

No Guns No Knives



NOTICE BOARD

BAFUMBO DAY
Our annual Married Couples' Day 2011 will be celebrated on 29th January, 2012. Please plan accordingly for this hugely big event in our Community.



UMCC advocates Love, Peace and Friendship

BIRTHDAYS:

Josephine B. Zziwa (6th)
Jonathan S. Muyimba (18th)
Robert Ssebaggala (25th)
Jane Tamale (30th Nov)

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr & Mrs Clement and Caroline Magoba 24.11.04 (7 yrs)

Mr. & Mrs Emmanuel and Sylvia Sseeguya 8.11.08 (3 yrs)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Musoke Buwule (35yrs)
Mr & Mrs Andrew Lubega (20yrs)
Mr & Mrs Robert Mukiibi (18yrs)
Mr & Mrs C. Hawkins (10 yrs)
Mr & Mrs J.B. Kibuuka (3yrs)
Mr & Mrs G. Kitayimbwa (3yrs)
Mr & Mrs J. Hategeka (3yrs)
Mr & Mrs Matia Bemba (3yrs)

Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

REMEMBER AND WAIT IN HOPE

Dear Brethren,

Every year in November we mark the annual event of the truce as the guns fell silent at the eleventh hour on 11.11.1918 to signal the end of World War I. This year the event was exceptional as it fell on 11.11.2011. We shall not witness this combination again in our time!

In the Church, November is dedicated to remember and pray for the souls in purgatory. In Luganda we say, "*Atamanyi mpewo y'emagombe; y'amma omufu olubugo.*" If you are not familiar with the cold in the tomb then you could ignore the dead person's need for a barkcloth (to keep him/her warm); but if you know how cold it is down there, then you automatically oblige. So, as believers, we are obliged to offer our prayers for the souls in purgatory for the remission of their sins.

There are so many to remember this month. The obituary sadly tells it all! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members who have lost their loved ones! May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in eternal peace.

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent as we prepare and wait in joyful hope for the birth of the Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. We are called upon to be watchful, sober, steady and vigilant so that Christ's Second Coming does not take us unawares! We better be on our guard, staying awake on watching our lifestyles so that we remain in conformity to the demands of the Gospel. 'Stay awake!' (Mark 13:37).

Have a fruitful Advent Season as we await the birth of the Christ Child.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

UMCC Chaplain

27 NOVEMBER 2011

"In Faith We Grow"

ADVENT WAITING IN BLESSED HOPE



The 4 Candles —

Remind us of time the people of God spent waiting for Saviour to defeat darkness, evil, sin, death. People sat in shadow of darkness and sin waiting for the Messiah, Christ the Light of the world. Jews waited for 4000 years, hence 4 weeks of Advent.

Candle 1: Promise of God to save the people

Candle 2: Prophets prepared people to receive the Messiah

Candle 3: John the Baptist: - most important prophet just before Christ. He preached repentance + forgiveness of sin; "Prepare the way.."

Candle 4: Mary ...gave birth to Saviour, Christ the Light of the world

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fr. Yozefu Balikuddembe Ssemakula based in Florida, USA, will be coming to visit us from mid- December to 17th January 2012. He will be available to help guide us how to pray effectively as individuals and as family communities. He has helped many believers tap the Lord's blessings!

If you need an in-depth session with him, please contact the chairperson, Mr. Robert Mukiibi for more details.

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Community Day Celebrations for November 2011, the last celebration for this calendar year; which has seen a lot of activity amongst our community, notably amongst the Executive Team. They, on your behalf are working tirelessly behind the scenes in trying to advance your community. They without a doubt need your support and above all your prayers to fulfil this noble mission.

Although November brings us to the last community day celebration, this however does not mean the UMCC gets a break. On the contrary, a lot of work continues behind the scenes. I think it would be fitting to use this opportunity to bring you all up to speed on some of these activities.

1. Work on inviting a United Kingdom –based Bishop as the main celebrant to our Uganda Martyrs' Day celebrations in June 2012.
2. Further developing our Ten Point Strategy to website and electronic communications following a long period when these facilities were inaccessible.
3. Developing our financial strategy in order to get our finances into a better shape.
4. Working with other Ugandan and African Communities to improve our community's relationships within these communities.
5. Continuation of the process of forging bonds with individuals and other organisations to improve our members' access to services and events of mutual importance.

The Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community will continually pursue the agenda of improvement and development both from the individual member to the general community as a whole.

I therefore encourage everyone with a skill to share to approach me or any other member of the UMCC Executive Team to arrange time for a presentation.

Most of you will be aware that recently, some of our members have lost their loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers will continually be with them in this trying period. November being the customary month for the holy souls, we are asked to keep these in our minds and pray for their repose.

Last but not least, I wish to remind those married couples who have not yet paid their annual Bafumbo subscriptions for 2011 / 2012, to do so before our January 2012 Bafumbo Day. This is to enable preparations for our event to be held on Sunday 29 January 2012, without having to dig into the meagre UMCC funds.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and festive season 2011, and a happy 2012.

God bless you.

Robert Mukibi

UMCC Chairman – 2011 / 2012

YOUTHSPEAK AT 'MARIA'S MASK'

To all those at UMCC,

Just wanted to say that on 8th/9th October 2011, my performing arts school "The Vallè Academy Of performing Arts", were performing a show called Maria's Mask.



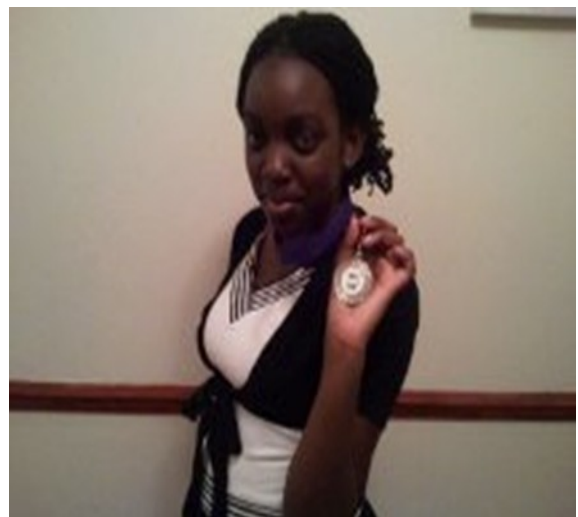
The show was fantastic, it was my first show and I enjoyed it a lot. I played a potential investor called Mary. And my role is to try and convince people to pay to come to the show called "The Golden Mask" with four other investors. We all got a medal as a thank you for participating the show. I loved the Characters, costumes, music, dances and everything else. I was also nominated for a singing award.

Everything was fantastic but some of my friends were leaving the class. I just want to thank Corrine for organising the play, Mandie for all the singing lessons, Haydn for the dance lessons and also the chaperons for all their help and support. If it weren't for you this wouldn't have been a fantastic show. I also wanted to encourage other children/adults to write articles about things they would like to share. If you have anything email it to Fr. Gerald and he will add it to the news letters.



Olivia Mukiibi

Olivia Mukiibi (daughter of chairman)



Mr. Francis Muliika Matovu has just been to the Holy Land on Pilgrimage and shares with us...

Our Lord's human footsteps in the Holy Land!

As the divinity jigsaw of our Lord was resolved in the incarnation, it's a privilege to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to recharge one's soul batteries for the purpose of this life especially in these secular times, when every creation under the sun is under evil threats and its snares!

Led by His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols, this well organised journey wasn't only special but also an eye opener in many aspects of the mystery of our faith including our baptismal roots. One of my highlights was how the Catholic Church's consistency in the traditions of the early Fathers' teaching is very much essential to our faith. There's a lot you can miss out without it, and it reaffirms St. John's remark that not every sign that Jesus did was recorded in the Bible (John 20:30).

Walking in this earthly Jerusalem through Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Dead Sea, River Jordan, sailing on the sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel and others, is not only moving but also challenging to unconditionally surrender one's comfort zone lifestyle to God's will.

I wish to encourage any one who can afford a holiday abroad to sacrifice and make this journey, and also to pray the Holy Rosary regularly, visiting these holy places and getting devoted to this great prayer of blessed Virgin Mary with its mysteries, can greatly help us to penetrate the mystery of the incarnation and her role in our salvation!

Lastly, a piece of advice to whoever may intend to make this pilgrimage to always make sure he/she visit and stay in Bethlehem for the support of the suffering Christians in that region.

I thank you for allowing me to share my joy and experience from the Holy Land and pray that the response may give glory to God!

For more details you can visit

www.RCDOW.ORG.UK/HOLYLANDBLOG

Francis Muliika Matovu

OBITUARY

Olivia Norah Nnamakula of Mill Hill lost her beloved father **George Sserunjogi** who died on 5th November!

1931
R.I.P
5.11.2011



MR. GEORGE SSERUNJOGI, 80

Sorely missed by Olivia, Claudia, Claude and family!

Mrs Magdalene Musajjakaawa and Bishop J.B. Kaggwa lost their mother Mrs **Felista Ssentamu** on 27th October!

Sarah Kwagala of Waterloo Community lost her child **Kieran Kutendwa** aged 8!

James Kabonge of Washington D.C., Maryland (USA) died 24th October!

Evelyn Nakato Goowa of Waterloo Community died 14th October!

Nabira Nanfuka, 22, died in a stampede accident earlier in October and buried late October.

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Lord, I ask your blessing and your favour on all those I hold dear who have left this life. Lord, through your death and resurrection bless all my loved ones departed. Please, forgive them their sins. I commend them to you, and ask you to bless them with the gift of eternal life. May they pass through the sleep of death into your kingdom of glory.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.