

**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, 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:** Simon Daniel, Jean Logan, Baby Gabriel Palin, Francis Hefferon, Michael Shelton, Billy Panikker, Ann Glennon, Patrick Fottrell, Bridget Medcalf, Ada Neenan, Louise Yates, Patricia Hunt, Anthony Taylor, Joyce Green, Elizabeth Ndeh, Stanley Thompson, Joseph O'Reilly, Malcolm Borthwick, Dara Molloy, Nestor Onyali

**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 MARCH. CONGRATULATIONS! PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM.**

GABRIEL	UWAECHIE	ORIGINAL GRANDMA
EUNORA MARIA	MUSGRAVE	CHISOM ADUFU
LEIZA	MCKENZIE	NICOLE UDOAKA
KAYODE	OKE	MBET UDOAKA
JESSIE	MBEUNTCHA	CHARISSA MENSAH
MICHAELLA	UKACHUKWA	LASHAWN MENSAH
HILDA VALERIA	MENDIA PRADO	KOSI EKEMIRI
GEORGINA	OTCHERE KLU	KESI EKEMIRI
HANNAH BERNICE	OFFE	RICHARD MOMOH
THERESIA	MUAMBO	
JULIANA	OKYERE-CRENTSIL	
JEAN- DARNEL	KAKOU	
JUDE	DUAH	
ROSELINE	BATEREN	
RUTH	OBIDI	
SAMUEL	OLAGUNJU	
JOSHUA	PREMPEH	
MARIEANNE	ODUNTAN	
CASANDRA	OKOYE-KACHIKWU	
CHASTITY	BOATENG	



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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (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 8th March 2020 <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b>	<b>MASS: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> Gn. 12: 1-4. 2 Tim. 1: 8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9.	<b>9.00am:</b> Mrs Margaret Sackey – RIP : Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith - Well-being <b>10.30am:</b> Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith - Well-being <b>2.00pm:</b> Misa en Espanol <b>6.30pm:</b> Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith - Well-being
Monday 9th March 2020 <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b> Dn. 9: 4-10. Lk. 6: 36-38.	<b>Priest's Day off</b> <b>Prayer: Psalter Week 2</b>
Tuesday 10th March 2020 <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament</b> Is. 1: 10, 16-20. Mt. 23: 1-12.	<b>9.30am – Chapel</b> <b>Antiphonist: Violet</b> <b>Reader: Brian</b>
Wed. 11th March 2020 <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Adoration/Morning Prayer</b> <b>MASS</b> Jer. 18: 18-20. Mt. 20: 17-28.	<b>9.30am – Chapel.</b> <b>Antiphonist: Comfort</b> <b>Reader: Gerard</b>
Thursday 12th March 2020 <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Adoration/Morning Prayer</b> <b>MASS</b> Jer. 17: 5-10. Lk. 16: 19-31.	<b>9.30a m – Chapel.</b> <b>Antiphonist: Theresa</b> <b>Reader: Justina</b>
Friday 13th March 2020 <b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Adoration/Morning Prayer</b> <b>MASS</b> Gn. 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Mt. 21: 33-43, 45-46.	<b>9.30am – Chapel.</b> <b>Antiphonist: Gabriel</b> <b>Reader: Deirdre</b>
Sunday 15th March 2020 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b>	<b>MASS: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> Ex. 17: 3-7. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. Jn. 4: 5-42.	<b>9.00am:</b> <b>10.30am:</b> <b>2.00pm:</b> Misa en Espanol <b>6.30pm:</b> People of the Parish

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**  
(Mass Book pp: 155 - 158). 8TH MARCH 2020

**BIDDING PRAYERS:** (34). **Reader:** May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
**People: as we place all our hope in you.**

**LISTEN TO HIM**

A practical programme for lent might aim at better listening.... To God, to others and to our inner selves. We might need to fast from compulsive radio and obsessive television; reading newspapers at meals; being too busy for family; living in the fast lane; chattering on the mobile. To listen with attention is the first step in loving.

Give your mind the gift of silence. Time with Scripture each day shows a desire to listen to God.

Are there any edifying magazines or papers coming into your house?

‘God our Father, help us to hear your son. Enlighten us with your word, that we might find the way to your glory.’ (opening prayer)

Abraham, the model of faith’s journey, was called by God to leave the security of country, family and home. Peter could not stay at the heights of divine encounter.

God calls us to move on, to be open to change, to let go... of comforts, of hurts, of loved ones who have departed. A pilgrim moves forward. The transfiguration is a glimpse of future. And it is glorious.

*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 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A).** *We welcome all to this wonderful Celebration.*

**APPRECIATION: We thank Rev. Fr. Eduardo for coming to say Mass for us. God bless you.**

**ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS PETER SMITH:** It is with great sadness we share with you the news that Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith has been diagnosed with an untreatable form of cancer. Please keep Archbishop Emeritus Peter, his family and friends in your prayers at this time. Archbishop Emeritus Peter is very dear to all of us, as a former priest and Archbishop of Southwark and as a much-loved friend. We ask the Lord to bring him comfort, strength and healing. Amen

**We thank the NIGERIAN 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 **LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.** Thank you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be stations of the cross throughout the season of Lent on Fridays at 7pm in the Church. All to attend please. **TO BE LED BY THE GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION THIS WEEK.** Thank you

**BIBLE STUDIES:** There shall be Bible Studies/ongoing Faith formation on Thursdays in the Church at 7.30pm to 8.30pm. **This is the year of the word.** You are all invited. Thank you

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion Lesson will take place next Saturday **14/03/2020** 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 **14/03/2020** at 1.30pm. Please attend.

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation 2020: The Rite of Election** which will take place on **14/03/2020** at 11.00am.

**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:** £831.08 & £110.25. 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 Dev/Building Fund**

❖ **Readers for the Weekend Mass - Sunday 8TH MARCH 2020: 9.00am:** Kate Galle’, **10.30am:** Chisom Agu & Regina Ehioghae. **6.30pm:** Caroline Hurt

❖ **LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 9.00AM = 125. 10.30AM = 120, 2.00pm = 45 and 6.30pm = 44

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