



27TH JANUARY, 2013

"In Faith We Grow"

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

MISSION OF CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Dear Brethren,

Welcome to our Married Couples' Day celebration in lieu of the feast of the Holy Family which took place on 30th December, 2012. The Christian families are the cells which, together, make up the body of the church. As St. Paul says in today's reading, ***"now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it"*** (1Corinthians 12:27). Christian families have a special mission in the world. Filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit, married couples have a duty ***"to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour"*** (Luke 4:18-19).

How will you fulfil this important mission? Families today are facing many challenges. The most serious one right now is the campaign by lobby groups to pressure governments to redefine the nature of marriage! This goes against natural law and devalues the sacrament of matrimony. If governments bow in to the pressures, then we shall face some consequences which will inevitably adversely affect the stability of family life and society. May I encourage you all to make the effort and write to your Members of Parliament (MP's) to legislate responsibly for the good of the families. Christian families must stand up and raise their voices to uphold our traditional family values.

This, then, is your challenge to proclaim the good news and the Lord's year of favour. We therefore pray and ask for the Lord's graces and blessings to embark on this family mission with faith, hope and courage. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph be our model and source of inspiration for all our families. Be blessed.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

UMCC Chaplain

MASS INTENTIONS

Mrs Viola Hategeka offers a Mass intention for herself on her birthday(27th January) in thanksgiving for the gift of life and blessings received.

*UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship*

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

JESSICA BUKENYA

was recently commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in her school, St. Anne Catholic High, Palmers Green. We will soon see her in action. May she be blessed in her ministry.

BAFUMBO DAY MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Bafumbo (Married Couples) Office of the Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community, we welcome you all into 2013. We are so thankful to God for all that you have achieved through being part of this wonderful vocation of Christian life. We also wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who have gone through rough times especially during 2012.

We believe that marriage is a gift from God, one that should not be taken for granted. It is the right atmosphere to engage in relations and to build a family life. Getting married in a church, in front of God, is very important. A marriage is a public declaration of love and commitment. This declaration is made in front of friends and family, before God, usually but not exclusively, in a church ceremony.

According to the Coalition of Marriage website "Throughout history and in virtually all human societies marriage has always been the union of a man and a woman. Marriage reflects the complementary natures of men and women. Although death and divorce may prevent it, the evidence shows that children do best with a married mother and a father." We, therefore, urge you to express your appreciation of that gift. A good way to do this would be by saying daily prayers in our homes and raise our children (the future church) in a religious and God respecting way.

We wish you a happy 2013, the Year of Faith.
May the Almighty God bless you all and Happy Bafumbo Day.

Mr Ambrose Kibuuka and Mrs Jane Tamale

Ssaabafumbo and Nnaabafumbo.

DECEMBER MARRIED COUPLES' ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Rogers Kibuye	18.12.2010	2yrs
Mr & Mrs Fred Kyazze Muteegombwa	17.12.2005	7 yrs
Mr & Mrs Noah Kulwazi	19.12.2003	9yrs
Mr & Mrs Ambrose Katende	20.12.2003	9yrs
Mr & Mrs J.W. Mwanje	16.12.2003	9yrs
Mr & Mrs Ronald Ssenyonjo	06.01.2001	11yrs
Mr & Mrs Daudi Mugwanya	20.12.1997	15yrs
Mr & Mrs Deo Ssebagala	23.12.1990	22yrs
Mr & Mrs Wilfred N. Ddamba	15.12.1990	22yrs
Mr & Mrs Peter Ssekabira	16.12.1989	23yrs
Mr & Mrs Roy Nsereko	2.12.1961	51yrs

JANUARY MARRIED COUPLES' ANNIVERSARIES

Mr & Mrs Gerald Ssekalembe –Mutumba	3.1.2009	4yrs
Mr & Mrs Eugene Ntambi	9.1.1987	26yrs
Mr & Mrs Frank Ssewaali	1.1.1980	33yrs



2012 WEDDING - Congratulations to Mr Peter Mukasa & Mrs Olivia Vernon Ssendawula of Southampton wedded on 11.8.2012 at Namugongo Martyrs Shrine, Uganda.

Abakuume mu bufumbo bwammwe!



UMCC choir members represented us at the Royal Albert Hall for the Christmas Carols performed by Candlelight Choir on 16th December, 2012. Muku-likeyo bannaffe; mwebale kutukiikirira!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Rosette Nakalema Buwule	2 nd Dec
Priscilla Mukiibi	13 th Dec.
Robert Mukiibi	15 th Dec

JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Ivan Luwugge	15th Jan
Dorcas Nnakiwala	16th Jan
Gerard Ssekalembe	23rd Jan
Viola Hategeka	27th Jan
Madge Musajjakaawa	28th Jan
Aldridge Ssagala Ssemugenyi	

GET READY FOR LENT 2013

Ash Wednesday will fall on **13th February**. Please deepen prayer, sacrifice and charity.

PRAYERS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**OBITUARY:**

We remember all our loved ones who passed away last year, especially:

Christina Nnaabagereka Katimbo-Mugwanya (26), Niece to Daudi Mugwanya and Fr. Gerard. She died 23rd Dec. 2012 in Uganda.

James Mulwana (76), Ugandan entrepreneur, passed away 15th Jan, 2013. May they all rest in peace.

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