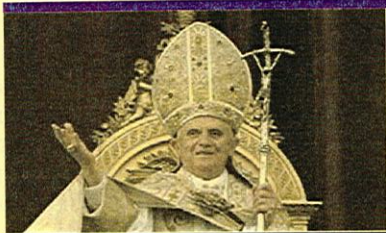


Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

UK AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



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Pope Benedict XVI's Message for Lent 2012. P2



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

THE TIME HAS COME!

Dear Brethren in the Lord,

Time is really moving on fast forward. Only two months ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus, God made man, who came to save us, Emmanuel who is with us! Now Lent has already kicked off as we prepare for the glorious Resurrection of our Lord celebrated on Easter Sunday, due 8th April! Yes, "the time has come", as we hear in today's gospel with Jesus proclaiming, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand." The time has come to "repent, and believe the Good News" (**Mark 1:15**).

The time has come to slow down and take stock of our lives. The time has come to make amends and the necessary adjustments so as to improve our relationship with God and each other. The time has come to think of how we can spend more time with God in prayer and reflection as we seek a closer, deeper, personal relationship with God.

The time has come to deal with the "beasts" of anger, resentment, bitterness, hostility, corruption, lies, greed, selfishness, waywardness, laziness, bad-mouthing, backbiting, backstabbing, envy, arrogance, cutting corners and you name it! The time has come to renew our baptismal promises and develop a "good conscience toward God" as St. Peter appeals to us today (**1Peter 3:21**).

The time has come to **FAST**, that is, to be more friendly and focused, abstain from self-indulgence and act responsibly, serve and smile, trust God and be true to ourselves. Fast!

The time has come to face the realities of life and come back to our senses. The time has come to restore justice and work for a more humane and peaceful society. The time has come to be more concerned for each other as well as show more respect. I encourage you to read the abridged message of Pope Benedict XVI for Lent: **"Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works"(Heb 10:24)**

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Lenten Season!

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya
UMCC Chaplain.

Editorial

Christians and Charitable Attitudes

Christian attitudes towards Charity can be traced directly to the teachings of Jesus. Many of his sayings and teachings emphasized the role of caring for the poor in the Kingdom of God. From the most widely used Gospel of early Christianity:

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:35-40.

The point here is clear, and powerful. You express love for God by expressing love for the poor and disadvantaged.

There are many other Christian verses in which Jesus expresses God's love and compassion for the poor, such as Matthew 19:21 ("If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."). It is well known that the Gospel of Luke in particular emphasizes compassion for the poor, such as in Luke 14:13-14 ("But when you give a reception, invite the

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



February Birthday Celebrations

Olivia NnamakulaSsebuuma	(2 nd Feb)
Mary NnajjembaLuwugge	(2 nd Feb)
Fr. G.M. Balinnya	(5 th Feb)
Miriam SsenkomagoAkora	(18 th Feb)
Edita Nnabugo	(27 th Feb)

gh of the challenging financial climate within which we operate, and so we will consider this as a key factor.

recently wrote to Bishop Alan Hopes Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster Diocese, who has agreed to lead us in this 'sPan Ugandan Catholic Community Day celebrations. has been pencilled in for 23 September 2012. Please ch this space for more on this.

Strategy to steer the community in the next three s. There has been work in progress, and the challenge is move this agenda forward. UMCC has agreed to work i Citizens UK, a non-profit organisation, tions to common problems. Please see Citizens UK le in this newsletter. There is a wealth of information out the activities of this organisation at www.citizensuk.org, so please check this out when you get e time.

the point of UMCC's engagement with Citizens UK, the cutive Committee of the UMCC recently met with gen Moore, who delivered a presentation on the vities of Citizens UK. We are currently working on the we think will best serve the needs of the UMCC. We will eeking your opinions on this venture. I or a member of UMCC Executive will endeavour to speak to you all, in v of gaining your support and advice on this ertaking. Last but not least, let us all continue to k together for the betterment of our community wider society.

ay God Bless you all.
Robert Mukiibi
Chairman UMCC 2011-2012

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es compassion for the poor, such as in Luke 14:13-14. n you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the on of the righteous.") and Luke 19:8-9 ("And stopped and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, half of ssions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded 'anything, I will give back four times as much.' And l to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, e, too, is a son of Abraham.'").

most significant of all, though, is the story of the aritan in Luke 10:30-37. The context of the story is ooked. Jesus had instructed the people to love hbour as themselves. But in Jesus' time social ility was limited to members of one's family or ial class. So when asked who was a neighbour, Jesus opportunity to greatly expand the scope of

CITIZENS UK

CITIZENS UK is an organised, independent alliance of civil society organisations - schools, mosques, churches, trade unions, synagogues and youth and community organisations - changing cities from the grassroots, ensuring the future of politics is about people, working together to make Britain more fair, just and relational.

CITIZENS UK and affiliated organisations have an identical charitable objective:

For the benefit of the public to develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities in such a way that members are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society and to assist by directly promoting the more effective working of local charitable community capacity building organisations designed to pursue that aim.

Why is CITIZENS UK so important now?

CITIZENS UK is the home of community organising for Britain and Ireland. Since 1989 it has had a consistent track record of slow and patient success in building strong and independent civil society alliances. It brings together very diverse institutions, such as churches, mosques, schools, synagogues, trade unions and community organisations, in cities to enable them to work together for the common good. Political and corporate leaders often don't embrace change, unless they're pressured by the people they serve. But too many people don't realise they have potential to join forces and create change in their neighbourhoods and across the country.

CITIZENS UK works with the people who want to transform the world—from what it is to what they believe it should be. They challenge people to imagine the change they can accomplish, connect individuals and organisations to multiply their power, and mobilise people by the thousands to make their voices heard. They set audacious goals, create savvy strategies—and take on the powerful interests that stand in the way. It supports communities to build power by identifying and training leaders in diverse communities, by bringing them together to voice their needs and by organising campaigns to ensure that these needs are met.

Since it began, CITIZENS UK has trained more than 7,000 community leaders in how to build strong community relationships and to take effective public action. At these training sessions, citizens learn how to be active and constructive negotiators with those in positions of power in order to deliver concrete benefits to their communities. Barack Obama worked as a Community Organiser in Chicago in his twenties and never forgot the lessons he learned there. Drawing on the proven power of person-to-person organising, their work transforms communities and builds the local power necessary to create local and national change.

CITIZENS UK is the administrative hub of the CITIZENS network in the UK and includes; a professional Guild of Community Organisers (25 full time and 5 part time); and is committed to developing across a number of large cities in the UK. London CITIZENS is the most significant of these. Launched in 1996, London CITIZENS is now the UK's largest independent alliance with more than 170 schools, churches, mosques, trade unions, charities and local associations. It has become a major player in both

Late Mgr. Dr. David Kyeyune's Profile (R.I.P)

Monsignor Dr. David Kyeyune, 73, who died suddenly on Saturday evening 11th February 2012 at Uganda Martyr's Shrine. He was the special episcopal vicar for the promotion of devotion to Uganda Martyrs and a former chaplain of St. Augustine Makerere University. He was a resident priest of Uganda Martyr's Shrine for over four years, where he was laid to rest on 13th February.

Kyeyune was born to the late Raphael Mbalirwa and Sarah Claire Namatovu of Lugoba-Kawempe in Jinja-Kalooli Parish, Kampala on March 29, 1939, before his parents shifted to Mubende. He belonged to the Nyonyi clan.

Kyeyune was ordained priest in 1966 in Rome. He was first appointed as curate (assistant parish priest) at Kabimbiri Parish in Lugazi Diocese in 1967-1968, before he went for further studies at St. Anselm Liturgical Institute, Rome where he had trained as a priest.

In 1972-1984, Kyeyune served as a Pastoral Coordinator, Kampala Archdiocese for 13 years and at the same time lecturer in faculty of Education Makerere University and chaplain of St. Augustine Chaplaincy.

In 1982-1993, he was dean lecturer in faculty of Theology and head of sacred liturgy department of Catholic Higher Institute of Eastern Africa (CHIEA), 1995-1998 was lecturer in faculty of Theology at Catholic University of St. Eastern Africa (CUEA).

Kyeyune in 1998-2009 was executive secretary of Pastoral Liturgical commission at Uganda Catholic secretariat, Nsambya. In 2010, he became Episcopal Vicar for Lay Apostolate and promoter of Uganda Martyrs' Guild and Director of Religious Education for primary schools and higher institutes in Kampala Archdiocese.

Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala, who led a holy mass for the burial of Kyeyune, hailed him as having left a big gap in the Catholic Church in Uganda. He described him as a priest who has been serving whole heartedly despite his age.

Pope Benedict XVI promoted Kyeyune to title of Monsignor in 2008 in appreciation of his relentless priestly long service in the Catholic Church. May he rest in peace.

OBITUARY

It is saddening to note that our Community has been affected by death and bereavement since October 2011. Now the latest this year are:

Mrs. Grace Natoolo, 59, of Stoke Newington who died 23rd January after a long battle with cancer.

Fr. Vincent Bakkabulindi of Kiyinda-Mityana Diocese who died 23rd January after suffering a leg ulcer. He was a priest for 42 years and a church music composer.

Mrs. Florence Wannyanabirozo, wife of Mr. John Birozo. She died of heart complications on 28th Jan. 2012

Mr. George William Kawere, 78, of Nalukolongo who died on 3rd February after a short illness. He was the father of Ms Jacqueline Kawere of Mitcham Broadway.

Dr. Mgr. David Kyeyune, 73, who died suddenly at Namugongo Shrine on 11th February, 2012. He was Episcopal Vicar for promotion of Uganda Martyrs' devotion.

Mr. Vincent Ssenynyonga, 71, of Kiwoomya- Masaka died 18th Feb. 2012 after a short illness. He was the father of Mr. Ronald Ssenyonjo of Canning Town.

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



Late Mr. George William Kawere