

It's a beautiful thing



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD

Lewisham Community will celebrate their annual Mass on **2nd August, 2014** at St. Saviour's Church 175 Lewisham High St., SE13 6AA. @ **2 pm**, led by Dr. Fr. Richard Ssajjabbi

The **Pan-African Annual Mass** on **Sunday 21st September, 2014** at St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, SE1 7HY at 3.00 pm. Reception in Amigo.

SMART LOVING MARRIAGE SEMINAR at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon, London NW4 4TY on 18 & 19 Oct. 2014 from 9am—4pm. **£45** per couple (materials, meals, etc.) Non-residential

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all!

Mary Nnamukasa 1st
Anita Kigobe 7th
Pamela Muyama 7th
Ann-Marie Namugenyi 9th
Elizabeth Nnabadda 21st
Leonard Ssenyonjo 21st
Bridget Nnantumbwe 28th
Agath Ssempijja 31st
Frank Wampamba 31st
Pauline Sserunkuuma

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Justine Gombe
(30.07. 1994 = 20 years)
Mr. Patrick Gaayiya and Mrs. Mariane Ssali
(22.07.1995 = 19 years)
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ssentoogo Ssenjobe
(18.07. 2003 = 11 years)

SEARCHING FOR LASTING TREASURE

Dear Brethren in Christ,

We all have different and various values in life. Some crave for fame, popularity and celebrity status. Some seek to be powerful, admired and respected or even feared. Some are dying to make various conquests of people, land or wealth before they leave the world. They cannot rest until they have achieved their wild dreams. Some madly pursue their dreams to an extent that they dare even take near-fatal risks!

Today's liturgy of the word invites us to reconsider our priorities in life. The **treasure** being referred to in the Gospel (**Matthew 13:44-46**) is the faith we need to pursue the kingdom of God. The gospel values of truth, love, justice, peace, humility, service, commitment, loyalty, reconciliation should be the guiding principles in our search for God and his kingdom.

King Solomon was wise and enlightened. When God appeared to him and offered him a choice to ask what he wanted in life, he did not ask for long life or riches or death of enemies. Rather he asked for wisdom and discernment so as to be shrewd enough with a heart understanding how to govern God's people.

In our work, service, vocation, studies and duties: what are we longing and searching for? What are our aims and dreams? What kind of values and principles guide our search? What do we crave for and how do we pursue it? What motivates us? Are we setting the right priorities in all this? These are important and crucial questions to ask ourselves and make an attempt to address them everyday. This is how our journey of faith can become more meaningful and fruitful. May the Lord grant us wisdom and discernment.

Fr. Gerard Balinnya

UMCC Chaplain.



BIKA BYA BAGANDA GAMES

Lee Valley Athletics Centre, Pickets Lock, Edmonton, N9 0AR on **24.08.2014**.



UGANDA MARTYRS' DAY 2014 celebrations were so colourful. Mass was led by Fr. Sylvester Bukunya and the homily by Fr. Richard Ssajjabbi. Ow'ekitiibwa Joseph Musisi Nsambu graced the occasion. Colonel J. Kabuubi witness of Martyrs' the canonisation in Rome (1964) shared his memories. The dramatic presentation of Mukaajanga breathing threats to the martyrs, met by their brave witness added colour and value to the celebration. Well done choir! Thanks to everyone involved.

UMCC AGM took place on 20.7.2014

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Bavubuka (2):	Vacant...

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{Mrs Margaret Hawkins
{.....(TBC)

Extra-ordinary general meeting due 4 Oct. 2014
at St. Francis Church, Tottenham, 11 am—4pm.

UMCC CHOIR: AMBASSADORS OF HOPE

12th July saw our choir going back to Crawley at Worth Abbey to sing during Mass as part of a fundraising event in aid of a health project in Irundu, Eastern Uganda. Thanks to Fr. James Cutt and parishioners.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUANDS**

Mrs ESTHER RUKENGWA (left) of Belvedere—Kent, graduated in Business Management from Greenwich University. She is cousin to Mrs Rose Mukiibi.

EDWIN SSEKABIRA (right) graduated in Economics & Political Science from University of Essex.

**AD MEMORIAM & OBITUARIES**

GEORGE W. KATIMBO
1950—25.06. 2014 (R.I.P)
Cousin to **Fr. Gerard**,
sorely missed by family and friends.



SARAH MUGWANYA KABANDA
13.01.1955 - 4.07.2014
Sorely missed by Nagawa, Olga,
Moses, **Daudi Mugwanya** Family
and Butiko Clan. (R.I.P)

Mr P.K. KAYISO
(01/01/31 - 19/07/2004)
Mrs Catherine Mulumba offers a
Mass intention praying for the
repose of the soul of her dad, P.K.
Kayiso. Sorely missed by family
and friends.
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O
Lord. May they all rest in peace.*



MRS ELLEN ALLEN MUKASA
2.02.1962—1.07.2014
Fondly remembered by the **Dan
Mukasa** and **Musisi Nambu** fami-
lies as well as relatives and friends.
Rest in peace!