

No Guns No Knives




Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD

Lewisham Community will celebrate their annual Mass on **26th August 2017** led by Dr. Fr. Richard Ssajjabbi at St. Saviour's Church 175 Lewisham High St. SE13 6AA. Time: **2 pm**, followed by reception in the hall. Contact Mrs. Viola **07886030804**

Bika bya Baganda Games will take place on **27th August** at Lee Valley Athletics Centre 61 Meridian Way, Pickets Lock, Edmonton, N9 0AR, starting from 1.30 to 9.30 pm.

The **Pan-African Annual Mass** will take place on **Sunday 17th September, 2017** at St. George's Church, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU at 3.00 pm. Main celebrant: **Rt. Rev. Alan Williams (SM), Bishop of Brentwood.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Julie Ssozi	6th
Gerald Ssali	8th
Margaret Wannyan	15th
Victoria Walugembe	18th
Agnes Janet Ntambi	19th
Ambrose S. Kibuuka	20th
Claude Lukyamuzi	20th
Rose Mistica Farmer	25th
Juliet Muwonge	29th
Rose Mukiibi	29th

BIRTHDAYS



GOD'S KINGDOM IS ALL INCLUSIVE

Dear Brethren,

I am sure we have all heard about or been to parties and other such occasions whereby the guests can only attend by invitation only. No ticket, no entry. Such events are exclusive and the organisers always have good reason to do it that way. If you are not invited you should not complain. Stay out and do other things.

God's kingdom, however, is open to all who want to be in God's company. Salvation is not limited to a few. It is not exclusive. Rather it is universal, all-embracing and catholic.

The Canaanite woman understood this fact. She knew she was a foreigner; outside the chosen race of Israel but she kept shouting, calling for Jesus' attention. Her request to Jesus caused a protest from the disciples. She was proving to be a nuisance.

Christ himself used some awkward language when he said, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs' (**Matthew 15:26**). Being likened to a house-dog did not put her off. Her focus was to get her daughter healed by the Son of David. And she won the argument. Her persistent faith, humility and trust in Christ's power to heal led her to win approval.

God is not interested in our denominations, races, colours, associations and clubs. He just wants our faith, our trust and our positive attitude to his message about his kingdom. God offers his salvation to all of us. It is open and free. Salvation is not restricted or exclusive to a chosen few.

Isaiah (**56:1, 6-7**) reminds us that salvation depends on a person's attitude and not on membership in a people. Foreigners and everyone attached to God's service is eligible. The main criteria are a care for justice and action with integrity. Once you fulfil these, God welcomes you to his house of prayer, which is open for all peoples. It is all embracing and inclusive.

This calls for a change of attitude towards people who do not belong to our circle. At the same time it is empowering us to refuse to be ignored, rejected or underestimated. Everyone has some worth before God. We all deserve recognition. We deserve to be listened to, attended to. Everyone deserves God's blessing and favour as long as you have faith and trust in his power. Acts of justice and lives of humility with integrity are the tickets to God's inclusive kingdom. Do you have the ticket? If not, work for it.

God bless you all and have a restful, prayerful and virtuous summer break.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

23rd August is the feast day of **St. ROSE** of Lima. Her baptismal name was Isabel but she took Rose at her confirmation. Rose admired St. Catherine of Siena and was attracted to a life of prayer and reflection.

Her family suffered hard times and she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Her parents wanted her to marry but she refused. Instead she took a vow of virginity and entered the Third Order of St. Dominic at age 20.

Rose cared for the poor children, slaves, Indians and elderly people in an infirmary she set up in her family house. This is considered to be the beginning of social services in Peru. Rose died on 24th Aug. 1617. She is the patroness of Peru and South America.

24th August: We remember **St. BARTHOLOMEW**, one of the twelve apostles, born in Galilee. He is probably the same person as Nathanael. Little is known about his activity after Pentecost. But there are reports that he preached the Gospel in Armenia and India. He was beaten and beheaded by King Astyages for his faith in Christ.

Cf. The Book of Saints, Regina Classics, (2010).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dr Lawrence B. & Mrs Rita Christine Kasujja	14/08/1976 = 41 yrs
Mr Caesar & Mrs. Kibuuka Ssaka	08/08/1980 = 37 yrs
Mr Joseph & Mrs. Sarah Nsambu-Musisi	01/08/1981 = 36 yrs
Mr Herman Fred & Mrs Olivia N. Ssebuuma	17/08/1991 = 26 yrs
Mr Julius & Mrs Norah Ssonko	10/08/1992 = 25 yrs
Mr Mark & Mrs Regina Kibuuka Fletcher	15/08/2003 = 14 yrs
Mr. & Mrs Male	30/08/2003 = 14 yrs
Mr Michael & Mrs Restetuta Nakalanzi Bukenya	24/08/2004 = 13 yrs
Mr Joseph & Mrs Susan Kojo	28/08/2004 = 13 yrs
Mr Arthur & Mrs Paula Muwazi N. Lubega	23/08/2008 = 09 yrs
Mr John & Mrs Viola Nakayenga Hategeka	30/08/2008 = 09 yrs
Mr John Mpiima & Mrs Lydia Kavuma Zzinga	30/08/2008 = 09 yrs
Mr George W. & Mrs Maria Grace N. Kasibante	07/08/2010 = 07 yrs
Mr Ivan & Mrs Maria Nnajiembra Luwugge	14/08/2010 = 07 yrs
Mr Leonard & Mrs Elizabeth Mayanja	14/08/2011 = 06 yrs
Mr D. Richard & Mrs Eva Mbogga	20/08/2011 = 06 yrs
Mr Paul & Mrs Agatha Nnakazi Ssempijja	20/08/2011 = 06 yrs
Mr Peter & Mrs Olivia Vernon Ssendawula Mukasa	11/08/2012 = 05 yrs
Mr Kevin & Mrs Marjorie Musisi	08.08.2014 = 03 yrs
Mr Rhys & Mrs Moreen Horsfield	27.08.2016 = 01 yr

L. Muyimba appointed as Omutaka Kisolo's Representative in UK + IR



Omutaka Kisolo Muwanga Ssebyoto of Bweze, Busujju, on June 1st 2017 appointed Mr. Lawrence Muyimba as his representative for the Ng'onge Clan in UK and Ireland.

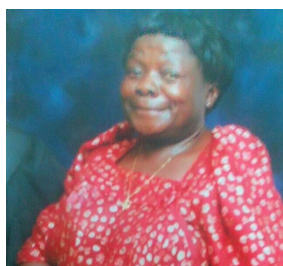


UMCC Annual General Meeting due Sat. 9th Sept. 2017 at St. Francis de Sales Church, 729 High Road, Tottenham N17 8AG. Time: 3 pm.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*Mr. Roy Nsereko
 *Mrs Theo Bengo
 *Jane Tamale
 *Mrs Teresa Kyeyune
 *Mathias Wasswa
 *Mr Emmanuel and Mrs Costance Kyagaba
 (Fr. Gerard's parents), and many others house-bound or in hospital for God's healing touch.

OBITUARY



Mrs Gertrude Christine Nnajokwa Ssentamu, born 12 Dec. 1944, passed away on 13 August 2017. The late was the mother of **Flavia Nnamukwaya** who lives in Reading. The late Gertrude was youngest sister of the late Mrs Thereza Pulle. Her husband, Mr. Augustine Ssentamu passed away just a year ago. Please keep the family in prayer. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

AD MEMORIAM

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- ***Jimmy Katumba** (RIP 13.8.2006)
- ***Fr. Simon P. Magandaazi** (RIP 14.8.2008)
- * **Margaret Nnalwanga** (10.10.39 - 26.8.2013, Mrs Viola Hategeka's mum).
- * **Anna K. Nnakayima** (3.5.19 - 29.8.2013, Fr. Gerard's aunt)
- ***Nnaalongo Jane Kibirige** (RIP 30.7.2014)
- ***Dr. George Mutebi** (RIP 16.8.2014, Mrs Mistica Farmer's uncle)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.