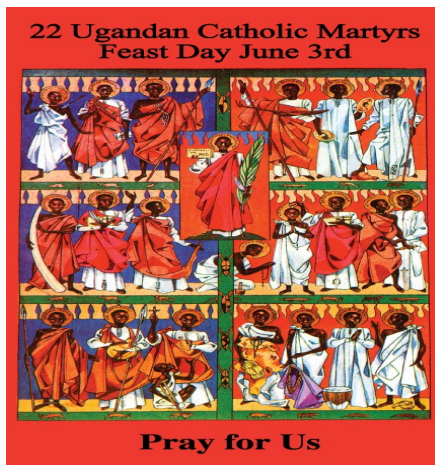


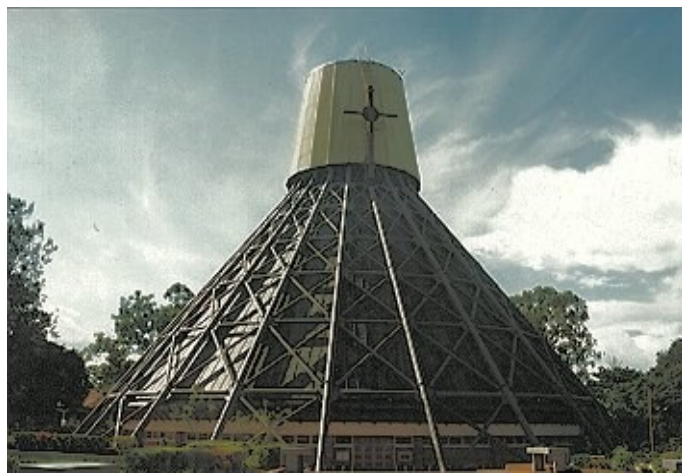
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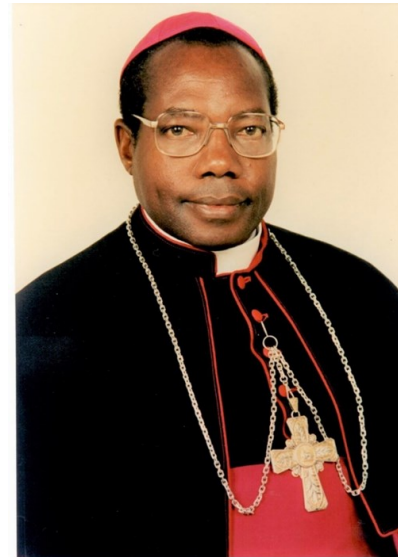
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Message of The Rt Rev. John Baptist Kaggwa



Dear members of the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community in Holloway, greetings from Uganda and more especially from Masaka Diocese. It is now 25 years since the foundation of your Martyrs Catholic Community. We thank God who has sustained you and kept you together all these 25 years. You have come to know one another and to cement your relationships. You and your children have come to appreciate more and more your Catholic faith. These 25 years have helped you nurture leadership and appreciate serving others. Your children have received religious instructions and received sacraments. I am sure that each and every one of you has appreciated

your faith all the more. You have experienced the sense of brotherhood and solidarity. There is a saying that goes, "United we stand and divided we fall." I believe that over these twenty-five years your community has grown from strength to strength especially in unity, and therefore you will not fall.

The Uganda Martyrs – our Patron Saints – challenge us in a way we practise and live our faith. They were convinced believers, unshakable in their resolve to follow Christ. They took radical decisions affecting their family lives (cfr. Matia Mulumba, Bruno Sserunkuuma) and they made it a point never to deny their God and their faith even if it meant giving up their own lives (like Luka Baanabakintu, Charles Lwanga, Kizito, etc.).

Once again, I congratulate you upon your Silver Jubilee of the foundation of your Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community. I thank God for whatever you have achieved through your community. I pray that God continues to transform your lives through your community.

+ John Baptist Kaggwa

APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF MASAKA DIOCESE
Kitovu, 20th May 2019

REMEMBER, REJOICE AND RENEW OUR FAITH



Dear Brethren,

Today we gather at St. Gabriel's church, our current home since 2007, to trace our roots from as way back as the early 1990s. The historical account attempts to capture the humble beginnings and traces the significant moments of the Community's journey. It is characterized by highs and lows, troughs and triumphs, challenges and achievements. Hence, the theme of "Remember, Rejoice and Renew" is appropriate for our celebration.

I **remember** the first time I joined the Community to celebrate the Uganda Martyrs Day on 3rd June 2000 at Sacred Heart, Holloway. I travelled over 250 miles from Blackpool and I felt so much uplifted. Soon I relocated to London in August 2000 and started to be more involved. In 2002 Dr. Fr. Robert Kaggwa (RIP) was transferred from Totteridge and I stepped in to assist leading the monthly Masses. I have never looked back and I am so proud to be associated with this family.

We now **rejoice** because the seeds of faith have grown and the bonds of solidarity have endured despite the challenges faced over the years. The Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community (UMCC), in its current structure, started in 2003 with a new constitution. This has guided our work and provided some degree of stability. The UMCC is now a force for good in the effort to enhance the spirit of **faith, family and friendship**. It is always a great joy for me to prepare couples for marriage, to celebrate wedding anniversaries and birthdays and to join families for Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations. It gives me hope to see families and individuals supporting each other in times of joy and sorrow. It lifts my spirits to see the UMCC deeply involved in various community activities and projects both in the Diaspora and back home in Uganda.

The journey has not ended. The challenges to be faced are very real. So we need to **renew our faith** and resolve to carry on steadfastly in the footsteps of our patron saints. We need every member to recommit ourselves and be more actively involved in the life of the Community. Let's face our challenges with determination, courage and hope guided by our motto "In Faith We Grow" and inspired by the example of the Uganda Martyrs. I wish you happy celebrations and many more fruitful years. May the Lord give success to the work of our hands.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya (UMCC Chaplain)



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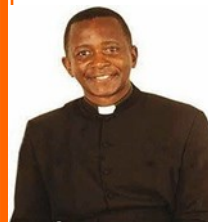
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MESSAGE FROM FR. ANTHONY ALIDDEKI MUSAALA



Remembering how our Catholic Community came together in London 25 years ago, may help us cherish it. Between 1993 and 1994 when still a Deacon, the Late Dominic Mutono and others in East London suggested having a Luganda prayer meeting as many Ugandans were at that time starting to settle there. A lively and devoted Anglican Priest Rev Ssettimba, in Leyton, offered us space in his church for our monthly prayer meetings on Sunday afternoons. Some Anglicans who also felt the need to pray in Luganda joined us. We sang Anglican and Catholic Luganda hymns. The Reverend and I led spontaneous prayers in Luganda alternately.

'Okusinza mu Luganda' was the original name of our combined Catholic and Anglican group in 1993. The common denominator was our language and shared faith. The Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community grew out of that embryonic prayer group in East London. The silver jubilee we celebrate is therefore common to 'Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community' and 'Okusinza mu Luganda'.

The Community has grown immensely and touched lives. We now have other Catholic Groups of Ugandans in UK. We thank God. We honour the commitment and initiatives of all who want to keep and share their faith. Should Uganda Martyrs wish moving to better levels and 'bear more fruit' it will undergo 'pruning' for each one of us in our own spiritual lives - John 15:1-2.

Our Saints and Patrons, the Martyrs of Uganda, were resolute in their faith. I pray that in UK and beyond, we may preserve what was handed down to us, by valuing our faith, in Mass, Sacraments and Scripture, being aware that around us the Christian faith is dying. Our language and culture, the bonds of family and Community, are vital resources.

Tremendous gratitude to all who have persevered on this journey of faith and hope. Thanks to those who have supported UMCC. The Founders and Leaders of UMCC; Catholics and Anglicans, for your dedication. Thanks to all the Priests and Bishops, especially from Uganda, who have celebrated the sacraments and journeyed with us. Personally, I thank 'Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community' from the bottom of my heart for all your love and concern for me over the years. It is not by chance that my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood and that of 'Uganda Martyrs Community' are happening at the same time. We are truly one and I will continue being at your service.

Father Anthony Aliddeki Musaala

DEACON ALFRED BANNYA'S MESSAGE

I congratulate the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community on this their 25th Anniversary. It is indeed a landmark occasion for Ugandans and their friends in the UK and Ireland as we celebrate the achievements of probably the oldest Ugandan Catholic Group in these regions. We pray that Almighty God, through the intercession of St Charles Lwanga and his companions, may continue to bless and provide wisdom and guidance to Rev. Fr Gerard Balinnya and to the entire Executive Committee and Members. Just as Almighty God in His love moistened the field of faith with the blood of the Uganda Martyrs to provide growth of the Church in Uganda, may he similarly nurture your development and enable you to produce a rich harvest. With all my prayers,



Revd. Dr. Alfred Banya
(Co-ordinator, Ugandan Catholic Groups in Greater London)

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MESSAGE FROM MRS MARGARET NSEREKO

EXCITING JOURNEY FROM AN IDEA TO A STRONG ORGANISED COMMUNITY



An idea first proposed by Mr. Emmanuel Sseeguya Kibuuka to the choir which had been formed mainly by members from Jinja Karoli Parish brought about what we are celebrating today. The historical account has captured the main milestones of the journey. I just want to highlight a few landmark moments along the way. First, the visit of His Grace Archbishop Emmanuel Wamala of Kampala Archdiocese highly boosted the Community. He led Mass on 15th August 1993 at St. Anne's Church and joined us for a social gathering. Mr Roy Nsereko and myself offered to accommodate him at our home and mr. Joseph Majwala provided the transport throughout his stay with us.

The next big move was the formation of the Uganda Martyrs Association as a charity (UMA No. 1050148) with a constitution approved by the Commissioner for Charities. UMA formally its first Mass on 31st Oct. 1993 led by Mgr Joseph Ssebayingga (RIP) at St. Anne's church.

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Many events were held at St. Paul's, Wood Green but most notable was the hosting of His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala who had just been created a Cardinal in Rome. He celebrated Mass for UMA in 1995. Among the guests were representatives of various religious organisations, the Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi, (a charity based in London which contributed a lot towards this occasion), ambassadors, diplomats and many friends of Uganda. This was a day to remember, with a church packed to full capacity! The choir performed at its best and the offertory dancers, (children organised by Mrs Juliet Mutyaba), excited the worshippers. The large hall was packed with people to overflowing and there was no shortage of food or drinks, let alone entertainment.

UMA continued to host many dignitaries from different sectors of society, both from Uganda, UK and abroad. We were especially honoured by hosting bishops from the Archdiocese of Westminster on several occasions. It must be noted that Mr Richard Ssemuusi raised the operation of UMA to a higher level and made it more acceptable to the donors. This, however, also later brought its own problems.

I was the secretary of UMA, directly accountable to the Charity Commission. I encountered several challenges: i) lack of co-operation /liaison among members; ii) spirit of voluntarism was often low; iii) the rules governing the charity were mixed up with individual members' personal wishes; iv) worrying absence of systems of transparency and accountability. Under such circumstances, the operation became difficult and UMA was ultimately dissolved!

I was elected to lead the Community and I chaired the Committee to draft the first Constitution of Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community (UMCC) which was adopted on 24th August 2003. Since then the UMCC has been operating under those rules and guidelines. The names of the people involved have been mentioned in the historical account and I thank them for their contribution.

As chairperson for both the Interim and the UMCC Executive Committee I found that building the spirit of unity of purpose and solidarity was a struggle. Getting some members, especially the youth on board to respect and observe the Constitution as a means of promoting unity and strengthening the community proved a difficult task. Raising funds to run the affairs of the Community often encountered with negative responses. But in spite of all those challenges, the growth of UMCC was unstoppable mainly because it was founded on strong belief in Christian Catholic faith, love and devotion to the Uganda Martyrs.

I would like to end by thanking every person who has contributed in any way to the building and growth of UMCC for the last 25 years and wish UMCC a very bright and prosperous future. May the Uganda Martyrs continue to intercede for UMCC for more of God's blessings.

Mrs Margaret Nseruko



MESSAGE FROM MR SSEGUUYA EMMANUEL

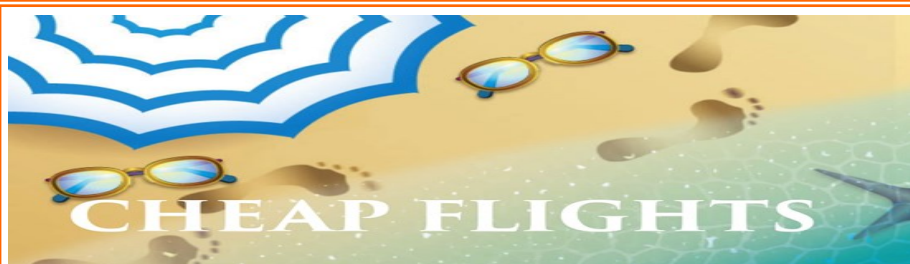
Dear brothers and sisters I greet you in the name of Christ. The idea of starting this Community came to my mind after the wedding of Mr. Musaaazi Baguma. We were at my brother-in-law's place and I suggested to them that we should come together and pray every Sunday as Ugandans. I soon realized that it wasn't so easy. My sister Juliet Mutyaba said that we could try it once a month. I was at Bethnal Green at the time in St. Anne's parish. I approached the parish priest, Fr. Brian Ventam, who welcomed the idea but time passed with no action.

Then my brother Caesar connected me to a Uganda Cultural Group which I joined as a drummer. In 1988 more people joined the group and we were invited to perform at various events. In 1989 we celebrated Uganda Martyrs Day. After Mass we went to the hall for tea, coffee and biscuits.

In 1990 just before my parents were due to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary, I told dad that I wanted to start a group under the patronage of the Uganda Martyrs. He gave me a go-ahead with a blessing. By 1990/1991 the Anglican Community at Waterloo had started theirs with Rev. Ssettimba in East London. I asked Mr Fred Ssemugera for ideas.

In 1991 our choir sang at Mr. Dominico Mutono's wedding which was a success. This gave us more confidence. Then in 1992 we sang at my elder brother Caesar's wedding. More people joined us and in 1993 we officially started to pray at St. Anne's, Underwood Road. After Mass we went to the hall on Derbyshire Road in the hall at Oxford House for a social. From that time our chairperson, Mr. Dominico Mutono - a very pragmatic man - drafted a constitution with Maria Ddungu, Regina Nnabukeera, Regina Kiwanuka, John Birozo, Caesar Kibuuka, Joseph Kateegaya, Fr. Musaala and Christine Musaala. Soon Fr. Musaala was appointed at Wood Green and so we moved there. Numbers grew and we developed into a Uganda Martyrs Association as a charity, working on projects. We invited Archbishop Emmanuel Wamala who had been created a Cardinal to celebrate Mass for us.

In 1996 we moved to Sacred Heart, Holloway through Maria Ddungu's liaison. Fr. Morrel Luigi and Fr. Kaggwa (RIP) used to lead us in Mass.



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UMCC Annual General Meeting is set for **Sun 21.7.2019** at 3 pm. Venue TBC.
Christmas Mass and Party to be held on 22nd December 2019 at 3 pm.
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
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Miss Winnie Nnantege
Mrs Theo Bengo
Mrs Eugene Ntambi
Mr. Rogers Kyeyune
Mr. Matthias Wasswa
Mr. Polly Tamwesigire

May the Lord grant them healing, comfort and strength.



OBITUARY

Miss Pauline Nkyagira Mulumba (34) died 7.6.2019 after a long illness. She was daughter to Mrs Catherine Mulumba of Becton.



Mrs Matilda Basajjabalaba (108) passed away 8th July 2019. She was grandmother to Mr. Tony Mukiibi and Miss Jane Mukiibi of Barking. She was neighbour to Fr. Gerard. May their souls rest in peace.

However, around 2001/02 some issues cropped up and the UMA was dissolved after some members broke away from us. Fr. Gerard Balinnya, who had just joined us from Lancaster, helped to sort out those unsettling matters. Later we moved to Archway and I am so, so happy that the Community I started is now 26 years in existence. It's really amazing! I told my children about it and they said, "Dad, that's great." I pray that the UMCC continues to grow and thrive with great ideas and smooth operation.

Emmanuel Sseequya Kibuuka Bakiddaawo.

9 Years of Service to the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

It was July 2005 that I was elected Vice Chair of the UMCC to serve the Community under the stewardship of Mrs Margaret Nsereko, who by then had served at the helm of the organisation for 9 years. I had never served the UMCC in any capacity on the Executive Committee and so to me this was quite a humbling but equally overwhelming challenge. I was joining a group of hardworking individuals, who loved what they did, each in a unique way of approach. Being Vice Chairperson gave me a blank page, since vice chairpersons are usually only active in the absence of the chairs, which in my case those occasions were very rare.

I quickly realised that, if I needed to make an impact, I had to forge a way to show my commitment to the members who had put their trust in me by helping the Chairperson and the Executive Committee to implement all agreed actions from the Executive meetings. This, unbeknown to me, really prepared me for the role of Chairperson that I was elected to a year later, because it enabled me to further interact with all officers and functions of the Executive Committee.

In July 2006 I was elected to the office Chairperson and this is when the real stuff begun. My role was to steer the organisation amidst all the challenges that always come with such a role. I soon realised that I was the proverbial "buck-stop". Everything that is good and sometimes not so positive about the UMCC was the responsibility of the Chairperson. As an example, in my first year of service, we were informed by our host parish – then Sacred Heart Parish in Holloway, that the Parish Hall which was the centre of the

UMCC's activities was no longer available for our functions due to Health and Safety issues. The Executive and I had to quickly come up with a workable alternative. Thankfully with Fr Balinnya's ingenuity, patience and resourcefulness, relief came when Fr. Kevin McDevitt, the then Parish Priest of St. Gabriel's Parish in Archway welcomed us and embraced us as part of his parish, a relation the UMCC has enjoyed until now.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a few highlights of my tenure as Chair during those memorable nine years. These include:

- Hosting Ow'Ek. Dan Muliika – Katikiro of Buganda (2005 – 2007);
- Hosting the Late Bishop Adrian Kivumbi Ddungu, Emeritus Bishop of Masaka Diocese;
- Hosting His Majesty Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi – King of Buganda Kingdom. He personally called me on one of the following few days to thank me for presiding over the event, which truly humbled me.
- Hosting Bishop John Baptist Kaggwa of Masaka Diocese;
- Hosting various personal and community development events and retreats, facilitated by speakers from various professional backgrounds.

My service as UMCC Chairperson was ultimately brought to an end when, as providence would have it, his Majesty Ronald Muwenda Mutebi the Kabaka of Buganda deemed it fitting to appoint me as one of his Deputies (Omukungu) to serve his subjects in North London and its surrounding counties. It was at that point that I offered not to stand again for re-election to the UMCC Executive. However, by a similar twist of fate, as I would call it, the Executive still saw in me some use (I still wonder why...) to appoint me as one the Trustees of this esteemed organisation. So as the saying goes, one can always run, but hiding is never an option!

All-in-all, I was really humbled to have been offered the opportunity to serve this organisation. It would be remiss of me to say that this would have been possible had it not been for the unwavering support of all the UMCC membership including our chaplain. However, it would be a great dis-service if I did not mention my rock Mrs Rose Mukiibi for that special and very often unwitnessed support she has continuously and tirelessly afforded me in all these years of service, without which all the above would have been harder if not downright impossible to pull-off. In a similar but equally noteworthy vein my children Teddy, Priscilla, Francis and Olivia for putting up with my call to service.

In Faith We Grow

Robert Mukiibi

(UMCC Chairperson 2006 – 2015 and /Trustee 2016—)

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Mu muliro ne babengeya .

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Be baganzi b'Omulokozi
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N'emmandwa zikambuwadde,	Omujaasi wa Yezu
N'abafuzi batweweredde,	Omulwanyi Lwanga
Batulanga obusomi bwaffe;	Omujaasi wa Yezu
//Siitye nze Karoli w'ali!	Omulwanyi Lwanga
Nnaanywera Karoli w'ali!	Omujaasi wa Yezu//

Ekidd.:

1. Kabaka Mwangi n'abayiganya abasoma Abatte,
Era bo maama ne bateesasa--- Beebo
Ne bateekweka -----Beebo
Ne basoma nnyo eddiini obuteemotya ----- Beebo
Ne balulwana ----- Bo, baabo.

Ne balumegga olumbe nnamuzisa.

2. Era ye Mukama muzirakisa yalaba abaana
Basomye eddiini ne bagimanya ----- Beebo
Olwo n'abayamba ----- Beebo
N'abawanga amaanyi obutayosa----- Beebo
Ne bamuganza ----- Bo, baabo.

Ne basomanga eddiini obutagita.

3. Abasoma eddiini ne bagimanya nga bato nga ffe.
Tusabye naffe mutuyambeko -- Ffenna
Tusimbe mu luwenda----- Ffenna
Tulwane masajja nga mmwe abateemotya----- Ffenna
Tubenga nammwe----- Ffe, baabo

Tubenga w'ali Kristu Omununuzi.

RECESSION / OLUSEMBA: MMWE AB'EKITIIBWA (W.F.)

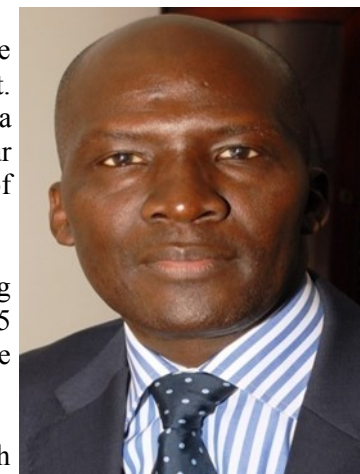
**Mmwe ab'ekitiibwa, mubugaanye essanyu mwesiimye,
Tubawanjagidde, mutuyambe mu kwerokola.**

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| 1. Ayi Mukama! Abajulizi,
Be tutenda mu nnyimba zaffe,
Baakukiza obulamu bwabwe,
Baalabira ku Mununuzi! | 3. Abazira abaatufiirira
Tubatenda okukkiriza;
Tubatenda n'okusuubira,
Era tubatenda okwagala. |
| 2. Ggwe wabawa okuwangula
Abambowa abakanga ddala
N'obazibira nga balwana
Olutalo oluvannyuma. | 4. Yezu Kristu, Kabaka waabwe,
Ku kufa kwe kwe baalabira;
Ne baguma mu nnaku zaabwe,
Nga basabira n'abambowa. |

MESSAGE FROM MR DAUDI MUGWANYA

Dear Members and friends, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Congratulations to you all. Indeed, it is a memorable day in the history of our Community, and I feel a sense of overwhelming honour to be writing here.

Today we celebrate a historic landmark along a journey we have travelled in the last 25 years as a Christian Community in the Diaspora.



No doubt my predecessors have said enough about our journey, how it all started, and the challenges we have overcome along the way. Though I served on the Executive for 12 years before I accepted the invitation to lead, my account on leading the Community the last 4 years barely scratches the surface. I have noted four strong pillars upon which the Community has anchored and built it on.

The resolve to never fall, the strong family unit spirit, the intense dedication to voluntarism and sacrifice but above all the immense pride in and deep commitment to the Faith. These qualities have not only brought us closer together but strengthened the community to pull through whenever we have found ourselves at crossroads. You are as strong as the challenges you overcome. Therefore, I congratulate you all, members and friends on this very special achievement we enjoy and celebrate today.

May I thank my Executive team colleagues, the unrelenting team of volunteers and our children (the youth) for remaining steadfast over the years in your dedication and fight for the cause and not least my wife and children for their understanding and allowing me to serve when I could have spent more time at home.

Daudi Mugwanya
(Chairman – UMCC 2016 – to date)

HISTORY OF THE UGANDA MARTYRS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community (UMCC) – originally known as Uganda Martyrs Association (UMA) - has its roots from a choir which had been formed to officiate at various Ugandan functions, like weddings, in the United Kingdom. The choir was started mainly by members originating from Jjinja Karoli Parish. These were: Mr. Joseph Kateegaya Nsubuga (Music Director), Mr. Emmanuel Sseeguya Kibuuka, Mr. John Birozo Kibuuka, Mr. Ceasar Saaka Kibuuka, Mrs Juliet Mutyaba, Mrs Regina Fletcher, Ms Julie Ssozi, Ms. Regina Kiwanuka and Mr. Lawrence Ntale (organist).

It was Mr. Emmanuel Sseeguya who first proposed that, as choir members, it would be a good idea to celebrate the feast of the Uganda Martyrs in a special way. The very first celebration took place on 3rd June 1989, when Mr. Sseeguya asked his parish priest to celebrate Mass for them. The Ugandan choir led the singing during that Mass.

Later on, the choir members contacted the late Dominic Mutono and Ms Mary Ddungu and introduced two ideas to them, viz: i) to meet and pray together as Ugandans and ii) to mark the feast of the Uganda Martyrs in a special way. The ideas were welcomed and the first such celebration took place at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Underwood Road, London E1, (Mr. Emmanuel Sseeguya's parish by then), in 1992. Fr. Brian Ventam was very supportive during the initial stages.

From then on Ms. Mary Ddungu took it on board to look for priests to help us celebrate Masses. Among these were Fr. Ssemenda, the late Fr. Deogratias Mulindwa (RIP), Fr. John Chrysostom Kyazze and Fr. Joseph Ssembatya.

His Grace, Archbishop Emmanuel Wamala, celebrated Mass for Ugandans and friends and parishioners of St. Anne's Church, on 15th August 1993. By then he was attending a course in spirituality at St. Anselm's, Kent, United Kingdom.

The first Mass formally organised by UMA, was on 31st October 1993, and was presided over by the late Mgr. Joseph Ssebayigga (RIP) in the same church.

When Deacon Anthony Musaala was ordained a priest in 1994, he started leading us in Mass every month. When he was posted to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 92 Station Road, Wood Green, London N22 4SY, it was easier for us to meet there as our central point.

In 1995, we had the honour of hosting H.E. Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala,

TULABIRA WA?

Chorus: Tulabira wa, aaaahh tulabira wa?

Tulabira wa Yezu atuuse mu ffe – Tulabira wa? (x2)

Katonda Mwana y'atuuse, Musumba owaffe y'atuuse,

Eggulu n'ensi mumuyimbire oluyimba olumwaniriza.

Singa, singa, singa singa Katonda Yezu Omusumba singa (x2).

1. Okwagala Yezu kw'olina kungi, ssikutenda otwagala nnyo
Okwagala abantu kw'olina kwakusindika osigale naffe.
Omubiri gwange kyakulya ddala w'agamba:
Omusaayi gwange kyakunywa ddala;
Mujje mulye, mujje abayala, mujje mulye, abeetegese;
Mujje munywe, mujje abayala, mujje munywe, abeetegese mwenna.
2. Okwagala ensi eno kw'olina Yezu ow'ekitiibwa ng'ofuuka omuntu;
Obwa Katonda bwo wabukisa, n'omalirira osigale naffe.
Omubiri gwange kyakulya ddala w'agamba:
Omusaayi gwange kyakunywa ddala;
Mujje mulye, mujje abayala, mujje mulye, abeetegese;
Mujje munywe, mujje abayala, mujje munywe, abeetegese mwenna.

OKWEBAZA / THANKSGIVING: ABAZIRA ABAALUWANGULA

(Mr. Benedicto Lubega)

BASS

SOPRANO

Abazira be ndayira bannamige abo-----

Abaaluwangula

Ffe be tutenda abo baalulwana-----

Abaaluwangula olutalo

Baalumala amaanyi —

Baalulwana baalulinnyako:

Ne balulinnyako -----

Abajulizi ----- Abaaluwangula

Abajulizi Bannauganda-----Abaaluwangula

Sitaani baamumegga-----Sitaani baamumegga

Baamulinnyako-----Baamulinnyako

Amazima ne bagalaga ensi eno

Amazima ne bagalaga ensi eno.

GREAT AMEN:

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

OUR FATHER / KITAFFE ALI MU GGULU (To be recited)

For the kingdom, the power and the glory ((To be recited).

PEACE / EMIREMBE; ITEEKA MBAHAIRE

Iteeka mbahaire mugonzangane

Mugonzangane nkokumwa ndesire

Engonzita zooka nzibolekere

Omuntu aleka afe akize enganzi ze.

Muli nganzi zange..... Mugonzangane

Nyakumpurra wange..... Mugonzangane

B. Tinkya mbeita bairu..... Mugonzangane

Nkabonayo omwiru..... Mugonzangane.

LAMB OF GOD / AKALIGA / AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona nobis pacem .

TUJAGUZE (W.F.)

1. Tujaguze tukube olube, Tuyimbe ffenna n'essanyu:

Yezu azze wano ewaffe!Tumutende ffenna wamu. (x2)

2. Ebigambo bya Konsekrasio, bimuleese mo Ostia;

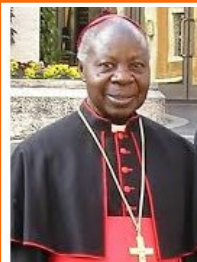
Eyafiira ku Kalvario Ali wano ne mu Missa.(x2)

3. Yezu wange, Tabernakulo, Ye nsiisira yo mw'obeera;

Emisana era n'ekiro.....Ng'omaze okwetambira. (x2)

4. Mukama wange nga nkwegomba! Vva mu Tabernakulo yo:

Nje nkufune mu bwa Komunyo... ..Ng'onzijira mu mutima. (x2)



who had just been created a Cardinal in 1994. It was a historical, ecumenical and cultural celebration for the UMA. The key members of the Cardinal's Visiting Committee were Mr. Roy R. B. Nsereko (chairman), Mrs. Christine Musaala Mukasa (secretary), the late Mr. Dominico P. Mutono (treasurer), and Rev. Fr. Anthony Musaala (chaplain).

From then onwards, Mr. and Mrs Roy B. Nsereko, Ms Mary Ddungu, Mrs. Christine Musaala Mukasa Mrs. Juliet Mutyaba, Mr. Paul Ssenyonga and the late Mr. Dominico Mutono played a big role in consolidating the foundation of the Uganda Martyrs Association (UMA).

The Choir kept gathering momentum and was so much boosted by Mr. Paul M. Kiyingi, the late Mary Wampamba, the late Mrs Catherine Kigongo, Fr. Anthony Musaala (deacon by then), Josephine Namusisi, Elizabeth Nakachwa, Veronica Nakawuki and Noe Kiwanuka. The seminarians from Totteridge Common (White Fathers' Formation House) were very instrumental in guiding and training the choir.

On 28th January 1996, Mr. Richard Ssemuusi Mulinda was appointed co-ordinator of UMA (Charity).

When Fr. A. Musaala returned to Uganda in February 1996, Mrs Regina Fletcher connected us to the White Fathers at St. Edward's College, Totteridge. Fr. Morrell Luigi (WF) started to help us as acting chaplain, assisted by Dr. Fr. Robert Kaggwa (WF) [RIP].

In October 1996, The Right Rev. Patrick O'Donoghue (Bishop in West London and Bishop for Migrants at the time), accepted the invitation to become patron of UMA (the Charity). Bishop P. O'Donoghue was the main celebrant at the Mass, on the feast of Uganda Martyrs which was celebrated on 8th June 1997, at St. Paul The Apostle Catholic Church, Wood Green.



L-R: Mr. Mapunda (Tanzania); Bishop Kalilombe, RIP (Zambia); Mr. Dominico Mutono (RIP); Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue; Fr. Morell Luigi (WF); Dr. Fr. Robert Kaggwa RIP (WF).

Up until the end of September 1997, UMA (the Charity) and Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community (UMCC) were being run as one unit. It was then decided to separate the two.

In December 1997, the parish hall of St Paul The Apostle Church, Wood Green, had to be refurbished and this forced us to look for another church. Ms. Mary Ddungu assisted us in finding a new venue which was her parish church, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 62 Eden Grove, Holloway London N7 8EN. The parish priests, Frs. Teave and later on, David Irwin, were very supportive during this time.

The first UMCC Mass at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church was celebrated on 22nd February 1998 with Fr. Robert Kaggwa (WF), Fr. Fabian Obi and Fr. M. Luigi (WF) as concelebrants.

On 26th June 1999, the Right Rev. Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue (Bishop for West London and Bishop for Migrants), presided over the Mass for the Community.

Mr. Richard Ssemuusi Mulinda, resigned as a Co-ordinator of the Community, with effect from 10th September, 2000. He left behind a Pastoral Council to run the UMCC.

In 2001, Fr. M. Luigi (WF) was transferred to Italy and handed on the mantle to Fr. Robert Kaggwa (WF).

On 28th April 2002, Mr. Ssemuusi Mulinda left the Community and at about the same time, Fr. Robert Kaggwa (WF) handed over to Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya who is our current chaplain.

Following the changes outlined above, an Interim Committee, chaired by Mrs. Margaret Mary Nsereko and whose Secretary was Mrs Margaret Hawkins, was formed to draft the first Constitution of the UMCC, which was finalised on 24th August 2003. Since then, UMCC has been operating under the rules laid down in the Constitution. On that day elections of office bearers were held as follows:

Chairperson: Mrs Margaret Nsereko

Vice Chairperson: Mrs Juliet Mutyaba

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Hawkins

Treasurer: Mr. James Lule

Publicity Secretary: Ms Christine Musaala

Liturgical Coordinator: Ms Mary Ddungu

Ssaabafumbo: Mr. Kizito Bukonya

Nnaabafumbo: Mrs Jane Tamale

Ssaabavubuka: Mr. Robert Ssebaggala

Nnaabavubuka: Miss Felicity Nnanfuka

Choir Master:

Mr. Paul Kiyingi

Master of Ceremonies:

Ssaalongo Christopher

Ssimwogerere

Committee members:

Mr. Roy Nsereko,

Mrs Magdalene Musajjakaawa,

Mr. Joseph Lukanga.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Tho', the loss sustained, our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

HOLY / MUTUUKIRIVU:

Ha ha ha Mukama Mukama Mutuukirivu, Mutuukirivu, Mutuukirivu
Mutuukirivu ha ha ha ha haaaa Katonda wa magye Mukama,
Mukama wonna osusse ekitiibwa (x2)
Ekitiibwa ky'Oumukama kijjudde,
kibukadde buli wantu mu Ggulu n'ensi
Ekitiibwa ky'Oumukama Katonda aa kisuffu tumutenda (x2).

**Hosanna ha ha ha haaa tukutenda fenna, Ooh wonna Hosanna –
Omutiibwa gy'oli tukutenda waggulu, waggulu e e eyo.**

Tumutenda nnyo tumuwa ekitiibwa wa Mukisa oyo ajja aa ajja
Ffe tumutenda nnyo, tumugulumiza nnyo oyo ajjaa, mu linnya
ly'Oumukama.

**Hosanna ha ha ha haaa tukutenda fenna, Ooh wonna Hosanna –
Omutiibwa gy'oli tukutenda waggulu, waggulu e e eyo.**

CONSECRATION /KONSEKRASIYO

1. Body: Mu mugaati, tugulumize Katonda... Aaaaa tumusinze.

2. Blood: Mu musaayi, tugulumize Katonda ...Aaaaa tumusinze.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH / EKY'AMAGERO EKY'OKUKKIRIZA

Tulangirira okufa kwo ayi Mukama ..We proclaim your Death, O Lord,	
Twatula okuzuukira kwo	And profess your Resurrection
Okutuusa lw'olijja	Until you come again

3. Akakuha amagezi maingi, ngu obu nukwo omumanye
Geyambise okumuserra kandi oramumanya
4. Orole ebirolo byona kandi oteekereze
Nooha ndugirro ya byona, kandi oramumanya.
5. Ayakozire ebihumaaza, omuntu n'omuntu
Ogu nuwe Mukama wawe juumara omuramye.
6. Ruhanga ahikirra mu byona, taina eki abuzirwe
Kwonka ha bwawe omuhangwa, jumara omusabe.
7. Ruhanga agira amakune maingi, juumara omusabe,
Eby'omuha hamu n'engonzi, taheeme kinsiima.
8. Oheyo ekisembo kyawe, n'omutima gw'amazima
Habw'okuba nomaanya byona, taine ekyaserekwa.
9. Gira oleete ebisembo byawe, ha altari y'Omukama
Oheyo n;omwoyo gwawe, bambi nukwo ohweze.
10. Evviini hamu n'omugaati, ebi bisembo byanyu
Kandi hati birafooka by'okulya by'omutima.

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES (The Mills Brothers)

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

The UMCC has taken root in the United Kingdom and welcomes guests both local and from home. Among these we must mention the late Dr. Mgr. Joseph M. Obunga, who was the main celebrant at the Community Mass on 22nd February 2003. He was then the Secretary General of the Uganda Episcopal Conference and the National Co-ordinator of Uganda Martyrs Shrine Development Project. He also addressed the Community in the hall and called upon us to support the Martyrs' Project. We raised £1180.00 through donations and by buying the Martyrs' souvenirs which proceeds were sent to Kampala.



On 19th June 2004 we held our Annual General Meeting and the chairperson, Mrs. Margaret Nsereko had this to say:

"I warmly welcome you to this special Annual General Meeting of the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community; I call it special because it the first one to be held since the adoption of the UMCC Constitution – on 24th August 2003.

This day is therefore a landmark in the history of our Community.

"As you may be aware, this Community has been in existence for quite a number of years, thanks to the people who gave birth to the idea of bringing together Catholics, from different walks of life to pray, socialise and give moral and possible material support to each other.

"There have been several stumbling blocks during the course of the Community's existence – but none of them has ever completely dismantled it.

"The Uganda Martyrs Association was the first well organised Community which even qualified to become a Charitable Organisation in October 1995. But it soon collapsed, I believe due to lack of a sense of unity of purpose among its leaders.

"Then UMCC emerged under new LEADERS. It also had its problems and some of its members went different ways. That was in April 2002. From there a group of us organised ourselves and formed an Interim Committee to run the affairs of the Community and formulated Rules which culminated in the making of the fore mentioned Constitution.

"This Executive Committee whose members were elected according to the procedures laid down in the Constitution has endeavoured to do the following: -

- Held regular monthly meetings to review the past and plan for the future activities of the Community.
- Worked hard on promoting the good image of the Community – by

publicising Community activities.

- Recruited many new members and attracted more people to attend Masses on Community Days. Even children have been enabled to feel at home during and after Mass.

- Successfully organised special Days Celebrations, e.g. Christmas and end of Year Mass and Party, Bafumbo Day, Youth Day, etc.

- Made social gatherings and celebrations after Mass more inviting.

- Improved transparency and accountability.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

5th December 2001: Archbishop Augustine Kasujja, Papal Nuncio in Algeria at the time, led us at Mass during the week at Sacred Heart, Eden Grove, Holloway.



Fr. R. Ssajjabbi; Archbp A. Kasujja;
Fr. D. Irwin; Fr. Gerard Balinnya;
Fr. Dominic Kaggwa

29th August 2004: UMCC hosted Her Majesty the Nnaabagereka (Queen) of Buganda, Sylvia Nagginda. She attended Mass and addressed us in the church.



OFFERTORY: OGGYA KU BUGAGGA (Sr. Sarah Naamala)

Oggya ku bugagga bwo Mukama wange gwe n'ongaggawaza Ebyo bye mpita ebyange byonna bibyo.

Njigiriza nange okutoola kw'ebyo by'ompadde mbikuddizenga;

Njigiriza nange okutoola kw'ebyo by'ompadde, ngaggawaze abalala.

1. Ebirabo bye ndeese biibino nga biva mu kutegana kwange, Omutima gwange ne bye nnina gy'oli biba bya ttendo. Eby'ennaku n'eby'essanyu Taata mbikuddiza byonna, Obunafu bwange n'ebinnema by'ebirabo bye ndeese.
2. Obulamu bw'ompadde Mukama obujjudde emikisa, Kitange nneeyanzizza ebirungi ontonnedde bingi. Mu kutuusa bye nteekwa okukola mbeere kitangaala, Mu kusiriira ne nzigwerera mbayambe balabe ekkubo lyo.
3. Amaanyi n'amagezi bye wampa okuva mu buto bwange, Okubyeyamba ne ntetenkanya ebibala nga nfunye bingi. Bwe bugagga kwe ntodde Mukama ne nkuddiza nnyini byo Obitwale Ggwe Namugereka bye birabo bye ntodde.
4. Abayonta n'abawamma Mukama, abatalina kantu, Bangi abaneetolede Ddunda badaagira Ggwe. Ka ntoole ku by'ompadde ebingi mu kutegana kwange, Bafune emmere ya leero ettendo lyo bayimbe.

RUGAYO GIRA OSIIME

**Chorus: (Rugayo) Rugayo gira osiime leeta by'ohairwe
(Rugayo) Rugayo gira osiime naiwe gira amakune.**

1. Ruhanga ebiyakozire byona ngu mbibyo obireme Ensozi hamu n'enyanja ngu mbibyo obireme.
2. Omubiri n'ebicweka byagwo ebi nibyo olemenge Obireme bitakutunga, kandi nukwo omuhike.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Response</u>
St. Charles Lwanga -Youth and Catholic Action Patron.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Mathias Mulumba —Ideal chief, meek and most trustful.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Joseph Balikuddembe - King's modest jordomo, Uganda Protomartyr.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Dionysius Ssebuggwawo - Modest, and zealous for Christ's faith.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Andrew Kaggwa Model Catechist and Teacher.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Pontianus Ngondwe - Faithful soldier longing for martyrdom.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Athanasius Bazzekuketta—Faithful steward of the royal treasure.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Noe Mawaggali - Humble worker, and lover of poverty.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Gonzaga Gonzabato - Most sympathetic to prisoners and afflicted.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Lucas Baanabakintu - Longing for suffering in Christ's imitation.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. James Buuzabalyawo - King's faithful soldier and instructor.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Gyaviira Musoke - Shining example of patience and forgiveness.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Ambrosius Kibuuka - Young man full of joy and charity.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Anatolius Kiriggwajjo - Humble servant and most pious.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Achilles Kiwanuka - Most odious of superstition for Christ's love.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Kizito - Child resplendent with purity and Christian joy.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Mbaaga Tuzinde - Who preferred martyrdom to parents' persuasions		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Mugagga Lubowa - King's young decorator, chaste and honest.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Mukasa Kiriwawanvu - Catechumen privileged with bloody Baptism.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Adulphus Ludigo - Splendid follower of Christ's spirit of service.		<i>Pray for us</i>
St. Bruno Sserunkuuma -Soldier full of example of repentance and temperance.		<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>Pray for us</i>		
St. John Mary Muzeeyi - Prudent counsellor, full of mercy and compassion.		
<i>Pray for us</i>		
"Blessed" Jildo Irwa and Daudi Okello		<i>Pray for us</i>
Martyrs of the Anglican Communion		<i>Pray for us</i>

LET US PRAY

O Lord Jesus, who wonderfully strengthened the Holy Martyrs of Uganda, Charles Lwanga Mathias Mulumba and their companions, and gave them to us as exemplars of the Faith, Fortitude, Chastity Charity and Fidelity, grant, we beseech You, that by their intercession the same virtues may increase in us; and that we may deserve to become propagators of your faith. You who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Sunday 26th September 2004: The Right Rev. John Baptist Kaggwa, the Bishop of Masaka Diocese, celebrated Mass for the Community. He appealed to us to help in the purchase of pews for Masaka Cathedral. We raised just over £500.00 towards that cause.



In her 2004/2005 report given during the AGM held on 12th June 2005 at Sacred Heart Church, 62 Eden Grove, Holloway London N7 8EN, the Chairperson, Mrs M. Nsereko mentioned the following:

- Monthly Mass and social gatherings continued to be popular for both children and adults.
- More members were picking interest in getting involved in running the Community and the number of full members had increased.
- Bafumbo Register had been established for the first time and the first UMCC monthly Newsletter was launched on 29th May 2005.
- We had successful celebrations: e.g. Pastor's Day, Christmas and End of Year Mass and Get Together were special occasions; Bafumbo Day in January; Easter 2005; Youth Day 2005; Uganda Martyrs Day 26th June 2005.
- The Community was represented at various events: Commemoration of Uganda Independence anniversary at St. John's Church, Waterloo 3rd Oct. 2004; Pan African Annual Mass at St. George's Church, Walthamstow 19.9.2004; African Catholic Communities Pentecost at St. Mellitus, Finsbury Park (15.5.2005, 2 pm) and Pentecost Africa (Finchley Churches Together) at Baptist Church Finchley on same day (6 pm).

2005 - 2006

On 18th June 2006 we held our AGM at Eden Grove. The constitution had been amended as requested at the June 2005 AGM to incorporate the Assistant Liturgical Coordinator, Assistant Choirmaster and an Ecumenical Coordinator.

A reporting Accounts Review officer post had been created to assist the treasurer in sorting out the Community finances with more transparency.

This year we started to participate in the Migrant Workers' Mass at Westminster (1st May 2006).

It should be noted that Mrs M. Nsereko relinquished the post of chairperson at the June 2006 AGM and passed on the mantle to Mr. Robert Mukiibi who had been the vice chairperson.

2006 - 2007

24th September 2006: We were honoured by the visit of the former Katikkiro (Prime Minister) of Buganda, Ow'Ekitiibwa

Kamalabyonna Dan Muliika who celebrated Mass with us. He emphasized the need to work in unity and conduct

business in transparency. He was so impressed by the performance of our UMCC choir and the reception. He officially launched our new website: www.ugandamartyrs.org built by our Publicity Secretary, Mr. Edwin Ssenjobe.



Departure from Sacred Heart Church - Holloway to St. Gabriel's - Archway.

In October 2006 we received a letter from the manager of Sacred Heart Church Hall that there were major Health and Safety issues. This had been our "home" for ten years and the news sent a chill down our spines! Early January 2007 Fr. Gerard Balinnya approached St. Gabriel's Church parish priest, Fr. Kevin McDevitt, and explained the situation to him. Fr. Kevin welcomed us so warmly and our first Mass was celebrated there on 25th February 2007. This is our current venue.

Hosting Bishop Adrian K. Ddungu, Emeritus of Masaka

Meanwhile preparations were underway to invite Bishop Adrian Kivumbi Ddungu, Emeritus of Masaka, Uganda to preside over the Uganda Martyrs'

Day celebrations on Sunday 3rd June 2007 at St. Gabriel's Church. He was accompanied by his private secretary, Fr. John Chrysostom Kazibwe. The function was attended by well over 500 people. It was a very joyous,

3. Of the Virgin Mary born...**Do you believe?Yes, I believe.**
By the Spirit was made flesh...**Yes I believe.**
Suffered death, was crucified...**Do you believe? ...Yes, I believe.**
And He rose up from the dead. **Yes, I believe.**

4. He ascended into Heaven.....**Do you believe? ...Yes, I believe.**
And His Kingdom has no end...**Yes I believe.**
In the Spirit I believe.....**Do you believe?Yes I believe.**
Lord and vivify of all... **Do you believe?.....Yes, I believe.**

Chorus:...

5. With the Father and the Son.....**Do you believe? ...Yes, I believe.**
He's adored and glorified.....**Yes I believe.**
In the One Church I have Faith...**Do you believe? ...Yes, I believe.**
And one Baptism I process.....**Yes, I believe.**

6. In Communion with the Saints...**Do you believe?Yes, I believe.**
I confess that God is Mercy.....**Yes, I believe.**
After death I will rise again.....**Do you believe?Yes, I believe.**
But first I must follow Christ... **Yes, I believe.**

7. I believe in God the Father.....**Do you believe?Yes, I believe.**
In His Son and in the Spirit**Yes I believe.**
I believe that God is love.....**Do you believe?.....Yes, I believe.**
And that we must live in love...**Yes, I believe.**

Chorus:...

BIDDING PRAYERS / ESSAALA Z'ABAKRISTU

Reader: Lord, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayers.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13 - 19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a blessed man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

AFTER GOSPEL

Yogera Mukama wange, Omuddu wo awulira; Yogera ekigambo kyo, kitubukale mu mitima

Yogera Mukama wange, Omuddu wo anaawona, Kigambo kya bulamu, kitumulisa amaaso.

HOMILY BY THE BISHOP

CREED/NZIKIRIZA: DO YOU BELIEVE?

**Chorus: Do you believe? - Yes I believe,
In the Father and the Son
And the Holy SpiritYes I believe.**

- 1. Mighty Father I believe,.....Do you believe? Yes, I believe
You created heaven and earth..... Yes, I believe
I believe in Jesus Christ..... Do you believe? ...Yes, I believe.
Everlasting Son of God..... Yes I believe.**
- 2. Equal to the Father's power...Do you believe? Yes, I believe
And through Him all things were made....Yes, I believe
He it was who saved us all....Do you believe? ...Yes, I believe.
And from heaven came down to earth.....Yes I believe.**

prayerful and memorable event. Over £2000 was raised to prepare for the event. Our guests visited various places of interest including Central London, Canterbury Cathedral, etc...Thanks to Mr. and Mrs K. Bukenya who gave in a lot of their time to facilitate the tours.



Bp. A.K. Ddungu led us in celebrations 3.6.2007. Group photos are not available!



Bp. Ddungu stayed around with us for a few weeks.

Mass was held on 10.6.2007 at 3College Rd followed by group photos and a party.



Bottom, right, was Farewell Mass on 24.6.2007



Other initiatives during the year 2006/2007 included: a database for the members as well as a register for the Birthdays and Wedding anniversaries was being compiled.

On 15th July 2007 we held our AGM at St. Gabriel's Community Centre. The chairperson reported that UMCC continued to promote mutual relationships with various communities and bodies.

At that AGM a constitutional amendment on Article IV about Trustees was made. Two members, Mrs Margaret Nsereko and Mrs Margaret Hawkins were appointed as trustees.



A **10-point Plan (2006/2007)** was still being pursued:

1. Republic of Ireland Outpost
2. The Youth
3. Harnessing Communication Technology (Website and E-mail)
4. Publicity in Parishes
5. Choir Uniform
6. Closer networking with other African Chaplaincies
7. Links with Okusinza mu Luganda and other Ugandan congregations
8. Boosting paid-up Membership
9. Funding Internal projects
10. Funding International projects, e.g. Namugongo Shrine, etc.

NB: Members were reminded that as a way of self-help all adults would give **a token of £5 each** and the unemployed, **youth and children £1 each** to defray the cost of catering, hall rent and entertainment.

Royal Visit: Sunday 19 August 2007: Only two months after hosting Bishop A. Ddungu, we were honoured with the royal visit of His Majesty Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II, the King of Buganda Kingdom, who celebrated Mass with us on at St. Gabriel's Church and addressed us in the hall. He encouraged us to support the kingdom's development plans and projects. Hundreds of people (over 500) turned up and we had such a wonderful time.



2007 - 2008

22nd June 2008 AGM

The chairperson reported that:

Celebration of sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation and matrimony) continued to be a central focus of our community's programme.

-Guest speakers from all walks of life kept coming to inform and educate us about various themes and topics of interest.

-Supporting the sick and bereaved members of the Community continued to

MEDITATION SONG: MUKULIKE NNYO MWASOMA

**Mukulike nnyo mwasoma, mmwe abeewaayo sso okuttibwa,
Muli ne Yezu mwesiimye, mu kwesiima kwonna,
Mutikkiddwa mwenna engule, za baluwangula (x2)**

1. Mukulike okusoma, eddiini mwaginyweza,
Mwagisoma n'ekiro temwebaka tulo,
Mwasoma nnyo eddiini, mwagimanya bw'eri, (By Fr. James Kabuye)
Ddunda tumwebaza, yabajjuza amaanyi.
2. Mukulike abazira, mmwe abaagoba olutalo,
Mwanywerera ku Yezu gwe mwasenga mwenna,
Mwewaayo nnyo kw'olwo, olw'okuba eddiini
Temwatya kuttibwa, tubeewuunya naffe.

2nd READING/ESSOMO ERY'OKUBIRI (2 Timothy 4: 5 – 8, 17 – 18)

Be careful always to choose the right course; be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your life's work, in thoroughgoing service. As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day — and not only to me, but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the Gentiles to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord -

All: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA MIXED VERSION

Muyimirire mwe ab'oluganda, Alleluia. Twanirize Evangiri, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x2

Kigambo kya Ruhanga, tukirangye, omubushondashonda bw'ensi –
Alleluia

Alleluia – Alleluia, Alleluia – Alleluia, Alleluia – Alleluia, ----- Alleluia
Pukrot Alleluia, Pukrot, Amen X2 Alleluia, Alleluia – Alleluia, Amen X2
I – I Love Jesus, You – You Love Jesus, We – We Love Jesus Alleluia,
Amen.

6. Olw'okuba ggwe wekka Omutuukirivu, ggwe Kabaka wekka
Olw'ekitiibwa kyo Yezu Kristu, osukkulumye wonna wonna.

7. Nga muli wamu n'Omutiibwa oyo, Mwoyo Mutuukirivu,
Mu kitiibwa kya Katonda Patri, **Amiina, Emirembe.**

OPENING PRAYER:...

FIRST READING /ESSOMO ERISOOKA : Acts 12: 1 – 11

It was about this time that King Herod started persecuting certain members of the church. He had James the brother of John beheaded, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews, he went on to arrest Peter as well. As it was during the days of Unleavened Bread that he had arrested him, he put him in prison, assigning four sections of four soldiers each to guard him, meaning to try him in public after the Passover. All the time Peter was under guard the church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with two chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly an angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said, 'Hurry!' -- and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through the first guard post and then the second and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. And he said, 'Now I know it is all true. The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord -

All: Thanks be to God

be well done and encouraged.

-The August Community Day every year will change to the Sunday falling immediately before the last one so that members wishing to participate in the annual Bika Bya Baganda Sports gala may do so.

*Securing a permanent and accessible venue for the executive committee's meetings.

*Establishing the Community in Republic of Ireland.

-But **challenges** remained:

*Many Ugandans in UK are still not aware of our existence

*Connecting and engaging with the youth in our community is not easy

*Lack of adequate funding streams; we over-rely on our members to fund Community initiatives

*Challenge of getting people to sign up for paid-up membership for £20 p.a.

*Supporting communities/causes due to low financial reserve

2008 - 2009

On **Sunday 29th March 2009** we hosted the Uganda High Commissioner, Mrs Joan Rwabyomere. She attended Mass with us at St. Gabriel's Church to celebrate Mother's/ Women's Day. She gave an inspiring speech about the role of women in Uganda's current development.

On **Sunday 26th April 2009** we had the special privilege of hosting His Lordship Bishop Alan Hopes, Auxiliary of Westminster who is also in charge of Ethnic Communities. He presided over the Youth Day Mass at St. Gabriel's Church and also addressed us in the hall. He was impressed by our Christian witness, commitment and enthusiasm.



AGM 12th July 2009 held at St. Francis De Sales, Tottenham:

- Total paid-up membership had decreased by 25% compared to that of 2007/2008; probably it was due to the global financial recession!

-28th June 2009: Bishop A. K. Ddungu led us in celebrating the Uganda Martyrs Day. In attendance was the Prime Minister of Buganda, Katikkiro, Ow'Ekitiibwa John Baptist Walusimbi with some ministers from Buganda Mengo government. It was a very joyous celebration with a fully packed church.



2009 - 2010 AGM 18th July 2010 - Highlights included:

-A permanent and accessible venue for the Executive Committee's meetings had been secured, thanks to Fr. John Buckley of St. Francis de Sales parish in Tottenham.

-Of notable significance was the Uganda Martyrs Day celebration on 27th June 2010 led by Bishop John Baptist Kaggwa of Masaka Diocese.



-Among other **challenges**, the UMCC had experienced a wave of negative publicity from other communities. We had to be alert and work hard to mitigate against this risk. It is always work in progress to live in harmony!

Soprano: Asukkulumye talina amwenkana Katonda, asukkulumye
Asukkulumye talina amwenkana Katonda, asukkulumye.

4. Soprano: Asukkulumye he he hehehe hehehe, teyenkanika,
Ye wa mirembe na mirembe; Ye wa Mirembe na mirembe;
Oooyoo, ffenna tumutya tumusinza; Ooyo, Ye, takyuka y'omu bulijjo

Bass:Yee, asukkulumye, wa mirembe na mirembe
Asukkulumye, mirembe na mirembe, mirembe na mirembe
Ffenna tumutya tumusinza, tumusinza
Ffenna tumutya tumusinza, tumusinza, tumusinza, tumusinza, tumusinza.

BONNA: ASUKKULUMYE TALINA AMWENKANA KATONDA, ASUKKULUMYE.

SAASIRA /KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison (x3); Christe Eleison (x3); Kyrie Eleison (x3).

EKITIUBWA /GLORIA : EMIREMBE N'ESSANYU

Bass: Ekitiibwa kibe mu ggulu eri Katonda

Chorus: Emirembe n'essanyu essa bikke mu nsi yonna yonna,
Mu b'omwoyo omulungi, Katonda b'ayagadde atyo,
Emirembe wonna.

1. Olw'ekitiibwa kyo Mukama, Mukama wonna tukusinza,
Tukugulumiza, tukutenda weebale byonna by'okoze.
2. Mu ggulu Katonda ggwe Kabaka waffe wonna tukusinza,
Taata Katonda tukutenda n'essanyu olw'obuyinza bwo.
3. Mukama waffe Omwana wa Katonda ggwe Yezu Kristu,
O Kaliga aka Katonda, Mwana Katonda gw'alina.
4. Ggwe aggyawo ebibi by'ensi saasira ffe tusaasire.
Ggwe aggyawo ebibi by'ensi wuliriza okwegayirira kwaffe.
5. Ggwe atudde ku ggwa ddyo gwa Patri tusaasire (2)

KA TUSANYUKE FFENNA (Fr. James Kabuye)

**Ka tusanyuke ffena, ka tujaguze ffenna
Abaana ba Katonda abeebonanye wano mu kiggwa kye
Tuli baluganda ba nda emu, tuli baluganda Kitaffe y'omu,
Ffe tuva wamu, era tudda wamu,
ekitiibwa kya Kitaffe bwe busika bwaffe.**

1. Mulabe Katonda bw'atwagala abantu, Twali tuwabye ffenna;
n'atutumira Omwana omuggulanda atulokole.
**Tweyanzizza Kifaffe tufuuse baggya,
Tweyanzizza Taata atwagala nnyo.
Tweyanzizza Kitaffe tufuuse baggya,
Tuli baana bo(x2) Taata abaganzi.**
2. Mulabe Katonda bw'atwagala abantu, twali tumujeemedde;
N'atuyiwako amazzi n'atuzaala mu Batismu. **Tweyanzizza...**
3. Mulabe Katonda bw'atwagala abantu, yaggya mu kissa kye ekyo
N'atuyingiza mu eryo eggwanga lye eppya eritukuvu.
Tweyanzizza...
4. Mulabe Katonda bw'atwagala abantu, twajjuzibwa ne Mwoyo.
Tuli mu maka ga Katonda ku nsi amatukuvu. **Tweyanzizza...**

ENTRANCE /AMAYINGIRA: KINO KIKI?

(Fr. Vincent Bakkabulundi)

1. Kino kiki, kino kiki, kino kiki? - Ye nnyumba y'Omukama
Tuyingire, tuyingire, tuyingire - Mu nnyumba y'Omukama
BONNA: Kawamigero Nnyinimu tumuyimbire.
2. Twanirize, twanirize, twanirize - Omukama Ssewanaku
Tugulumize, tugulumize, tugulumize - Omugabi atagambika
BONNA: Kawamigero Nnyinimu tumuyimbire.
3. Asukkulumye talina amwenkana Katonda, asukkulumye
Tuli bantu be ye yatutonda, asukkulumye
Ekitiibwa ky'alina kisuffu asukkulumye (x3)

2010 - 2011: AGM held on 17th July 2011



-18th September 2010:
UMCC actively participated in welcoming and praying together with the Pope Benedict XVI at Hyde Park. It was so moving.



-28th Nov. 2010: UMCC Mass and Christmas Carols with Waterloo Okusinja mu Luganda choir in an ecumenical spirit at its best!

-Easter (24.4.2011) our Youth entertained us with stylistic performances. Thanks to Mrs Theo Bengo who was behind it all!



-3rd June 2011: A group of about a dozen UMCC members participated in Uganda Martyrs Day celebrations at Bad Honnef Catholic Social Institute, Cologne - Germany. Thanks to Rose Mistica Farmer for coordinating this trip.



-26th June 2011: Uganda Martyrs Day celebrations led by Mgr Charles Namugera who works at the Vatican Department of Health. We were joined by members from JIDO Community in Dalston.



Bottom-right, some UMCC members went on Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 11.9.2011



AGM 22nd July 2012



- 3rd June 2012: Uganda Martyrs Day celebrations led by Fr. David Irwin, Coordinator for Ethnic Chaplaincies; Deacon Joseph Baffour also attended.

Charitable Work:

- UMCC has supported various causes: e.g. mosquito net project initiated by Jessica Bukenya; assistance to Fr. Joseph Kamoga to construct priests' house at Kasozi Parish – Rakai district; assistance to Bwesa parish church through Mr. R. Mbogga who was approached by Bp. J.B. Kaggwa; volunteering in a CAFOD project by Mark Anthony Kaweesa (of Mr & Mrs Ssekabira).
-Some UMCC members attended the Community Leadership Course organised by Citizens UK.

Constitutional Amendment 2012

- The UMCC Constitution, last amended in July 2007, was amended at this AGM, in regard to Membership (Article V(c); (d); the Safeguarding role (Article VIII (D) Board of Trustees (Article IV(B)

TUTENDE ABAJULIZI

Chorus: Ka tusanyuke tutende Abajulizi

Baganda baffe mmwe abazira

Mwawaayo obulamu bwammwe

Ne mumusenga oyo Katonda

1. Kalooli Lwanga, Matia Mulumba, Yoanna Maria Muzeeyi
Kizito Omuto naawe mutusabire tutuuke naffe
Mu bulamu obw'olubeelera.
2. Yozefu Mukasa, Anatooli Kiriggwajjo, Ambrozio Kibuuka
Ponsiano Ngondwe naawe mutusabire tutuuke naffe
Mu bulamu obw'olubeelera.
3. Mbaaga Tuzinde , Andrea Kaggwa, Adolfu Ludigo,
Noa Mawaggali, naawe mutusabire tutuuke naffe
Mu bulamu obw'olubeelera.

MATIA NE KAROLI

1. Matia ne Karoli
Ne bannammwe abiri
Mmwe abaafiirira eddiini
Mwatugulumiza dda
Mu nsi Uganda.

2. Ababaka ba Yezu
Bwe bajja mu nsi muno
Mwabasanyukira nnyo
Ne babayigiriza
Mu nsi Uganda.

3. Mmwe abaasookera ddala
Mwaweebwa okusoma
Eddiini ey'amazima
Ne mugitutumula
Mu nsi Uganda.

4. Mwasenga Yezu Kristu
Ne muba bakakafu
Eddiini gye mwakwata
N'ebasingira byonna
Mu nsi Uganda.

5. Abajulizi okufa
Eddiini kwe kukula
Bwe kibeera bulijjo
Bwe kyabaawo ne muno
Mu nsi Uganda.

6. Ffe nno Baganda bammwe
Tukyali mu lutalo
Mutuwolereze nnyo
Eddiini tuginyweze
Mu nsi Uganda.

2017 – 2018 (AGM held on 14th July 2018)

9th June 2018: Joint celebration of Uganda Martyrs Day at St. Anthony's, Forest Gate with other Communities, led by Bishop Mathias Ssekamaanya, Emeritus of Lugazi.

24th June 2018:
Bishop Mathias Ssekamaanya visited us and led us in Mass.



Married Couples' (Bafumbo) pilgrimage to Rome who attended Palm Sunday Mass with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, 14 Apr. 2019.

Martyrs of Uganda pray for us to follow our motto: ***'IN FAITH WE GROW'***

The UMCC Journey continues...

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10th AGM (2012 – 2013) held on 21st July 2013

- UMCC joined Citizens UK alliance for a trial period of 6 months; Citizens UK officials came to address the Community on various issues;
- January 2013: Children's Liturgy sessions had started; conducted by Jessica Bukenya and chairperson

(2013 – 2014)

AGM 20.7.14

-14th July 2014
– Bade farewell to Fr. Kevin McDevitt who was our parish priest; he retired and relocated to another parish in Scotland.



2014 – 2015

(AGM held on 19th July 2015 at St. Francis De Sales, Tottenham)

- 30th August 2014: Ettafaali Fundraising Event a function presided over by Ow'ekitiibwa Charles Peter Mayiga – Katikkiro of the Buganda Kingdom. We raised £1,790 towards Ettafaali Project spearheaded by Mengo government.

- 21.9.2014: Pan African Mass at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. →

Below, right - 8th November 2014: Extraordinary General Meeting at St. Francis de Sales to discuss way forward for legal status of UMCC as Company Limited by Guarantee. Session led by Miss Hadija Kisembo. →



- 24th May 2015: Pentecost Day celebrations at St Gabriel's (Parish Day). UMCC choir was in full participation together with the resident church choir.



- 30th May 2015: UMCC participated as Ow'Ekitiibwa Charles Peter Mayiga officially installed Kabaka's representatives in the Diaspora, including our chairperson, Mr. Robert Mukiibi at that time.



31 May 2015:
Hosted Prime Minister of
Buganda, (Katikkiro)
Ow'Ekitiibwa Charles
Peter Mayiga

(Below)
28th June 2015:
Uganda Martyrs Day
celebrations (250+
people) led by Rev Fr
Mark Richard Ssajjabbi
(inset) who represented
Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga of Kampala.



Challenges:

- Over-committed workforce, leading to less than expected attendance at executive committee meetings;
- Difficulty in recruiting new volunteers to get on board.
- Inadequate funding streams; difficulty in attracting funding sources.
- Incapacity to hire a full-time administrator to focus solely on UMCC matters.
- Incorporating safeguarding initiatives; maintain consistency and delivery of our programmes.
- It was still a very difficult and complex issue for the Community to decide whether to become a Registered Charity or a Limited Company.

2015 – 2016 (AGM held on 16 July 2016)

19.9.2015: Handover meeting as Mr. Robert Mukiibi stepped down after 9 years at July AGM and Mr. Daudi Mugwanya took over the mantle.

- T-Shirt project was initiated to help boost our funds. Each cost £10.
- Community's website www.ugandamartyrs.org was revamped;
- Administrators: Chairperson, Secretary and Fr. Gerard (training on 30.4.16).
- Mr R. Mukiibi now becomes the third trustee on the board.

- 25.6.2016: Fr. Gerard Balinnya celebrated his Priestly Silver Jubilee at St. Philip's church, Finchley. UMCC members fully participated in the joyful occasion.

2016 – 2017

AGM on 9th September 2017

3rd June 2017: Joint Uganda Martyrs Day UK celebrations at Southwark St. George's Cathedral led by Bishop Howard Tripp was huge turn up.



11th June 2017: St. Gabriel's Golden Jubilee celebrations (1967-2017) led by H.E. Vincent Cardinal Nichols.

- Re-branding the UMCC as a non-profit limited company is still on hold!

