

No Guns No Knives



25th MARCH, 2018

“In Faith We Grow”

Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Marian Ssali	1st
Theo Bengo	8th
Gonzaga Sseeguya	12th
Sylvia Mubiru	15th
Roy B. Nsereko	18th
Chris S. Ssimwogerere	20th
Grace Kalema Ssali	20th
Sharine Kabenge	23rd
Beatrice Nnanyanzi	24th
Irenaeus G. Kasibante	25th
Maria Fatima Ssekalembe	25th
Alice Joy N. Ssebagala	28th
Flavia K. Nnamakula	29th
Pascal K. Sserunjogi	29th

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John and Juliet Mutyaba:
24th Mar. 1979 = 39 years!

**Christopher Ssaalongo
Ssimwogerere &
Agnes Nnaalongo**
9th Mar. 1992 = 26yrs



UGANDA MARTYRS DAY (UK) - 2018

To be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Forest Gate on **Sat. 9th June 2018** led by **Bishop Mathias Ssekamaanya**, Emeritus of Lugazi.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*Mrs Theo Bengo;
*David Gerald Mutumba
*Polly Tamwesigire;
*Stephen Kibirango;
*Mr Emmanuel and Mrs Costa Kyagaba
(Fr. Gerard's parents);
and many others
housebound or in hospital
for God's healing touch.

Dear Brethren,

‘DO NOT BE AFRAID’

On Palm or Passion Sunday we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem before he was sentenced to death by crucifixion. The whole ceremony is an act of homage to Christ the King. In the procession we see the ascent of God's people and our own ascent, with Jesus to the sacrifice. The journey to Calvary is a central act in the history of salvation. By Christ's wounds humanity and all of creation is redeemed.

Christ, the young revolutionary God-Man, changed the course of history. We, his followers, are trying to walk in his footsteps. He challenges us to live simply, obediently and selflessly so as to bear witness to him with faith, hope and charity.

On this Palm Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates the 33rd World Youth Day. His Holiness Pope Francis sent a message for this occasion with the theme: **“Do not be afraid...,”** based on the message of the angel to Mary (**Luke 1:30**). In it, the Pope encourages the young people to be brave and face their fears with courage, faith and hope. He invites the young people to name their fears and make an effort to discern their vocation through prayerful silence. He encourages them to open up and dialogue with others who have experience to guide them. This will help them to see better and choose wisely from the various possibilities available to them. In this way, they will be able to develop meaningful relationships to shape a purposeful future. The abridged version of his message is attached in this newsletter.

During Holy Week, let us focus on the person of Christ, his life, mission, suffering, and ultimate sacrifice on the cross to save us. We are invited to die to our sins and all those encumbrances that prevent us from leading a truly Christian life. May our journey with Christ to Jerusalem be a sincere ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’. Let's continue with him to Calvary as we carry our crosses with courage, patience and perseverance so that we may finally rise with him into eternal glory, singing a rousing ‘Alleluia!’

Have a blessed Holy Week and Eastertide.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya



BAFUMBO DAY (25.1.18) was celebrated in style... Thanks to the high quality organizational skills of Ssaabafumbo, Mr. Kizito Bukonya and Mrs Felicity Ssemakula, Nnaabafumbo. Congratulations to all our married couples. May the Lord keep blessing your families.



KIGUNGU DAY (18.2.18) was another huge success at St. Chad's church in Croydon. A beautiful celebration was led by Bishop Paul Ssemogerere of Kasana-Luweero Diocese. Thanks to the Uganda Croydon Catholic Community for spearheading the function as well as those of us who supported it in any way



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possible. It is now 139 years since the arrival of Fr. Lourdel Mapeera and Br. Amans in Uganda, in Feb



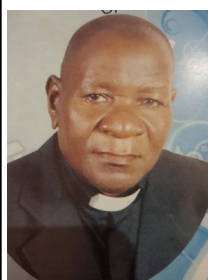
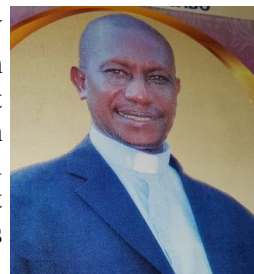
Below: The Mugwanya Family had the honour to host Bishop

OBITUARY

Mrs LUCY NAKYAGABA of Kkongge -Lukuli, born 22.11.1925, passed away on 17.2.2018 after a long illness. She was mum to Justine Vvubya Sserwadda of Stratford and aunt to D. Mugwanya, Stephen Musoke and Fr. Gerard. May her soul rest in eternal peace.



FR. JOHN MARY VIANNEY MUGABO passed away on 19.2.2018 after a relatively short illness. Born 12.6.1964 in Kankobe he was ordained 10.8.1996. He was Parish Priest of Lweza Parish at time of his demise. Sorely missed!



← FR. DAMIAN KATO KASOZI

Ordained 21.8.1986, he served in various parishes in Kampala Archdiocese. He was unwell for sometime. By the time of his passing on 3.3.2018 he was curate at Ndeeba Parish. We pray for the peaceful repose of his

LAETITIA E.M. MUKASA KIKONYOGO



Born 2.9.1940 in Busuubizi she attended various schools including Nabbingo Trinity College, Buddo, Makerere and Oxford University. A career lawyer and judge, she was the first woman magistrate (1971-73) and chief magistrate (1973 –1986). She was a member of the Uganda Court of Appeal (Feb 2001) and Deputy Chief Justice. She was one of the first women knights as Papal Dame, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI. She suffered from Parkinson disease and died of an apparent heart attack at 77 on 23.11.2017. We pray for the repose of her soul.



Sr. M. Teopista Nnakabira
(20.9.1960 –14.3.2017)

Jocelyn Nnabbosa
(Age 19)



Annet Nnakawoza prays for the repose of her late father, **MATAYO GASUZA** (1923 - 17.1.2016).

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

AD MEMORIAM

There are several souls of the deceased to be prayerfully remembered this month.

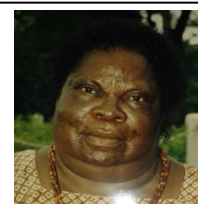


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Mrs Maria Nnakiragga Kawere, 60, (1955 - 4.3.2015)

Fr. Richard Bitalo (1960—11.3.2016)

Mr. Samuel Kafeero, died 8th March, 2016.



Mr. John Chrysostom Ssozi died 17th March, 1989.

Mrs Olive Nora Kawungu Makumbi (29.12.38—28.3.15)

Miss Teddy Kiyaga, of Kyengera, passed 11.3.2016.

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