



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

30TH JUNE, 2013

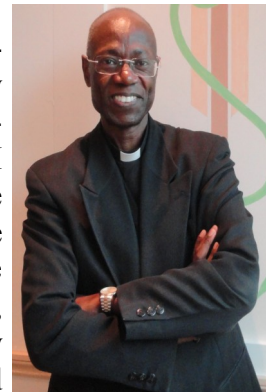
"In Faith We Grow"

SOLEMN FEAST OF PETER AND PAUL

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Dear Brethren,
The solemnity of Peter and Paul has special significance in my life since I was ordained on that feast day some **22 years** ago at Lubaga Cathedral. I vividly recall the ceremonies and the celebrations thereafter. I remember my first appointment, the people I have met, served and worked with. There is one undeniable fact that life's journey becomes enjoyable, bearable and rewarding when there is harmony within yourself, with God, with people and the environment. Unity and peace are the fruit of life of cooperation with God and people as well as synergy with the surroundings.



Saints Peter and Paul are a living example of the importance of cooperating with God and each other. Peter used to fish with his colleagues and brought his skill to the business of fishing souls for God's kingdom. Despite his impulsive character he was chosen to be the rock and foundation of Christ's church. He used his talents to lead and guide the church. He never abused his authority, but used the power of the keys to unlock people's potential to become children of God. In cooperation with Paul and other apostles he faithfully fulfilled his task and is now in company with the Master.

Paul, who turned his life around from being a persecutor to a fearless and convinced preacher of the Gospel, is another inspiring example. He travelled a lot on various missionary journeys working with several other colleagues to spread the Gospel with relentless zeal. He was a prolific spiritual writer, leader, advisor and reconciler. He was imprisoned, shipwrecked, ridiculed and persecuted for the sake of the gospel, but never gave up. As he confesses, he fought the good fight and finally won the crown of glory (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Peter and Paul teach us to learn lessons of faith, patience with ourselves and with others, reconciliation, cooperation to promote virtue, harmony and peace. As we celebrate the Year of Faith, we ask that they continually intercede for us to emulate their faithful example and let the Spirit use and work in us purposefully.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

Fr. Gerard M. Balimya

UMCC Chaplain

*UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship*

JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Peter M. Ssendawula (1st June)

Evelyn Joyce Nnampijja (7th June)

Esther Kyazze Mutegombwa (8th June)

Paulo Ssempijja (13th June)

Claire Cissy Mubiru (22nd June)

Terrie Jo Marie Ssebaggala (26th June)

Liam Jordan Ssekweyama Mugwanya (27th June)

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr Alex & Mrs Catherine Mulumba

30.06.1990 (23yrs)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21st July: Our Annual General Meeting and elections will take place in the hall at 3.30 pm.

25th Aug.: Buganda Bika Sports Gala @ Newham Leisure Centre, Plaistow, London E13 3AL (12-8pm)

31st Aug: Lewisham Catholic Community will host UMCC Mass at St. Saviours Catholic Church, 173 Lewisham High Street. SE13 6AA at 2:30pm.

8th Sept: Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage

15th Sept: Pan-African Annual Mass at Southwark Cathedral starting at 2.30pm

MARRIAGE BANNES: EDWARD KAGGWA of Hornsey (formerly of Nkoni Parish) and PATIENCE J. I. NNALUBEKA of Ggaba Parish, due to get married at Lubaga Cathedral, Kampala on 27th July, 2013.

Dear Friends

Welcome to our June 2013 Community Day Celebration!

As we close the Executive year 2012 / 2013, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very brilliant summer. Some of you have plans to visit new places, see relatives and / or friends. Indeed some of you may want to take this time to have a break from "it all" and keep your feet firmly on the ground. No matter what your plans are, please make sure that you make the most of them.

You will remember that on 2 June 2013, the day we celebrated our Patronal Feast Day – The Uganda Martyrs – we had in our midst the Acting High Commissioner of Uganda His Excellency Ambassador **Isaac Biruma Ssebulime** together with His Excellency **George Liswaniso** – Namibia's Ambassador to the UK, Ow'Ekitiibwa **Joseph Nsambu Musisi**, the representative of Kabaka Mutebi in the United Kingdom, and many other friends of the Uganda Martyrs. It was a great honour to have such dignitaries and friends with us on the day. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. There are a few pictures from our last event in this newsletter that will give us a taste of that day.



Mr. R. Mukiibi with H.E. Amb. I. B. Ssebulime

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to you all for making the UMCC what it is and what it will continue to be. I wish also to special thanks to all those who have contributed in any way or form, towards the organisation of those celebrations. Without you, we could not contemplate those and any of those other numerous UMCC achievements.

On Sunday 21 July 2013, the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM). As this is the our last Sunday before the current Executive Committee is dissolved, I on behalf of the Executive Committee would like to thank you for your continued support, especially during the last twelve months. I would also ask you for your prayers to enable the electorate to choose able leaders, and also that the incoming executive may make the right decisions for our community.

May God continue to bestow upon you his unlimited love and blessings.

Robert Mukiibi

Chairperson – 2012/2013



Our esteemed **UMCC Choir** performed very well. We appreciate their selfless services and pray that the Lord gives success to the work of their hands and voices. Thanks to **Fr. Tesfa-Michael** for presiding over the Martyrs' Day celebrations.



Liam Ssekweyama played a piece during Mass. This month he celebrates his 12th birthday!



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Friday 10th May 2013 I received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church.

Bishop John Sherrington confirmed me and Ruth Kitayimbwa was my chosen sponsor. The name chosen for my confirmation was **Angela**, after Blessed Angela of Foligno, as she was a loving person and helped charities. She was buried in Foligno, Rome.

This was an opportunity that I was happy about because this made me a full Roman Catholic and brought me much closer to God.

I would like to thank my family and friends for supporting me on this journey, since it was a struggle to get to the classes while preparing for exams. I would like to thank my catechist Kevin for teaching me all the important lessons on being a confirmed Christian. I also like to thank Fr. John (priest of St. Joseph's) and Bishop John Sherrington for all the prayers and the Confirmation ceremony. And I also thank Auntie Ruth Kitayimbwa for being my sponsor and witnessing the day I was filled with the Holy Spirit.

God Bless You

Olivia Angela Nnaabakiibi Mukiiibi

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS**

Congratulations to John Vianney Kibuuka (below, right) as he received his First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Church, Leyton on 25th May 2013.



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Davis Nsumba and Dobrin Nnamboowa also received their First Holy Communion in Woolich on 22nd June 2013.

We are proud of all of you! Keep firm in the faith and may you be strengthened by the Lord through the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

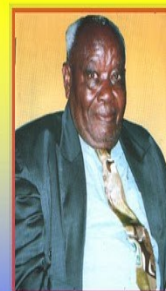
**OBITUARY**

Our heartfelt condolences to **Florence Nnamulondo** of Hornsey who lost her dear mum, the late **IMELDA NAKATO NNAALONGO**, who passed away on 11th June, 2013. She died at 70 years after a long battle with cancer!

May her soul rest in

MASS INTENTION

Mrs. Florah Mugwanya prays for the repose of the souls of her Mum, **Hilda Nnabitaka Kiwanuka**, who passed away on the 28th of June 1976 and Dad, **John Chrysostom Kiwanuka**, who passed away on 12th of June 2010. She also thanks God for taking them through the past few months and for the role she has assumed.



John Chrysostom Kiwanuka (J C)
27th July 1919 – 12th June 2010

"God grant him eternal rest"