is our way of salvation: we have seen the Light in the Word made flesh. Now we are to grow in wisdom through obedience and bring that Light into the world in our flesh and lives. (McKenna M, 2010)

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 & 5-6pm

Today we Celebrate Mass of the PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A). We welcome all to this wonderful Celebration.

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Day 2020. Theme: You are at the heart of the Church

APPRECIATION: 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: to be done by the **LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.** Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **08/02/2020.** 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 **08/02/2020** 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 Retreat on 15th February. 2020 at Jude Centre Faversham in preparation for the election.

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.

Annual Parish Appeal in support of MSP Missions: The Missionary Society of St. Paul, UK Region would like to thank all parishioners for their generous and kind donation in support of MSP missions all over the world. God bless you.

Parish Finance Committee: members of PFC please note that there will be important meetings on 7th and 13th of February 2020 at 7pm in the Back Hall. Kindly attend and God bless you.

PROJECTOR: Please be informed that there is a projector installed in the Church for use during Mass. We thank members of the Choir and all who have contributed to ensure the installation and management of the projector in the church, work is still in progress.

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: 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: £681.57 & £357.06. 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: Racial Justice Sunday

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 2ND FEBRUARY 2020: 9.00am:** Brian Sanders. **10.30am:** Irene Kontoh & Raymond Akpalou. **6.30p:** Babatunde Sotonwa

LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE: Sun. 9.00AM = 125. 10.30AM = 200, 2.00pm = 45 and 6.30pm = 60
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