

No Guns No Knives

It's a beautiful thing



NOTICE BOARD

Thanks to members who attended the Migrant Workers Mass on 2nd May 2011 at Southwark Cathedral.

Uganda Martyrs Day 26th June 2011



UMCC advocates Love, Peace and Friendship

BIRTHDAYS:

Mr. Kizito Bukenya, 18th May

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr. Tony and Mrs. Mukiibi - (10yrs)

Mr. & Mrs. Elias Ssentongo - (28yrs)

OBITUARY

The family of Agatha Nnakkazi and Paul Ssempijja of Enfield wish to express their gratitude to all who supported them during their time of grief at the passing of Allen Grace Nnamukasa.

Dob 12/11/1969

Dod 01/05/2011



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

FLY ON WINGS OF HOPE

Dear Brethren,

There are mixed feelings about making a last will. For some, they see it as way of making a last statement in life so that people follow their personal wishes after their departure. Others see it as something so scaring thinking that it would bring their death closer! Others do not care at all whatever happens after their death! So they do not bother making a last will.

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes a last will. He knows he will be leaving the disciples and go back to the Father. It is a moment to reassure his friends that he would not leave them as orphans but would ask his Father to give them another Advocate, the Spirit of truth who would be with them for ever. This was a message of hope and comfort for the disciples.

We live and thrive on hope. There are so many people going around with messages of doom and gloom about the end of the world. Some students were telling me that 21st May would be the end of the world! Others say it will be 2012. There have been such messages before. What we need is hope and faith in the Risen Lord. No one knows the exact time of the end of the world. We are only expected to keep the commandments, lead lives of faith and integrity and hope for eternity. This is the very reason why Jesus asked the disciples to keep the commandments if they had loved him. That's the only condition required of a believer. Then, fly on the wings of hope and leave the rest to the Almighty without making any misleading or scaring speculations about the future. Fear is not from God!

There is a story about an angel who was walking downtown with a burning torch and a bucket of water. Then someone asked him what he was going to do with the torch and the bucket. The angel replied: "With the torch I am going to burn down the mansions of heaven. With the water I am going to put out the fires of hell. Then I will find out who truly loves God."

Now is the time to renew our faith in, and love of, God. We need to put our hope and trust in

Chairman's Message - May 2011

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Welcome to the Community Day May 2011. It is my hope that you are making the most of the summer.

Last month we celebrated Easter and a wonderful Youth Day together. I hope you will all join me in thanking the youth for such a great display of talent which we all witnessed. It was indeed heart lifting to witness such extensive talent amongst our own. It is a challenge to our community to continue nurturing this very important part of our congregation, especially by instilling the confidence and a "can do" attitude amongst our young.

No doubt you will all be aware of the key projects that we are involved in, most notably the preparations for the Uganda Martyrs Day on 26 June 2011. I humbly pray that all of us pull together to give this day a fitting request that you help generously in these two causes. You will note that we have less than five weeks to deliver on this project.

On the general front, the UMCC is still seeking guest speakers to make presentations at our community day functions. This is particularly aimed at benefiting us all, as it is a very good way of sharing ideas, and most probably, introducing new ways of looking at the world around us. I would therefore like to encourage and invite any member within our community, who may have a contribution to make, in form of a presentation as a guest speaker, to approach the Executive Committee. Indeed if you know anyone who could deliver a presentation to our community, please ask this person to contact us too.

Last but not least, we mourn the passing of some of our own brethren. This month we especially remember Grace Allen Namukasa (RIP) a sister to Agatha Ssempijja-Mwebe. She passed away on 1 May 2011 and was laid to rest in Buyege – Mpigi District. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Grace at this very trying time. May Grace and all those faithfully departed Rest in the Peace of Christ.

God bless you all.

Robert Mukiibi Chairman - UMCC

YOUTH DAY – APRIL 2011



Easter coincided with the UMCC Youth Day celebration this year! It was enjoyed by all from the toddlers to the parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that helped and contributed to the day and not forgetting the guests as without you we would not have had anyone to entertain.

The evening was a chance for everyone to see the different types of talent that we have among our youth. They set the gold standard for a whole host of new and better goals, aspirations and ambitions for the future to come.



We have a lot to thank our parents for. On that evening I spoke to a lot of our youth in preparation for their GCSE's, "A"

Levels and University exams with so many aspirations ahead of them. Children of today we have to remember where we have come from, flourish in the knowledge of our rich Ugandan cultures and love to treasure it as it is one of the reasons we get the chance to come together to celebrate at the end of every month.

I would like to take the chance to thank the following people who made sure the night was a success.

Opening Ugandan Anthem – Ann Nabatanzi

The Crystals - Belinda Nannyimba, Topista Nakitende, Flavia Kibuuka, Cindy Mukiibi, Clare Mukiibi, Edita Nabugho, Mega Lule and Olivia Mukiibi

Body Popping group – Charles Kibuuka, Vianney Kibuuka and Liam Mugwanya

But the main event, the one that had the flashbulbs and the crowd popping and jumping out their seats at a frenzied rate, was the moment we had the fabulous, Charles, Vianney and Liam show their body popping techniques. And a note to the grown ups, this is now a challenge we set for you, to try and match our moves!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I call upon all the youth of the church to keep supporting your community and help the growth of our aspirations as you are the future.



Disco Jockey – Edwin Ssekabira

Photographer – Louis Ssekabira

Solo – Georgina Ssenyonjo



Kiganda Dance – Belinda Nanyimba, Topista Nakitende, Flavia Kibuuka, Cindy Mukiibi, Clare Mukiibi, Edita Nabugho and Mega

Church Drama – Teddy Mikiibi, Francis Mukiibi, Olivia Mukiibi, Priscilla Mukiibi and Fr Gerard Balinnya.

Kind regards - *Catherine Naluyima*



POPE BENEDICT BEATIFIES THE LATE POPE JOHN PAUL II



The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI beatified the late Pope John Paul, a major step closer to sainthood on Sunday, 1st May 2011 at a

joyous ceremony that drew more than 1.5 million people, "John Paul II is blessed because of his faith -- a strong, generous and apostolic faith," Pope Benedict XVI said.

"I would like to thank God for the gift of having worked for many years with Blessed Pope John Paul II," he said.



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the Risen Lord. We have to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who guides us and leads us to the Father. As we prepare for the Ascension and Pentecost we pray that we may be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us on our faith journey, full of hope.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, Lord, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen."

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

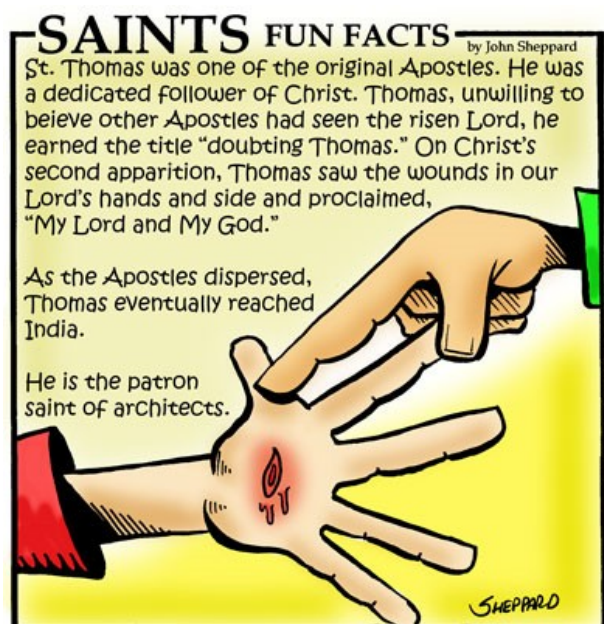
UMCC Chaplain

Catch up with Father Balinnya on fundraising for Katende Parish Fathers' Residence restoration.

Uganda to change visa requirements from June 2011



The East African country of Uganda has changed its entry requirement regarding the passport validity. With effect from June 2011 passports must be valid for at least one year from the proposed date of entry. Single entry visa are valid for three months from the date of issue and cost eg £25 (£65 for six-month multiple entry visa) for UK nationals (in the UK) or US\$50 when purchased at the point of entry in Uganda.



Special Day in Honour of the Martyrs of Uganda

Festivity in the Catholic Social Institute, Bad Honnef, Germany—Friday, 3 June 2011

10.00 Holy Mass

Celebrants: Dompropst Dr. Norbert Feldhoff and Father John Paul Jjumba

Assistance: Deacon Hans Gerd Grevelding
Musical Guidance: Father Thomas Barungi

11.00 Forum 1

Presentation of Projects

Welcome by Director of the Catholic Social Institute
Prof. Dr. Ralph Bergold

11.15 Traditional Music from Uganda

Speech of the day—The Martyrs of Uganda and their Relation to the Archdiocese of Cologne
Deacon Hans Gerd Grevelding,
President of CV Afrika Hilfe e.V.

12.00 Intermezzo

12.15 How they celebrate the day of the Martyrs in Uganda

Video film by Father John Paul Jjumba

12.45 Final musical contribution

13.00 Lunch

MODERN DAY FALSE PROPHET COMES UNSTUCK



This man, Mr. Harold Camping and his followers in Christian falsehood spent

colossal sums of money to deceitfully mislead the world. Posters hanging in

cities around the world, including London, United Kingdom and Kampala, Uganda claiming 21 May 2011 was judgment day (end of the world). He has now changed to the 21 October 2011, third time lie. On 24th May 2011 he claimed to have been wrong!



Sacramental Life and St. Rita Pilgrimage

Congratulations to



Charles Lubega Kibuuka

who received his **First Holy Communion** on Sat. 21st May at St. Joseph's Church, Leyton.

Priscilla Luzinda also had a similar celebration on 14th May at Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate Church, Mill Hill.

May the Lord keep nourishing you with the Bread of Life.



UMCC members went on pilgrimage to Honiton, Devon to celebrate feast of St. Rita on 22nd May. It was an inspiring occasion, full of blessings and adventure!

US FIRST FAMILY BRING A WARM MESSAGE TO UK



During the current tough economic times, the US President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama

brought some cheer to the United Kingdom.

As Ugandans the US First family are a source of inspiration we can all draw from especially in these trying times. They epitomize the symbol of the new and fresh world that we live in today. They are also proof that no challenge is insurmountable

Katende Parish Appeal Fund

Katende Parish, Mpigi, Uganda

Katende Parish Father's residence restoration

Residence Restoration Appeal

Mob: 07946256363

SC: 204761,

A/c Nr: 40025402

Bank: Barclays.

Acct: Balinnya

Ref: Appeal



COMING EVENTS:

- PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM—

11th September 2011.

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- AFRICAN CATHOLIC MISSION IN BRITAIN—

18th September 2011

Celebrating Mass at St. George's Church, Shernhall Street, E17 Walthamstow at 3 pm.

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Uganda Martyrs' Day

26th June, 2011
3.00pm



Effective Community work is challenging and demanding. But it can also lead to even greater opportunities and challenges!