



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

29th September 2013

“In Faith We Grow”

UMCC IN A SUMMER OF ACTION

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren,

This summer season has been one of activity in various aspects of our life. Looking back in July we had our annual general meeting in which we reviewed our community's life, activities, successes and challenges of the past year 2012-2013. The minutes are available for those who were unable to attend. Please contact our secretary, Ms Winnie Nantege, for an update.

We also held elections for the office-bearers. We thank the outgoing executive committee for a job well done and we welcome the new team and wish them every success as we commit to support them in their endeavours to keep the UMCC flag flying. *(See below for the line-up of the new committee).*

OFFICE	OFFICER ELECTED
Chairperson:	Mr. Robert Mukiibi
Vice chairperson:	Mrs Edna Bukenya
Secretary:	Ms Winnie Nantege
Treasurer:	Mr. Robert Ssebaggala
Publicity Sec.:	Mr. Daudi Mugwanya
Liturgical Officer:	Mrs Rose Mukiibi
Ass. Lit. Officer:	Mrs Magdalene Musajjakaawa
I/C of Ceremonies:	Mr. Gerard Nsamba
Bavubuka (1):	Mr. Joseph Kikomeko
Bavubuka (2):	Ms Dorcus Kasozi
Ecumenical Coord:	Ms Julie Ssozi
A/c Review Office:	Mrs Jane Taamale
Bafumbo (1):	Mr. Ambrose K. Ssemakula
Bafumbo (2):	(TBA)
Choir Chairperson:	Ambrose K. Ssemakula(TBC)
Committee Member(1):	Mr. Kizito Bukenya
Committee Member(2):	Mrs. Rose Mystica Farmer
Trustees:	{Mrs Margaret Nsereko {Mrs Margaret Hawkins

A lot has been happening lately as you will gather from this edition. On 8th September some of us went on pilgrimage to Walsingham at the shrine of Our Lady. It was a prayerful experience. The pictures below testify to that!



On the same day our UMCC choir was invited by to Battersea Parish to participate in their international day celebrations. The following Sunday 15th Sept. saw us in Southwark Cathedral celebrating the Pan-African Annual Mass (PAAM) for all the African Catholic Communities and Chaplaincies, led by Bishop Paul Hendricks. We were greatly honoured to have our UMCC couple Mr Ambrose and Mrs Felicitas Kibuuka Ssemakula being presented with an award by for championing the African Catholic Mission in Britain. Well done all of you! Be blessed. **Fr. Gerard**



*UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship*

MASS INTENTIONS

+Ms Maria Ddungu offers a Mass intention during today's Eucharistic celebration in thanksgiving for her life and blessings.

+For all Families of the children baptized today for life and blessings.

+ For all our departed remembered today.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. Timothy and Mrs. Magdalene Musajjakaawa
(4th Sept. 1982 = 31years)

Mr. Denis and Mrs. Winnie Muwonge
(7th Sept. 1985 = 28 years)

Mr. Joseph and Mrs Juliet Muwonge
(24th Sept. 1994 = 19 years)

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs Noa Kiwanuka
(2nd Sept. 2000 = 13 years)

Mr. Henry and Mrs Doreen Walusimbi Ddungu
(24th Sept. 2004 = 9 years)



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Ms Thereza Mukiibi (10th Sept.)

Daudi M. Mugwanya

John Birozo

Clare Mukiibi

Belinda Nnannyimba

Adrian Nathan Birungi (15th Sept.)

John Zzinga (23rd Sept.)

Maria Ddungu (25th Sept.)

Gerald Nsamba (28th Sept.)



Congratulations to
EDWARD KAGGWA
and **PATIENCE J. I.**
NNALUBEGA who got
married at Lubaga Ca-
thedral, Kampala on
27th July, 2013.

Thanks to the commu-
nity for supporting
them. Please keep them
in prayer for a very
happy marriage.



My name is Melissa Ann Namubiru and I am 16 years of age. Thursday 22nd August was one of the most phenomenal dates of my life! Two years of hard work have finally amounted to exceptional success! It is only by God's grace which has sustained me throughout my years of education, but the journey doesn't stop here. From an all girls' Our Lady's Convent School in Hackney, I achieved **6A*s, 4A's and a double award distinction**, equivalent to 2 more additional A*s. I defeated the stereotypical view that you need to go to a private school in order to attain a full streak of A's and A*s, and proved that God's faithfulness to His people will always prevail.

However, this is not just a 'fluke' or a one-time success, and by God's grace this will not be the last of my successes to be heard about. My dedication and commitment to my education began from as early as infant school, where I was invited to attend an African and Afro-Caribbean award ceremony at Alexandra Palace, and received the award for exceptional Year 2 SAT's results. I also attained a full streak of level 5's for my Year 6 SAT's, and I decided to continue my secondary school education at Our Lady's.

Leading up to my GCSE's success, I'd describe myself as a well rounded, enthusiastic, determined and a very motivated person. From Year 8 I was involved in Maths competitions held on numerous occasions such as Queen Mary University. In Year 9 I began learning to speak Chinese and French. Due to my determination I outshined most girls who began learning in Year 7. I

took part in a series of Mandarin speaking and reading competitions held by British Council. From year 10 I attended a work day at Linklaters law firm to investigate the importance of languages in a workplace, and was later re-invited there in Year 11! I also worked closely with SAGE publications for a course of 6 months which gave me the opportunity to attend the World Book Fair held at Earl's Court. I held a closing conference for about 300 of their workers, where I made a presentation with a few peers and I demonstrated my Chinese speaking skills.

Outside the classroom, I am a very active and sporty girl and came to the conclusion I want my career path to be associated with sports. From a young age I've always desired to become a medical doctor, and as I grow older the field I've decided to specialise in became clearer to me day by day. I am currently an athlete and I run and throw for Enfield & Haringey Athletics Club, and during my GCSE's I didn't find it much of a struggle to manage time for training and exam revision. However, when I needed to sacrifice one or the other, my books would always come first. I've also achieved a red belt in Karate at the age of 12, and I've been involved in a range of martial arts during my spare time.

I'd like to use this opportunity to reach out to the youth and to encourage you all to keep studying and striving for success. But we also need to seek God's face and cast all anxieties onto Him and His faithfulness will prevail. By God's sufficient grace all things are possible. God's favour has been so predominant in my life, to a point where to this day I have seen my face on the front page of a local Hackney newspaper due to the work God has done for me! Continue to desire to do things which will bring glory to His name, and you will never fail because as children of God, failure is not our portion!

Melissa Ann Namubiru

MARGARET NALWANGA

10th October, 1939—26th August, 2013

We would like to thank God for Mum's life and for the blessings He bestowed on her while she was with us. She died after a bout of cancer!

Mum was taken from us so quickly just when we were getting to really enjoy our adult life with her. We indeed had a friend we could talk to and laugh with. She will be sorely missed by her children Elizabeth, Frank, Viola, Winnie and Maureen; grandchildren Grace, Pamela, Ivan, Mark, Leena, Alexander, Cornelius, Bobby, Jessie - Elizabeth plus great grand-children Macy and Megan.

Her son, Bob Bemba, went before mum to prepare the way.

May your souls rest in eternal peace.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported us in those dark moments .

Mrs Viola Hategeka and Family

RUTH VERONICA BIRABWA SSEBUYIRA

Born 22.09.1960, passed away 1.09.2013 at Lewisham Hospital and buried in Uganda 14.09.2013. The family express their gratitude for all the support given to the late and to the bereaved. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and peace. Amen.

By Lilian Mukisa of Camberwell (sister of the late) as well cousins Rose Ssewali, Julie Ssozi and Josephine Ssozi.

ANNA KUWEZA NNAKAYIMA

3rd May, 1919—29th August, 2013

Aunt Anna was born in Mbazzi, Mpigi district. She grew up in Katende. She worked as a housemaid for various expatriates in Kampala and Entebbe between 1950—1980. She had spell in Nairobi in the late 1970s working with the family of Hon. Matthew Rukikaire, ex-Minister. She ran a bakery and a retail shop in Makindye -Kampala until 2001. She finally retired in Entebbe and Katende where she died after a long illness. May she rest in eternal peace.

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More sad news in our family as our uncle **FRANCIS KASIRYE WAGABA** of Kitale—Entebbe also passed away on **Thursday 26th September 2013** after a long illness. He was the last born of the siblings! Note that we buried his elder

sister **Anna Kuweza** almost a month ago!

Born **24. 03. 1934**, he grew up in Katende and lived in Kitale. He was self-employed and travelled to Kenya and Congo. His last and long distance travel was in North Carolina where his eldest son, Augustine Sunday Luboyera lives. Our uncle had a love for life as a jolly man with a sense of humour. He will be sorely missed by family and friends! May the Lord be merciful to his soul and grant him eternal rest.

Thanks to all those who have sent us condolence messages as well as moral and spiritual support.

Stephen Ssaalong Ssemugonda, Daudi Mugwanya Family and Fr. Gerard Balinnya