

NOTICE BOARD

*WOMEN'S DAY 2011

27th March 2011

Mother's Day—coming soon when we can all pay tribute to special people.

*EASTER 2011:

UMCC celebrates Easter and Youth Day 24th April 2011

***Mass for Migrant Workers** in London on **2nd May** at St. George Cathedral, Southwark, Lambeth Road SE1 7HY at **11 am**.

***Coach Trip to St. Rita Shrine in Devon on 22nd May at £26.**
Contact Fr. Gerard Balinnya (asap).



UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship

BIRTHDAYS:

Flavia Namakula Kibuuka
29/03

Christopher Ssimwogerere
21/03

Wedding Anniversaries

Ssimwogerere Christopher
and Nnamugerwa Agnes
09/03/1991

Mutyaba John and
Namaganda Kibuuka Juliet
24/03/1979

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Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

THIRSTY FOR GOD

Dear Brethren in the Lord, we are celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Lent and liturgy of the word invites us to develop a thirst for God. Physiological thirst is a signal to a need for water and fluids in the body. The Israelites were thirsty in the desert, as they fled Egypt, and complained to Moses why he had led them to such conditions. Spiritual thirst, on the other hand, is a longing for God. Many people today are tormented and thirsty for meaning in life, a reason to live, moral direction, an answer to suffering and evil in the world, for peace of mind. The Samaritan woman at the well was thirsty and was lucky to encounter Jesus. He was there to quench her thirst for understanding, her need for forgiveness, her desire for stability in relationship, her instruction in true worship. What a friend she found in Jesus.

Baptism is the gateway to spiritual springs of living water, the Christ. The sacraments keep nourishing and sustaining us on the journey of faith. Lent is an ideal time for us to yearn for things of the spirit. It is a time to join the psalmist and say: "My soul is thirsty for the Lord: when shall I see him face to face? Like the deer that yearn for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God." **Psalm 42:1-2**

Let us make every effort during this season of renewal to rediscover our need for God. One of the reasons why there is turmoil in the world is because many have lost sight of God. Many are deceived, believing that science will answer every mystery. Yet, looking around us it is evident that ***we are all thirsty for something*** despite the scientific advancement made so far. There are so many deep seated longings in our lives. We need to find solace in the Master, the friend of sinners, the Saviour. Prayer is the encounter between us and Jesus who seeks to quench our thirst. He is waiting at the well: the Mass, the Word of God, the Sacraments, the silence before the Blessed Sacrament, the Way of the Cross, etc..., to meet us, listen to our hurts and answer our needs. Let's come as we are; bringing our empty buckets and let him fill them up with graces.

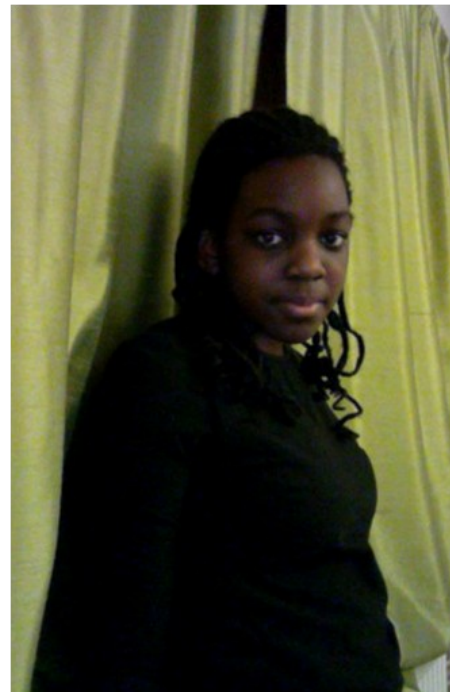
Please keep praying for peace in the world, peace in our country. Have a fruitful Lenten Season.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

UMCC Chaplain

"In Faith We Grow"

STAR REPORTER



In her own words, Olivia brings us another exclusive.

On Friday 18th March 2011 I joined the Cheerleading Festival which is called the Community Dance Program. It was at Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware SG12 0UQ. It was me and the St. Mary's cheerleading team and also ten other schools in the competition. All the money we raised went to the Saracens Sport Foundation. We didn't get through to the finals but I really enjoyed participating in the competition and I would like to do it again when I get the chance to. I would like to thank my cheerleading coach for all the work and support she gave us, the St. Mary's cheerleading team for all their work, effort and all they could achieve for us. And I also like to say thank you to my family and friends for all their support.

Reported by Olivia Mukiibi



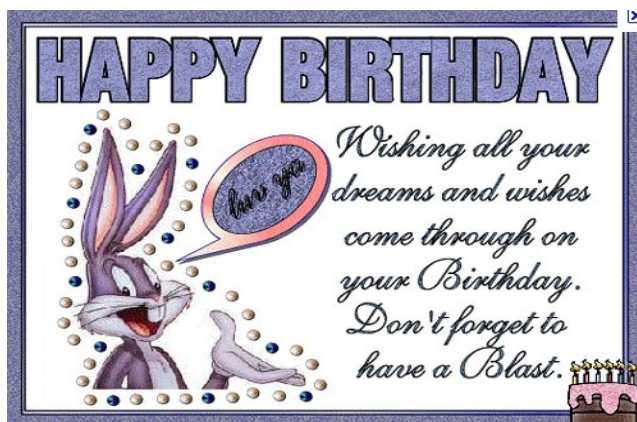
Chairman's Message - March 2011

FATHER GERARD'S BIRTHDAY



Father **Balinnya** and Chaplain of the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community along with **Edita** were treated to a surprise Birthday Celebration on the Community's Day in February.

Community days are also open to special personal occasions from members of the community or guests. In the case of guests, they need to contact the community Executive well in advance to make arrangements and ensure that the special day runs smoothly.



OBITUARY



Mable Muleera
Nnazziwa (RIP)
[c.1973 – 2011]

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to our March 2010 Community Day celebration of the Liturgy, and welcome too to those of our brethren for whom this is the first day of attending. For the first time in a long memory, next month – **April 2011**, we will celebrate our Community Day on **Easter Sunday**. That celebration will also coincide with the **Youth Day**, and the UMCC is working towards getting a full programme for that day.

Today also gets us to the quarter point of 2011. This point is also a good moment to review our new year's resolutions, and to also take stock of our progress towards achieving these. The UMCC is here to support and help all those that may sometimes feel overwhelmed by what life throws at us. Please make contact with any members of the executive, through the UMCC phone or e-mail contact below.

I therefore urge all of you who took the first step to try to make differences in their lives in 2011, to take courage and really have a go at making a start at those resolutions. Each small step you take will be multiplied several times over, and always remember that it is taking that first step that makes all the difference.

This month also we are pleased to present our budget for the forthcoming visit of the Chief Celebrant who will officiate at our Uganda Martyrs' Day Celebrations on **26th June 2011**. In the past, you our members have been very generous in your support towards this cause. I am therefore in no doubt, that this time you will again rise to the challenge, and enable this to happen. Although we only have two months to raise the required funds, I trust that with the grace of God and through the intercession of Uganda Martyrs, and your continued support, we will be able to pull through with this challenge.

Also, a fortnight ago, we heard of the sad passing of our member **Teddy Kanye** of Dulwich, after a long illness. Early this month also, **Mable Muleera Nnazziwa** of Bruce Grove Tottenham passed away in her sleep. The remains of both deceased were repatriated to Uganda to their final resting places. This month also is the 2nd anniversary of the late Mrs Ssali, the mother of Mrs. Margaret Hawkins who is one of the trustees for our community. Our prayers are also with all those who mourn the passing of any loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support of our community.

May God bless you all.

Robert Mukibi

Chairman UMCC 2010 – 2011.