



24TH FEBRUARY, 2013

“In Faith We Grow”

Dear Brethren,

BE TRANSFORMED!

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the second Sunday of Lent. Today we focus on theme of positive spiritual transformation as we reflect on the episode of Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Tabor. This was witnessed to by Peter, James and John. Peter was overcome by the experience as the aspect of Jesus' face was changed and his clothes became brilliant like lightning! This reminds me of the lightning which struck St. Peter's Basilica just after Pope Benedict announced his resignation, due this week Thursday 28th Feb. We hope it was signalling to great, wonderful changes ahead! Keep him, as well as his successor and the whole Church, in prayer.

Today's scripture message invites Christian believers to imitate the Lord himself. God—through his commandments and laws given through Moses, his word and message through the prophets like Elijah, the sacraments and the whole ministry of the Church—reveals himself to us and offers us opportunities to grow in faith and thus be transformed into worthy servants.

Lent is a special time for us to slow down, reflect on what needs to be positively changed in our lives so as to deepen our personal relationship with the Lord. We need to listen to Jesus, his Chosen Son, (**Luke 9:35**), enter into a covenant of love and obedience, just as Abraham did (**Genesis 15:17-18**), in order to merit the crown of glory. Thus, St. Paul exhorts us to focus on our heavenly homeland and work tirelessly as we wait for the Lord Jesus to transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious bodies (**Philippians 3:20-21**). Let us make some commitment this Lent, be positively transformed and get ready to rise with Christ at Easter. Be blessed.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

UMCC Chaplain

**UMCC will celebrate Easter on our Community Day, 31st March.
Please come, join us to celebrate life in the Risen Lord!**

A TASTE OF LIFE IN WORK

On Monday 11th to Friday 15th February I was involved in work experience at the South West London & St. George's Mental Health NHS Trust Springfield University Hospital. I worked in the Information Management and Technology (IM&T) Department. This job specialises in different information technologies and projects to help staff and people with mental health problems, e.g. deaf communicate. On the first day, I met all the employees and managers working in the IM&T Department. I have been to a few meetings as well.

I really enjoyed working here because I learnt new things and got to know all the employees working at this department. In experience, I have really had a good taste of how it is like to work in a successful business such as the hospital. The work experience was really fun and I would wish to return to this job.

I would like to thank my dad for offering me the job, Bernie (one of the IM&T Department managers) for the opportunity to work in the department and all the other employees for their support.

Olivia Mukiibi



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Mary Nnajiema	01/02/
Olivia Nnamakula	02/02/
Fr. Gerard Balinnya	05/02/
Olga Christine Nnannyondo	11/02/
Miriam Ssenkomago Akora	18/02/
Edita Nnabugo	18/02/

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Stephen Ssaalongo S. Musoke & Nnaalongo
5th Feb. 1983 = 30 years!!

Congratulations, long live and happy marriage!

*UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship*



Dear Friends in Christ,

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

A very warm welcome to February 2013. I do hope that you are all settled firmly into 2013. For some of you who attended January's UMCC's get together, you will undoubtedly recall that we celebrated the Bafumbo Day in style. Special thanks especially go to our Ssaabafumbo and Nnaabafumbo for such a wonderful day. We all have to remember that we owe a lot to the marriage institution, as this is the basis of the most fundamental unit in the church – "The Family". As you may recall, our two guest speakers on the Bafumbo Day, Mr. Laroker P'Okot and Dr. Luyombya, both had a lot to share with us on the perspective of the marriage institution. However, of most importance is how the government is now intent on redefining marriage beyond its present format. We have to pray that God's plans for humankind are not derailed by the action of politicians in trying to appease the demands of a few.

Behind the scenes, the UMCC Executive is in preparation for our the Annual UMCC Day which this year will be celebrated on **Sunday 2nd June 2013**. Plans are already underway to enable this. The UMCC Executive Committee requests your full support to give our Patron Saints – **The Uganda Martyrs** - a fitting homage.

Some of the areas we will be seeking particular assistance are the Liturgy (e.g. the Choir), financial support and any other input towards organising this event. The Executive will provide a detailed budget and programme to this effect. We therefore request that (if you have not already done so) you provide us with your contact details to enable the communication process.

On another note, you are aware that the UMCC is working with Citizens UK to further enhance the services we offer you our brethren. On this point, we are hoping to hold another workshop on immigration, and would therefore like to have your thoughts on whether this is something you will be keen on. I will continually welcome your thoughts on this or any other aspects of your community that you feel the need to be addressed.

And needless to say, you know that we always welcome your thoughts on how we can improve and enhance your experience when you come to attend any of our events. The members of the Executive Committee are always there to listen and attend to you suggestions or needs, so use every opportunity to channel your thoughts and suggestions through them or to me directly.

May God bless you all.

Robert Mukibi

Chairman – UMCC (2012 – 2013)

We pray for the sick, especially Joseph Kibuuka and Justine Vvubya.

We remember the departed, especially Fr. Stephen Nganda (Ap. J) and Sr. M. Genevieve Nnamugwnya. May they all rest in eternal peace. Amen.

MARRIED COUPLES' DAY CELEBRATION

We congratulate our married couples who celebrated their anniversaries in style in January in lieu of the Holy Family Day. We have 60 couples registered with us and they are making every effort to lead exemplary lives as they carry the torch. Thanks to those who joined in and supported the celebration. Much gratitude to our guest speakers, Mr Laroker P'Okot and Dr Luyombya for their words of wisdom. Please keep the flag of love and family life flying high!



UMCC Married Couples recalled their wedding days as they posed to cut the delicious Cake followed by a Gangnam style dance!