

No Guns No Knives



NOTICE BOARD

GET READY FOR EASTER 2016

Easter celebration is due
27th March 2016.

It falls on our Community Day. We will be here in action as usual. Please plan accordingly as you die to sin and rise with Christ in victory!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Nnajjemba	1st
Olivia Nnamakula	2nd
Fr. Gerard Balinnya	5th
Olga Christine Nnannyondo	11th
Miriam Ssenkomago	
Akora	18th
Edita Nnabugo	18th



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ssaalongo Stephen S.
Musoke & Nnaalongo

5th Feb. 1983 =
33 years!!

Congratulations!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We pray for the recovery of our sick members, especially **Michael Tamale** (son of Mrs Jane Tamale) who was involved in a motor accident recently.

We remember those housebound and in hospitals and pray for God's healing.

Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

28TH FEBRUARY, 2016

"In Faith We Grow"

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren,

STAND ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

We have been, and still are, following the events in the political life of our beloved country, Uganda. We are going through a very challenging phase which calls for reason and calmness as well as fortitude, vigilance, patience and hope. The Israelites experienced a very tough time in exile. They had a very courageous and God-fearing leader, Moses. God communicated to his people through him. He said, *"I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them..."* (**Exodus 3: 7-8**). God will deliver us.

We should not be despondent and think that God has forgotten Uganda, the Pearl of Africa. We shall overcome. It will take time, hard work and level-headedness. It is easy to be tempted to think that God is slow in acting favourably for Uganda to be peaceful and developing as desired. God's ways are not our ways. That is why in today's **Psalm 102** we hear, *"The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed (v. 6) ...The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy" (v. 8)*. His patient mercy is purposeful. We have to trust and stand on God's promises to redeem us.

Those who watch comedy clips by Mariachi, he always says: **"Ebintu bya Mukama bibuzaabuza..."** With God, when you get **"NO"** as an answer to your prayer request, faith teaches us to interpret it as **"Next Opportunity"**. So we have to guard against any anger, hatred and senseless, destructive violence. When human wisdom and effort fail to take you to your desired goal, then you must seek divine wisdom and intervention. What is happening in Uganda is a lesson for all of us to be more positively engaged in the shaping of our nation. Uganda is like a fig tree which is not bearing fruit yet as desired. But God will not cut it down. He is digging round it and adding manure while giving it more time. This is a time to repent, listen, learn and grow as a nation (**Luke 13:5;6-9**). Let's stand on God's promises, keep working and praying for our country to move in a positive direction. Holy Martyrs of Uganda, pray for us. Stay blessed as you look forward to Easter!

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

BAFUMBO DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to Mr. Ambrose Katende (Ssaabafumbo), his team and all who got actively involved in the Married Couples' Day celebrations last month. Here is a short quote for reflection: *"Marriage is the only school where you get the Certificate before you start. It's also a school where you will never graduate. It's a school without a break or a free period. It's a school where no one is allowed to drop out. It's a school you will have to attend every day of your life. It's a school where there is no sick leave or holidays. It's a school founded by God..."* May the Lord keep blessing your marriages.





KIGUNGU DAY AT CROYDON

UMCC was well represented at St. Chad's Church, S. Norwood, Croydon to celebrate 137 years since the arrival of the first Catholic Missionaries, Pere Lourdel Mapeera and Brother Amans at Kigungu landing site way back on 17th February 1879.

We owe them a big thank you for coming to introduce the light of Christ to us which has borne innumerable fruits.

What can we say about the gift of the Uganda Martyrs, modern education, social services and you name it! *"Mwebale Amans ne Mapeera; mwebale abaaleeta ekitangaala"*, as we always sing.

Thanks to the Uganda Catholic Community in Croydon for the organisation and invitation. We really had fun!



IT'S A BOY!

"Well pushed" to Mrs Mary Grace Kasibante along with Mr. George Kasibante of Borehamwood who got a Baby Boy on 10th February, 2016. We wish them the very best of maternity and paternity leave with pay!



Bishop J.B. KAKUBI

OBITUARY



23.09.1929 - 11.02.2016

Emeritus of Mbarara Diocese which he led from 1969 to 1991 with dedicated service, was the first indigenous Bishop of Mbarara.

Attended Birunduma P.S. 1939 -1941; Nyamitanga P.S. 1942-1943; Kitabi Seminary 1944-1950; Katigondo Seminary 1951-1956.

He was sent to St. Edmund College Ware, Hertfordshire, England in 1958 and later ordained in Westminster, London, 11 June 1960. He celebrated his first Mass at St. Patrick Church, Soho. He attended St. Peter Claver Institute of Social Studies 1960-1961 before returning to Uganda Sept. 1961 as curate at Nyamitanga and chaplain/teacher at Ntare school. Then taught at Katigondo Sem. 1963-1964; Diocesan Education Secretary 1964-1965, Parish Priest Nyamitanga 1966 and Rector Kitabi Seminary 1967 -1968. Pope Paul VI consecrated him Bishop 1st Aug. 1969 at Kololo airstrip together with eight other bishops. His motto: **'Lord you are my shield'** (Psalm 3:3). He established many schools and revived the Congregation of O.L.O. Good Counsel. **May his soul rest in eternal peace.**



GODFREY KATAMBA (28.12.78—14.2.2016)

Born in Masaka, brother to Annet Kyeyune and brother-in-law of Rogers Kyeyune.

He died in a motor accident on the way to Luweero where he had an orphanage for poor children. Sorely missed by Vicky Nnaluyima, Vicky Katende, Annet Kyeyune, family and friends.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

SEPIRIANO KITEGESI, 83



The late died 19 Feb 2016 after a hip replacement operation, following a fall!

Beloved father of Mrs Rosette Buwule Musoke (a.k.a. Maama Faaza) of Edmonton and grandfather of Fr. Simon Kanyike. Buried in Buikwe last week. Sorely missed by Rosette, children, family and friends.

Rest in eternal peace!