

It's a
beautiful thing


Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD**MIGRANT WORKERS' MASS**

You are all invited to attend the Annual Migrant Workers' Mass in Westminster Cathedral on 5th May at 10.30 am.

**Uganda Martyrs
Day
29 June 2014
at 3 pm.**



*UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Olivia Mukiibi 3rd
Jordan Ssali 4th
George Kasibante 6th
Paschal F. Kyazze 6th
Lydia K. Zzinga 16th
Jeremiah F. Kuteesa 20th
Vincent Kigongo 23rd
Margaret Hawkins
Felista Nnanfuka Kibuuka

Happy Birthday to all!

FOR THE SICK

We commend all the sick and suffering members of our community to be touched and healed by the Risen Lord.

FAITH IN RISEN CHRIST BRINGS JOY AND FELLOWSHIP

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I hope you celebrated Easter joy wherever you were in the best way possible. A good number of us made it to Tottenham and celebrated in our usual UMCC style. We had fun!

Traditionally we mark World Youth Day on Palm Sunday in the Catholic Church. The Pope sent a special message for our reflection. He recalls his visit to Rio De Janeiro in Brazil in July 2013 for the 28th World Youth Day as an event of joy and fellowship. This kind of fellowship is what characterised the life of the early Christian church soon after the resurrection of Christ as recounted in today's first reading (**Acts 2:42-47**). Faith in the risen Lord brings joy and fellowship because it gives meaning to our existence.

This year Pope Francis invites us to pick **'the courage to be happy'**. He says, "We face so many challenges in life: poverty, distress, humiliation, the struggle for justice, persecutions, the difficulty of daily conversion, the effort to remain faithful to our call to holiness, and many others. But if we open the door to Jesus and allow him to be part of our lives, if we share our joys and sorrows with him, then we will experience the peace and joy that only God, who is infinite love, can give."

He continues, "If you are really open to the deepest aspirations of your hearts, you will realize that you possess an unquenchable thirst for happiness, and this will allow you to expose and reject the "low cost" offers and approaches all around you. When we look only for success, pleasure and possessions, and we turn these into idols, we may well have moments of exhilaration, an illusory sense of satisfaction, but ultimately we become enslaved, never satisfied, always looking for more. It is a tragic thing to see a young person who "has everything", but is weary and weak... Jesus challenges us, young friends, to take seriously his approach to life and to decide which path is right for us and leads to true joy."

Life keeps presenting various challenges to our faith. We may have doubts like Thomas. But we must cultivate a **"warrior spirit"** like Jesus who stood firm and courageous in the face of opposition, suffering, injustice and death itself. It is our faith that will sustain us all through life's trials. In today's second reading St. Peter says: **"Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation... is revealed at the end of time. This is a great cause of joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials..." (1Peter 1:5-6)**. Surely, faith leads to joy and victory in Christ!

May the Risen Christ confirm our faith, raise our hopes and deepen our love as we journey through life so that we may finally share in his glorious resurrection. Be blessed.

Fr. Gerard Balinnya

UMCC Chaplain.



MOTHER'S AND WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION—MARCH 2014

We would like to congratulate the gentlemen upon putting on a splendid show in honouring the **Mothers and Women** to recognise their contribution and service to the community and the church. The men proved that they can really manage on their own in the kitchen and bar service. Congratulations everyone. Yes, the **MEN CAN!**

**Vatican City, April 15, 2014**

Pope Francis appointed **Father Acquirino Francis Kibira** as Bishop of Kasese, Uganda. Kasese is a town with a population of roughly 610,000, of whom approximately 292,100 are Catholic. It is served by some 40 priests and 65 religious.

Acquirino Francis Kibira was born in Kigoto-Bulyansungwe, Uganda, in 1958, and was ordained a priest in 1984. At the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, Italy, he studied sacred Scripture. He has served in various pastoral and academic roles.

Currently Rector of St. Paul's National Seminary Kinyamasika, in Fort Portal, Uganda, the bishop-elect succeeds Bishop Egidio Nkaijanabwo, whose resignation upon reaching the age limit was accepted by the Holy Father.

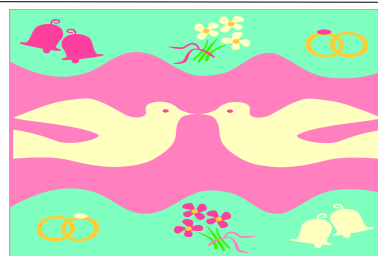
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr. Gerald and Mrs Grace Kalema Ssali: 17/04/2010 = 4 years

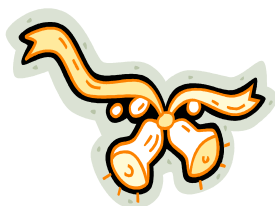
Mr. Charles Lwanga and Mrs Olivia Kisaala: 01/04/2007 = 7 years

Mr. Godfrey and Mrs Irene Ssekisonge: 24/04/2004 = 10 years

Mr. Kizito and Mrs Edna Bukenya: 24/04/1993 = 21 years



Mr Kizito & Mrs Edna Bukenya



Many congratulations to our couples!

We wish them many more happy years together in love!



Mr Gerald & Mrs Grace Ssali