

OBITUARY

MRS ELIZA NANTONGO KIKULE JOCKUAT

Very sudden death occurred to her on late Monday afternoon of 16th April in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolich after a stomach complaint over the weekend.

Born 28.3.1974 she went to Namagunga college and graduated at Nkozi Unuversity. She lectured at Nkozi and also worked as Registrar there before coming to the UK. At time of demise she was working with Medair, a charitable organisation in London. She is survived by a husband and three sons in Mottingham, SE9. Sorely missed by family, relatives and friends. Rest in peace Eliza!



NAALONGO MILLICENT NANTEZA

Born 16.3.1933, she was the mother of **Ms Hilda Kitaka** (aunt to Flora Mugwanya). She lived in Nsangi and died 18.4.18 after a long illness. May her soul rest in peace.

UGANDA MARTYRS' DAY: The Ugandan Community in the UK will celebrate the Uganda Martyrs' Day on **9th June 2018** at **St. Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate, E7 9QB**, starting with a solemn Mass at 2 pm led by **Bishop Matthias Ssekamaanya**, Emeritus of Lugazi Diocese, Uganda. Please help to financially support the event and be there as a witness to the faith in the footsteps of our Uganda Martyrs.



29th April 2018
"In Faith We Grow"
www.ugandamartyrs.org

STAY CONNECTED TO CHRIST AND BEAR MUCH FRUIT

Dear Brethren,

In order to help us understand how we can relate with him and grow in faith, Christ calls himself several things. He is the Way, the Truth and Life. He is the Light of the world. He is the Good Shepherd. He is the Bread of Life.

Today, as we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Easter, Christ uses symbolic language by calling himself the **True Vine** and his followers are the branches. The vine was the symbol of the Jewish nation. In the Old Testament, Israel is always referred to as God's vineyard. The vine and vineyard are used to highlight both the covenant and Israel's fruitfulness.

Now Jesus says that he is the True Vine and we are joined together to him as branches. He points out the absolute need to be closely connected to him through faith, his word, the sacraments and his Church. Christ is the energy and life of the Christian community. Detached from him we cannot bear the fruits of the Spirit expected of us. This is why he states it clearly, *"whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing."* (Jn 15: 5). So Jesus insists that we must be firmly bonded to him in order to bear the fruit of the kingdom.

The idea of connectivity is the basis of all life's systems. A baby in a mother's womb is connected to her by an umbilical cord. Cutting it prematurely leads to death. Living creatures depend pretty much on each other for their survival. There is a high degree of interconnectedness in the food chain.

In the social and economic world, people vie for positions of power and opportunity by looking for the right connections. For those who use phones it is important to have good network connections or else you won't get through to the person you need! Connectivity and connections are crucial in many aspects of life, much more so in the spiritual life with Christ.

To be a Christian is to have the life and energy of Jesus in us so as to bear the expected fruit. The second reading (**1John 3:18-24**) gives us an idea of the kind of fruits we must bear: *"our love must be something real and active"; "a clean conscience"; "keeping God's commandments"; "living the kind of life that God wants and loving one another as he told us to".*

Let's be on guard against some false vines such as: false prophets, dangerous ideologies and beliefs; materialistic and selfish lifestyles. We have to be glued to Christ and his teaching so that we walk his walk and talk his talk. Let's pray for the Spirit to guide us to be fruitful branches bonded to the True Vine.

Fr. Gerard Balinnya

MASS FOR MIGRANTS on Monday 7th May 2018 at **St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1** starting at 11 am with banners' procession. Come to celebrate the diversity of the dioceses of Westminster, Southwark and Brentwood. All are warmly welcome.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Margaret Hawkins	2nd
Flavia Kkulubya	3rd
Olivia Mukiibi	3rd
Jordan Ssali	4th
Santos Mondo	5th
George Kasibante	6th
Paschal F. Kyazze	6th
Juliet Mutyaba	12th
Lydia K. Zzinga	16th
Florah Mugwanya	18th
Charles Lubega	19th
Deo Ssebagala	19th
Hilda Kitaka	19th
Jeremiah F. Kuteesa	20th
Felista N. Kibuuka	22nd
Vincent Kigongo	23rd
Denis Muwonge	24th

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

***Mrs Theo Bengo**
*** Mr. David G. S.Mutumba**
***Mrs Teresa Kyeyune**
***Mathias Wasswa**
***Mr Emmanuel and Mrs Costa Kyagaba** (Fr. Gerard's parents), and many others house-bound or in hospital for God's healing touch.

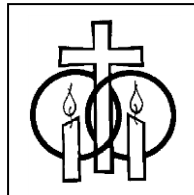
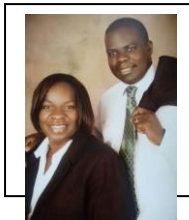
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. Gerald and Mrs Grace Kalema Ssali (17/04/2010 = 8 years)

Mr. Charles Lwanga and Mrs Olivia Kisaala (01/04/2007 = 11 yrs)

Mr. Godfrey and Mrs Irene Ssekisonge (24/04/2004 = 14 years)

Mr. Kizito and Mrs Edna Bukenya (24/04/1993 = 25 years)



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Congratulations to all our couples celebrating their anniversaries, particularly to the Bukenyas who are our Silver Jubilarians. Mr. Bukenya is our Ssaabafumbo! Wishing you all many more happy years together.

UMCC NEWSROUND ("AGA WANO NA WALL...")



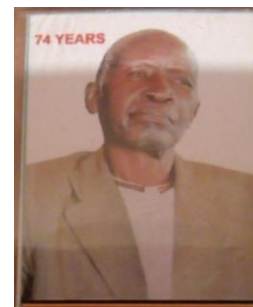
We warmly welcome baby **Phoebe Nakayala Ama Mathison** who was baptized on 15.4.2018 at St. Teresa's Church, Morden. Laurie and Teddy Mathison were so delighted and are grateful to all those who supported the ceremonies. Best wishes to the Phoebe and all the family.



OBITUARY

SSAALONGO WILLIAM MUYOMBA

Born 1944, he was the father of Mrs Eva Nnabukeera Mbogga. He died on 24th March 2018 after losing the battle to cancer in Ggombe hospital, Mpigi district. He was buried 27.3.2018 at Mabanda, Butambala. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



MRS FLORENCE NSUBUGA

Born 1954, she lived in Makindye with her husband and died suddenly on April 9th 2018. She was the sister of Mrs Jennifer Kibuuka. Sadly missed by family and friends! May the Lord strengthen and comfort you all during this difficult time. We pray for the repose of her soul.

