

No Guns No Knives



24th FEBRUARY, 2019

“In Faith We Grow”

Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD

LENT 2019

**Ash Wednesday is due
6th March 2019.**

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
Alex William Yawe	
Kasibante	10th
Olga Christine	
Nnannyondo	11th
Catherine Mulumba	15th
Miriam Ssenkomago	
Akora	18th
Edita Nnabugo	18th
Rachel A. Mulira	18th

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We pray for our members, especially:

**Miss Winnie Nnantege
Mrs Theo Bengo**

Mr. Matthias Wasswa

**Mr. Polly Tamwesigire
Ms Maria Ddungu, etc.**

We remember several others who are in hospitals or housebound.

May the Lord be the source of their healing and strength.

BE COMPASSIONATE AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Dear Brethren,

For those of you who follow the news, you might have heard or read about Shamima Begum, a teenager who left the UK to join the Islamic State as a jihad bride when she was 15. Now she is 19 and has just delivered a baby boy. Her British citizenship has been revoked and she is stateless! There are differing opinions about the Home Secretary's decision. Some don't want her back here because she was radicalised and poses a danger to security. Others say she should be allowed back with her baby boy and then face trial. I was intrigued by Mr George Osborne's view, as editor of the Evening Standard, who said that "Ms Begum is our home-grown problem. She should return and be investigated. Her new-born boy will be one of the most vulnerable British citizens in the world. Unless we've now given up on compassion and justice, and believe that the sins of the mother should be visited on an innocent boy" (Cf. Evening Standard, 19.02.2019, p.18).

Remember Cain? After he had killed his brother Abel he felt unsafe because God had cursed him to be a fugitive and a wanderer. He feared for his life and pleaded with God. So the Lord put a mark on Cain, to prevent him from being struck down (**Genesis 4:10-15**). God is indeed "compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy" (**Psalms 102: 8**).

David demonstrated the same compassion by sparing king Saul who was his enemy! (**1 Samuel 26: 7-12**). Christ emphasises the same message in today's gospel (**Luke 6:27-38**) when he exhorts us to love our enemies; pray for those who treat you badly; turn the other cheek; treat the others as you would like them to treat you. It is an invitation to be compassionate as the Father is compassionate. It's indeed a tall order!

In today's world mercy, forgiveness and compassion are in short supply! Turning the other cheek sounds impractical since you do not want to give the enemy an easy ride against you! But it is how you do it tactfully with compassion, mercy and reconciliation that makes the difference. May the Lord grant us grace to learn how to deal with our enemies. May our enemies also try to change for the better! Be blessed.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

BAFUMBO DAY CELEBRATIONS - 27th January, 2019



Right: Couples cutting their cake.

Below: Mr. Bukenya and Mrs. Felicity Katende entertaining us in a comical play!



Much gratitude to Mr. Kizito Bukenya (Ssaabafumbo), Mrs. Felicity Katende (Nnaabafumbo) and their team who led the Married Couples' Day celebrations last month.

May the Lord keep blessing your marriages and families.





KIGUNGU DAY @ St. CHAD'S CROYDON - 17th Feb. 2019

UMCC was well represented at St. Chad's Church, South Norwood, Croydon to celebrate 140 years since the arrival of the first Catholic Missionaries, Pere Lourdel Mapeera and Brother Amans (R) at Kigungu



landing site way back on 17th February 1879. Mass was led by Bp. Paul Ssemwogerere of Kasana-Luweero. Thanks to the Uganda Croydon Community for the organisation.



Jessica Nnakacwa Bukenya, (M. Phil) at her Graduation Party, 9th Feb. 2019.



Congratulations and best wishes as you begin to navigate the world of work. Be a real 'Master' at everything you do!



OBITUARY



Mrs SALOME WALUSIMBI MPANGA (65)

passed away in St. John's Hospital, Minnesota, USA, on Sunday 17th Feb. 2019. She battled with

dementia and bone cancer. She was married to the late Mr Yafesi Walusimbi Mpanga, who was once Mayor of Kampala and business entrepreneur. Salome was a very devoted Catholic with humility, compassion and generosity of heart. She supported many charitable causes and projects for the church. She will be sorely missed by family, friends and the Catholic community who knew her. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

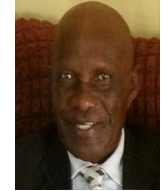


Mr. JOHN MULO KAWERE (1957 - 2019), son of Mr. Tom Kawere of Lubaga, died 18.2.19. He was cousin to Mr. Daudi Musoke Mugwanya, Ssaalongo Stephen Ssemugonda and Fr. Gerard. He was laid to rest at Bubuule, Mpigi on 20th Feb. 2019. May his soul rest in peace.

AD MEMORIAM (Memorial Anniversaries)



Princess Christine Mpologoma Lwantale (18.8.1938 - 30.1.2014)
Bishop Dr. Deo Byabazaire (9.9.1941 - 8.2.2014)
Dr. Fr. Robert Kaggwa (9.5.1959 - 9.1.2015)
Mr. Gabriel Sserunkuuma (1991 - 27.1.2015)



(L-R): Mr. Joseph Simon Kalule (18.10.1967 - 3.2.2015)
Bishop John Baptist Kakubi (23.9.1929 - 11.2.2015)
Mr. Godfrey Katamba (28.12.1978 - 14.2.2016)
Mr. Sepiriano Kitegesi (1933 - 19.2.2016)

Fr. Lawrence Kasule [pic. Not available] of Kiyinda-Mityana (d. 10.2.2014);
Agnes Grace Nnakabugo (18.6.63 - 15.2.2017)
 May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

