

No Guns No Knives



31st MARCH, 2019

“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	25
Alice Joy N. Ssebaggala	28th
Flavia K. Nnamakula	29th
Pascal K. Sserunjogi	29th

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John and Juliet Mutyaba:
24th Mar. 1979 = 40 years!

**Christopher Ssaalongo
Ssimwogerere &
Agnes Nnaalongo**
9th Mar. 1992 = 27 years.



Dear Brethren,

‘BE RECONCILED TO GOD’

East or West, North or South—home is best! If you have ever been away from your home environment for a while you have most probably felt homesickness due to separation anxiety! I remember when I first came to England I struggled to adjust. I experienced a cultural shock and it made me feel a real stranger and foreigner. If I had the money I would have booked a ticket for a flight back home. But I had no choice!

In today's gospel (**Luke 15:11-32**) we hear of the prodigal son who had squandered his life's inheritance away from home, leading a life of debauchery and wastefulness! Soon he got broke. He hired himself out to look after pigs deemed to be unclean and forbidden in Jewish culture. He cut himself off from his family, ethnic and religious ties. After deep reflection, he came to his senses and decided to return to the father with a carefully crafted confession of guilt speech.

Interestingly enough, the father is moved with pity. He warmly welcomes him back into the family fold. No questions asked. No recrimination. In fact he rushes to embrace him and orders for a ring and sandals. This is a sign of full restoration. The party starts! But the elder son is not impressed by this. He begrudges the prodigal son and feels as if his faithfulness over the years has not been acknowledged!

The father, however, is magnanimous in his approach. He sees both of them as his sons. The young son was lost and is now found. Let's celebrate his return. To the elder son he said: “You are with me always and all I have is yours.” So why complain?

This parable teaches us about forgiveness, mercy, compassion and reconciliation. God does not count our sins. **St. Therese** said: “God does not know maths!” He does not treat us according to our sins. He looks at our humble and contrite hearts and our efforts to come back to him. Lent is time to come back to our senses, put our spiritual house in order and return to God. **St. Paul (2Cor. 5:20)** encourages us: “Be reconciled to God” and “become the goodness of God”. Let's make an effort to be reconciled with people we have fallen out with. It's a time to reach out to our merciful God for forgiveness and also try to forgive others. Let's be ministers of reconciliation. May the Lord bless our efforts.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

UMCC SILVER JUBILEE celebrations to trace our roots will be held at St. Gabriel's Church, on **Sunday 30th June 2019 at 2.45 pm** led by **Bishop John Baptist Kaggwa** of Masaka. Please keep time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*Miss Winnie Nnantege
*Mrs Theo Bengo
*David Gerald Mutumba
*Polly Tamwesigire

We pray for these members and many others housebound or in hospital for God's healing touch.

THE FIRST UK KABAKA'S BIRTHDAY RUN

All Proceeds go towards sickle cell disease in Uganda

6 Miles Run
On 13th April 2019
Starting at: 8:00 am

Venue: Start at Hyde Park Corner to Notting Hill and Back

This Year's Theme: Sickle Cell Awareness

SPECIAL GUEST: PARTICIPANT ENTRY & KIT: £10
Event will be televised on BBS Terefayina

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Birthday Cake for Fr. Gerard, Mrs Cate Mulumba and all February "babies"! Mr. Gonzaga Sseeguya, recently wedded, joined in the party! Celebrations time. Come on!



IT'S A GIRL! Geraldine

Musajjakaawa delivered a baby girl, **Georgia Kirabo** on 4th Feb. 2019.

Congratulations to Mr. Timothy and Mrs Magdalene **Musajjakaawa** for their second grandchild. Parenthood is now getting sweeter.

MOTHER'S DAY

"Throughout the ages no nation has ever had a better friend than the mother who taught her children to pray."

Today we honour the mothers who are the bedrock of our families through their nurturing and parenting efforts.



TOWARDS EASTER...

We are in the 4th week of Lent. **Palm (Passion) Sunday** is due **14th April**. This will mark the start of Holy Week, leading us to the **Triduum**.

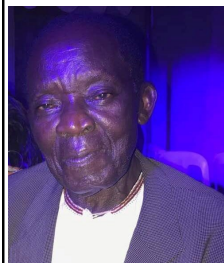


Triduum is the three days, viz.

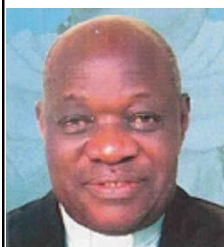
Holy Thursday (18th Apr.) - institution of the Eucharist; **Good Friday (19th April)** - suffering and death of Christ; **Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil (20th April)** which culminates into **Easter Sunday (21st April)**. Are you set for the feast?

Eastertide continues for fifty days to celebrate with joy Christ's resurrection. The season ends with the coming of the Holy Spirit on **Pentecost Sunday (9th June)**. Let's get ready for the coming holy season through prayer, reflection and positive action.

OBITUARY



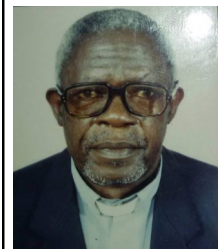
Mr Louis Musoke Kasolo of Lwanga -Mpigi, dad to Mr. Peter Ssekabira passed away on 26.2. 2019. Born 11.7.1932 he studied at Oxford Uni. and was Uganda Transport Co. Manager for over 10 years. He was a 'Mutuba' lineage leader of Ffumbe.



Fr. Gerald Mukwaya died 2.3.2019 in Mulago Hospital. Born in Kitenga—Masaka, he was ordained a priest 13.12.1964. He was a renowned poet and church music composer. He served as National Youth Chaplain, parish priest. He was buried on 4.3.19 at Bukalasa Seminary cemetery.



Mrs Maria Ssemwanga, born 12.12.1933, passed away on 14.3.2019 after a very short illness! She had a history of hypertension. She was the mother of Mr. Lawrence Muyimba.



Fr. Cosma Mukasa, born 1937 in Kyango, Matala Parish, Masaka Diocese, he was ordained a priest on 6th Dec.1970 and ministered in various parishes. He died 22nd March and was laid to rest on Sun 24th March 2019.

AD MEMORIAM (Memorial Anniversaries)



Mrs Maria Nnakiragga Kawere (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.

Sr. M. Theopista Nnakabira (20.9.1960 –14.3.2017)

Miss Jocelyn Nnabbosa (1998 - 7.3.2017)



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Mrs Lucy Nnakyagaba(22.11.1925-17.2.2018)

Fr. John Vianney Mugabo (b. 12.6.1964 - 19.2.2018)

Fr Damian Kato Kasozi (ordained 21.9.1986;died 3.3.2018)