

BAFUMBO DAY

Our annual Married Couples' Day will be celebrated on **27th January, 2013**. Please plan accordingly for this hugely big event in our Community.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to all!

Violet Atwoki (3rd Nov)
Josephine B. Zziwa (6th)
John Hategeka (7th Nov)
Jonathan S. Muyimba (18th)
Robert Ssebagala (25th)
Jane Tamale (30th)
Winnie Nantege
Joseph B. Kibuuka
Angela Lwanga



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Peace and Friendship*

MASS INTENTIONS

Mrs Viola Hategeka offers a Mass intention for her husband John Hategeka on his birthday and for the repose of soul of her brother Bob Bemba Kalema who died on 1.12.2008.

Ms Maria Ddungu prays for the late Bishop A.K.

UGACOX

Ugandans in Oxford Community members will celebrate an Intercultural Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Blackbirdleys, OX4 6AG on Sunday 9th December 2012 at 4.00pm. You are all welcome. Call 07932 463 928



"In Faith We Grow"

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**CHRIST THE KING****"BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH"**

Dear Brethren,

Today is the solemnity of Christ the King, Lord of Lords, the Alpha and Omega. When Pilate asked him whether he was a king, Jesus replied: ***"Yes, I am a King. ...I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."*** Truth in general is conformity between thought and thing. Outside it is error, falsity, lies. But Christ is now referring to the eternal reality of God, the Absolute, divine truth. He judges us depending on our response to his testimony about divine truth revealed to us in his word.

As Christians we are invited to follow our King by embracing the gospel values of justice, love and honesty so as to be on the side of truth. But the truth is often distorted, twisted, compromised or suffocated and buried in our dealings! Truth suffers in our practise of faith and religion. Truth is at stake in social, moral, economic and political aspects! So Christ is calling us to accept him as our King by listening to his voice in order to bear witness to the truth.

Next Sunday we shall start ***Advent*** in preparation for the birth of the Christ Child whose coming ushers in a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, a reign of justice, peace and love. Christ seeks to reign in our hearts. Let us welcome him as our King, accept his message and bear witness to his truth.

I wish you a Christ-filled Christmas and blessed New Year 2013.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya (UMCC Chaplain)

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our November 2012 Community Day Celebrations. There has been a lot of activity amongst our community during September and October. Now work has begun to formally engage with the Citizens UK, which aims at giving a voice to / and working for the common good of small communities like the UMCC. Thus, we have been invited for the Diaspora Peoples' Assembly in Victoria, London on Wednesday November 28th at 6 pm.

The Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community will continually pursue the agenda of improvement and development both for our individual members and for the community as a whole. Specifically we shall pursue our Ten Point Strategy to push forward the growth agenda, work with other Ugandan and African Communities and forge bonds with other individuals and organizations to improve our members' access to services and events of interest and mutual benefit.

To this end, the UMCC continually strives to tap into the immense talent of its members. The Executive therefore persistently encourages everyone with a skill to share, to approach us and offer those skills for the good of our community and beyond. We will endeavour to accommodate your particular skillset.

I wish to remind all those married couples who have not yet paid their annual Bafumbo subscriptions for 2012 / 2013, to do so before our 27th January 2013 Bafumbo Day celebration. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season 2012, and a happy 2013.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

We welcome into the church community our newly baptized children **Evelyn Joyce Nnampijja** of Enfield and **Joan Muyimba Nnakamwaga** of Barking. We pray for them to grow in faith and their families to support them in their spiritual development.

**GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to **Felista Kibuuka** who graduated in Public Relations and Events Management (Chester University) and **Josephine Kibuuka** (Graphic Design—Buckinghamshire University).

The family of Mr. & Mrs. J. Majwala thank God for blessing their daughters and extend their sincere thanks to all friends and family who joined them on 10th November to celebrate their achievement.



Congratulations also to **Regina Luyinda** who recently graduated as a Chartered Accountant! Bravo!!!

FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

We pray for all the members of our community, especially **Joseph Kibuuka** and **Joseph Muwonge**, who are unwell but on the mend. May the Lord of life touch and heal them.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (NOVEMBER)

Congratulations to our couples who celebrate their marriage anniversaries !!

Mr. Clement and Mrs Caroline Magoba—27.Nov. 2004 (8years)

Mr. Emmanuel & Mrs Sylvia Sseeguya—8 Nov. 2008 (4 years)

PRAYERS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to prayer for all the souls in purgatory, that is, *a state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification (purged) to enter into the happiness of heaven.* We have all been touched by death. We offer today's sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of all these souls. We remember especially those who have passed away recently and we extend our condolences to the bereaved.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*