

THIS IS ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH. A WARM WELCOME to our Visitors, Friends 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: Mary Purvis, 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:** Baby Joel Gordon, Roy Price, Placid Bennett, Edith Chapman, Bernadette George, Mary Andersen, Florence Burr, Thomas O'Shea, Matthew Dunstan.

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	JOSEPH	UKPABI
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

THIRD 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).

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 15th March 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	MASS: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Ex. 17: 3-7. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. Jn. 4: 5-42	9.00am: 10.30am: Violet McQueen & Family – Well Being Violet McQueen – Well Being 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm:
Monday 16th March 2020 Lenten Weekday	NO SERVICE 2Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30.	Priest's Day off Prayer: Psalter Week 3
Tuesday 17th March 2020 Lenten Weekday	Morning Prayer Service of the Word & Sacrament Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35	9.30am – Chapel Antiphonist: Justina Reader: Brian
Wed. 18th March 2020 Lenten Weekday	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS Dt 4: 1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christi Reader: Gerry Violet McQueen – Well Being
Thursday 19th March 2020 Lenten Weekday	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18,22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	9.30a m – Chapel. Antiphonist: Violet Reader: Jeanette
Friday 20th March 2020 Lenten Weekday	Adoration/Morning Prayer MASS Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34	9.30am – Chapel. Antiphonist: Christi Reader: Isaac Patrick & Martin Lally - RIP
Sunday 22nd March 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	MASS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 1Sm 16-1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1- 41	9.00am: 10.30am: 2.00pm: Misa en Espanol 6.30pm: People of the Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
(Mass Book pp: 158 - 164). 15TH MARCH 2020

BIDDING PRAYERS: (36). **Reader:** Jesus, give us some of that living water,
People: that we may never thirst again.

TORMENTED BY THIRST

The first of three stories from John about baptism, preparing us for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter. Baptism is the well where we establish a relationship with Jesus as Friend, Saviour and Priest. He is a Friend to a woman who is thirsty, lonely, shattered by broken relationships, misled by religious controversy. He is Saviour to whom all sins are known, yet he longs to impart forgiveness. He is the Priest, who leads us in true worship, *in spirit and in truth*. He is the Truth and he has released the Spirit. True worship is glorifying the Father, through the Son in the uniting power of the Holy Spirit. Lent is a time to develop our relationship with the divine Friend, Saviour and Priest.

The torment of today is in thirst for meaning, for a reason to live, moral direction, stability, an answer to suffering, etc. The woman at the well found the answer to her thirst for understanding, her need for forgiveness, her desire for stability in relationship, her instruction in true worship. If we only appreciated all that God offers us in Jesus! And in the gift of the Spirit there is an inner fountain with eternal answers. *The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

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 Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Meeting	Chapel	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 **THIRD 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MOST REV JOHN WILSON: In response to the Covid-19 virus, hymn and Mass books are ceased to be used until further notice. The sign of peace is suspended and Holy Communion from the chalice shall cease to be offered until further notice too. Catering, Tea and Coffee are also suspended.

We thank the LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. 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 **GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.** 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 LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY 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 **21/03/2020** 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 **21/03/2020** at 1.30pm. Please attend.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation 2020: The Rite of Election which will take place on **21/03/2020** at 11.00am.

MARY PURVIS R.I.P: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of parishioner Mary Purvis. Her funeral will be held on the 17th March at the Brenchley Crematorium at 11.30am. We offer our prayers to her grieving family and friends.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: Will be doing an Easter poster campaign on 29th March 2020 to help the homeless people. Please do give generously.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: for the year are now being distributed, please collect yours and remember to use them.

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: £1141.39 & £139.69. 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 15TH MARCH 2020: 9.00am:** Jackie Sanders.
10.30am: Josephine Coker & Regina Ehioghae. **6.30pm:** Babatunde Sotonwa & Dian Connor
❖ **LAST WEEK MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 9.00AM = 115. 10.30AM = 130, 2.00pm = 40 and 6.30pm = 42

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