

No Guns No Knives




Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD**UGANDA MARTYRS DAY**

We will jointly celebrate the feast of the Uganda Martyrs at St. Anthony's, Church, Forest Gate, 56 St. Antony's Road, E7 9QB on **Sat. 9th June, 2018 at 2 pm.** with other communities in the country. The **Rt. Rev. M. Ssekamanya**, Emeritus of Lugazi will lead the celebrations. Please plan accordingly and keep time.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**Happy birthday to all!**

Georgina Nnaluyange	3rd
Francis Mpanga Gombe	4th
Nikita Ttendo	09th
Sylvia Mubiru	13th
Joseph Gombe	17th
Kizito Bukenya	18th
Joseph Lubwa Gombe	19th
Athanasius Buwule	
Kanyike	20th
Anna Nnassali	24th
Ezekiel Ssewanyana	27th
Peggy Zawedde	28th
Goretti Nnanfuka	31st

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

***Mrs Theo Bengo**
***Polly Tamwesigire**
***Mr. David Mutumba**
***Matthias Wasswa**
***Mr Emmanuel and Mrs Costa Kyagaba**

(Fr. Gerard's parents), and many others housebound or in hospital for God's healing touch.

LIVE AND WORK LIKE THE TRINITY!

Dear Brethren,

For those who attended the Easter Vigil, the readings took us through the history of salvation: God's work of creation and his encounter with humanity and the universe. In today's reading (Deuteronomy 4:32-34) God reminds his people about his creative act and how he wrought marvels to save them. The drama of good and evil was well portrayed and how God sent prophets to help the people get back on track. The decisive act was the sending of his Son to redeem the world. Throughout the Lenten season we reflected on how God kept extending his hand of love, mercy and compassion to us. The redemptive sacrifice of Christ on the cross was a game changer, culminating in the triumphal victory over sin, evil and death through his resurrection.

So we can notice the highly coordinated action of the Godhead: the Father, creating the world; the Son, dying to save humanity and the Holy Spirit, recreating the world—finally manifested at Pentecost. This is why today we celebrate the solemnity of the **Most Holy Trinity**: to thank the Father (Creator), the Son (Redeemer) and the Holy Spirit (Sanctifier). The Trinity is a family of love. The Trinity exists, lives and works in peace. The Trinity always works in harmony, with salvific vision and purpose.

The mission of the Christian believer is to follow the wonderful example of the Trinity in word and deed. This is why God reminds us, “Understand this today,...and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed,...Keep his laws and commandments...so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land...” (Deut. 4:39-40) Are we doing so, really?

But when I look back at life and the situation in Uganda, I notice a massive change in the politico-socio-economic, cultural, moral and religious spheres going in the wrong direction. It is worrying that in the effort to catch up with the modern times, we have lost out on a lot of values that held our society together. Here Mr. Chinua Achebe's novel, **Things Fall Apart**, comes to mind. There are many things falling apart in Uganda today because the centre cannot hold them together for many obvious reasons! We must come to our senses and learn from the example of the Persons of the Trinity.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr Tony & Mrs Juliet Mukiibi 19.5.2001 =17yrs

Mr Eliab & Mrs Annet Ssentongo 5.5.83 = 35 yrs

At the wedding of two young people, instead of saying, ***‘Lawfully joined together’***, the priest said, ***‘Joyfully loined together’***.

Told by Barbara Reeve of Chelmsford (1982).

Congratulations, long live and happy marriage!

**HIS HOLINESS WITH THE SILVER JUBILARIANS**

We join **Mr. Kizito** and **Mrs Edna Bukenya** in gratitude to the Lord for seeing them through an amazing 25 years of love and marriage. They had a gracious honour and privilege to celebrate their Wedding Silver Jubilee with Pope Francis in Rome a few weeks ago!

We wish them a long life, well lived and worthy to emulate. Congratulations and jubilations!

UMCC CHOIR TAKE OVER DOWNHAM

Our esteemed Choir took leaps and bounds south of the River Thames to take over the liturgical music programme during the outreach Mass at Good shepherd Church in Downham, Bromley on 6th May 2018 under the stewardship of Mr. Daudi Mugwanya, who later hosted them at his new home in Swanley. Well done everyone!

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Choir did it again at St. Gabriel's Church, Archway as they joined the parishioners to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday 20th May 2018. Thanks to them all as well as other UMCC members who joined in the celebrations. Fr. Ugo and Fr. Vincent Waiga appreciate your support.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE CELEBRATIONS

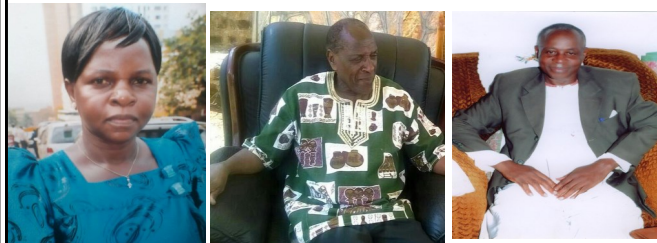
This is a particularly busy period with lots of sacramental life celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Among these we have **Peter Mukiibi** (seen in picture with his parents, Mr. Tony and Mrs Juliet Mukiibi of Dagenham) who was confirmed on 20th May 2018. I am sure there several others in our Community but have not communicated to us yet. We pray for them all to grow in faith and be committed witnesses. We wish them God's blessings.



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AD MEMORIAM

There are several loved ones departed whom we wish to remember and pray for them this month.



L-R: Nnaalongo Mauricia Ssemugonda (d. 6.5.2017)
Mr. James Kagimu (5.6.48 - 20.5.2015)
Mr. Charles Mutumba (d. 30.5.2009) W. Nnantege's dad. May they all rest in eternal peace.

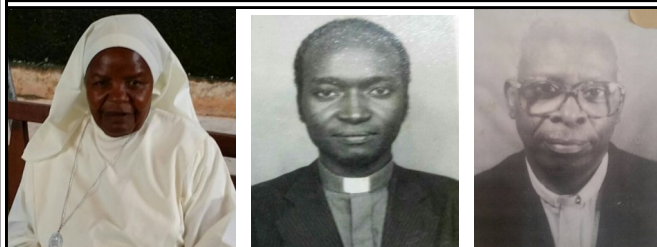
+= OBITUARY =+

MR. JOHN BAPTIST KAYINGO of Katende—



Mawokota, Mpigi district, passed away on 22.5.2018 after a long illness. He was a career teacher who taught in many schools with very long service at St. Peter's School, Nsambya. He was the father of Mr. Joseph Muwonge of Dagenham and Fr. Frederick Sserugga. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

In loving memory of Mr. **AUGUSTINE MUKAABYA SSENTAMU**, the late father of Miss Flavia Nnamukwaya of Reading. Flavia and family pray for the repose of the soul of their late dad, who passed away two years ago on 29.5.2016.



Sr. Kizito Nambi (d. 1.5.2017)
Fr. Achilles Kiwanuka Katende (d. 12.5.2017)
Fr. Gregory Kyeyune (d. 17.5.22017)



L- R: Mr. Bazilio T. Mukooza (d.7.5.17); Rose Mukiibi's brother; Jimmy Kasujja (d.6.5.16) - Felicity Kibuuka's brother; Justine N. Mpungu (d.10.5.17)