

No Guns No Knives




Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

NOTICE BOARD**MIGRANT WORKERS’
MASS**

You are all invited to attend the Annual Migrant Workers’ Mass in Westminster Cathedral on 7th May at 11.00 am.

**Uganda Martyrs
Day
3rd June 2012
at 3 pm.**



UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship

BIRTHDAYS**OLIVIA MUKIIBI**

(3RD April)

PASCHAL F. KYAZZE

(6TH April)

Long live to you all. Be blessed!

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY
FOR ALL THE SICK
MEMBERS OF OUR
COMMUNITY.**

Lord, touch and heal them

CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE**SERVE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Dear Brethren,

I have been reading the latest issue of TIME magazine for the week ending 30th April 2012 which focuses on the “The 100 Most Influential People in the World” this year. The list includes leaders, icons, pioneers, moguls in various areas of the arts, economics, investment, education, politics, etc. The Time editor, Richard Stengel, notes that, “in all kinds of ways, our honorees are making an enduring impact around the globe. We look for the antidote to this: how individuals can start a chain reaction of virtue, shaping events in ways that can become both viral and enduring.”

As I read about those 100 named people, I kept asking myself: Is there no Ugandan who can be rightly included in the list? Don’t we have anybody in Uganda influential enough to hit the headlines as a pioneer, an icon, a leader, an economist, a musician, etc. as to spark off a positive chain reaction? Why is that we have yet again hit the headlines negatively through the controversial **KONY2012** Youtube film by the Invisible Children? Can’t something good come from Uganda? Well, we have the Uganda Martyrs whom we are very proud of! But was that the end of the story? I am hopeful this is not the case.

I know there many Ugandans back home and scattered all over the world doing many great things. But we need to be internationally recognised as change setters and positive catalysts for the benefit of our country, the continent and the world at large. I am aware that there many of us doing our very best, each in their own way(s) – big, medium and small – to make a positive

difference. However, we need to do a lot more to reach the international heights. The challenge is indeed before us.

We are all called to serve and make difference in the service of God and neighbour just like Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This clearly makes specific demands on us - our life, energy, time, money, skills and talents as well as commitment. This is what the Good Shepherd does: “one who lays down his own life for his sheep” (*John 10:11*) and has concern for the sheep (*John 10:13*).

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate **Vocations Sunday** to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Church ministry is a life commitment more than a job. We need more people to come forward for the service of the Church as ministers of the word and sacraments. We need more men and women to be involved in the Church and be agents of change.

May I call upon parents to encourage your children to learn the family, church and society as well as cultural values to help shape their future in preparation for dedicated service to whatever calling God has in plan for them. May we, as a community, be there for our young people to provide positive role models and guides in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

Fr. Gerard Balinnya

UMCC Chaplain

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Welcome to the Community Day April 2010 and I hope you all had a fulfilling Lent and Easter period. In all our continued struggle to achieve success, we are reminded that when we embrace Christ in our journey, we are guaranteed to achieve all that we've set our minds to.

Last Saturday, some of us were privileged to attend a workshop on Immigration which was facilitated by CitizenUK. This is an organisation of different communities in the United Kingdom which strives to work for the common good. The workshop aimed at giving an insight into the basic rights of individuals in relation to immigration, and what to look for when engaging an Immigration Adviser or solicitor. It explored the hallmarks of good and bad immigration advise, and what to do if one felt let down by an adviser. Many of the attendees also benefited from a free confidential consultation with an Immigration Advisor, with an opportunity offered for help with their application. In general participants felt that it was time well spent.

As were going to press, we received news of the murder of Victoria Ajulu (R.I.P). On Monday 23 April 2012, Victoria was shot in her own house in Uganda, in front of her two children. She lived in Gulu, near Lacor Hospital. She was the sister of Santos Mondo, one of our brethren in the Jildo Irwa and Daudi Okello Community in Dalston. Santos has been at many of our community events. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this trying time.

I have always reminded you, I urge you my fellow citizens to fully embrace the forthcoming May general elections in the United Kingdoms. As responsible residents of these islands, it is your duty to participate fully in the political processes. Do not pass the decision making of yours and your children's future to someone else. It has sometimes been argued that religion does not mix with politics. However it is a known fact that we are made of both body and soul, and what affects the body, also affects

the soul, and vice versa. So by participating in the process of the body, will also affect the state and wellbeing of your soul. Remember that there are a lot of people the world over, who can only dream of ever participating in such processes, and can guarantee no fear of intimidation or corruption.

I would also like to remind some of you who requested details on how to donate funds to your community. You can do this by sending money directly to the following bank account:

Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community
Natwest Bank
133 High Street,
IG8 2 BU, Essex, Ilford,
Barkingside Branch
Account 53015991
Sort code 60-01-38

God bless you all.

Robert Mukiibi

Chairman - UMCC

Uganda Martyrs' Day
Festivity in the Catholic Social Institute,
Bad Honnef, Germany—Sunday, 3 June 2012
9.30 Holy Mass

Celebrants: The Rt. Rev. Bp. Joseph Antony Zziwa

Father Dr. Charles Lwanga

Father John Paul Jjumba

Musical Guidance: Father Thomas Barungi

11.15 Forum 3

- **Welcome by the Director of the Catholic Social Institute**
 (Prof. Dr. Ralph Bergold)

- **Address by the Bishop of Kiyinda Mityana Diocese**

The Rt. Rev. Bp. Joseph Antony Zziwa

- **Message from his Eminence the Archbishop of**

Cologne Joachim Cardinal Meisner

- **Address by his Excellency the Ambassador of Uganda**

Mr. Francis Butagira

- **Traditional Music from Uganda**

Speech of the Day

The Martyrs of Uganda and their Meaning for Pedagogics in Uganda (Father Dr. Charles Lwanga)

- **Final Musical Contribution**

13.30 Lunch

YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS—2012

Youth Leadership In The Community

UMCC Youth Day was held on Sunday 25th March from 3pm to 10pm, at St. Gabriel's Church, Archway for an afternoon Holy Mass and thereafter a get together dinner at St Gabriel's Community Centre. The event was a relaxed, participatory gathering with a few presentations organised both on the day and beforehand, with a strong focus on "youth leadership in the community." The event saw more than 100 attendees.

There were several objectives the event aimed to fulfil, some of which were realised fully, and some only partially.

Objectives

- Bring together young people to know one another and share their experiences of life.
- Create a forum in which young people can share their ideas about development.
- Build strong relations between young people.
- Identify small-scale actions for individuals and groups to take up once they go home.

Presentations

There was an hour's presentation by Ms Imogen Moore from Citizens UK, who addressed us about "YOUNG DIASPORA LEADERS" an introduction for our youth to Citizens UK. The turn up and involvement by the youth attendees throughout the entire session was impressive. She gave us quite an insight of how we the youth can get involved in our communities despite being in diaspora and overcoming all other 'limiting' factors and barriers and prejudices. Fortunately we are planning another session with Ms Imogen scheduled for 26th May 2012 as a continuation to the above topic. We hope that more youth will get involved and take up this opportunity to learn about their importance and how they can make a positive impact to their communities.

We also presented certificates to some of our youth for their outstanding achievements and continuous selfless contribution to the UMCC. Some of the categories recognised were; academic excellence, discipline, extra co-curricular activities, volunteering etc.



We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this day a positive experience. The youth team appreciate all your contribution and support and ask you to keep up that great spirit.

Joseph Kikomeko

Cathy Nnalyima



VETERAN COUPLE RECEIVE PAPAL BLESSING

As a follow up on their Golden Wedding Jubilee marked at the end of last year, our veteran couple, Mr. and Mrs. Nsereko received a Papal Blessing. Fr. Gerard Balinnya presented it to them during the Mass and it was such a memorable occasion.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr. Bukenya	Kizito	Mrs.	Edna Bukenya	4/04/1993 = 19 years
Mr. Sekisonge	Godfrey	Mrs.	Irene Ssekisonge	24/04/2004 = 8 years
Mr. Kisaala	Charles Lwanga	Mrs.	Olivia Kisaala	01/04/2007 = 5 years
Mr. Ssali	Gerald	Mrs.	Grace Kalema Ssali	17/04/2010 = 2 years

Many congratulations to our couples!

We wish them many more happy years together in love!

AD MEMORIAM AND OBITUARY

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

TEDDY KANYERE (d. 11.3. 2011)



Mrs Scholastica Nnakyajja and family prayerfully remember **JAMES YIGA** of Buyoga, Masaka who passed away on **13. 2. 2012**.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.