

No Guns No Knives



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD

UMCC SILVER JUBILEE JOURNEY CELEBRATION

As we trace our roots way back in the early 1990s we will celebrate our journey at St. Gabriel's, Archway on **Sun. 30th June, 2019** at **1.30 pm**. The **Rt. Rev. John Baptist Kaggwa**, Bishop of Masaka Diocese will lead the celebrations. Please plan accordingly.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 9th June 2019

Please join our host Parish Church, St. Gabriel's, for a Pentecost celebration. Mass at 11 am followed by a grand reception in the hall.

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 B. Kanyike 20th
Anna Nnassali 24th
Christine J.N.Ssebaggala 26th
Ezekiel Ssewanyana 27th
Peggy Zawedde 28th
Goretti Nnanfuka 31st

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*Mrs Theo Bengo

*Miss W. Nnantege

*Mathias Wasswa

*Mr Polly Tamwesigire
and many others
housebound or in
hospital for God's
healing touch.

SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dear Brethren,

For the past five weeks since Easter, we have been reflecting on the need to celebrate the resurrection, to proclaim faith in the risen Lord and repentance in his name, and to show our faith by the quality of our love for others.

Now the time has come for Christ to leave the world and return to his former glory with the Father. On Thursday 30th May we will celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord**. Before he returns to heaven he admonishes the disciples to keep his word because it brings life and truth. He counsels them not to be afraid or troubled despite his physical absence because he will always be with them through the Advocate, the Holy Spirit (**John 14:23-28**). Christ knew they would experience some hardships in their effort to proclaim the faith and be his witnesses in the world. This is why he equipped them with his word, his peace and the Holy Spirit.

On our faith journey we will often experience hard times. Our world today is going through several crises depending on who or where you are: poverty, hunger and disease; conflict and war; extremism and terrorism; refugee crisis, nepotism, racial injustice and corruption; climate change and natural disasters; division and disagreements in families, communities, institutions, organizations and nations; scandal in churches and moral decadence; etc. The list is inexhaustible! The world is more and more complex today.

Naturally, in the midst of all these troubles and challenges we ask the Lord: “Where is the peace you bequeathed to us?” We can't blame the Lord for our lack of peace. I think we have to blame ourselves for not keeping his word and for not making enough effort to allow to be guided by his Holy Spirit.

So, as we prepare for Pentecost let's join St. Paul to pray: “May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you...” (**Ephesians 1:17-18**). Come, Holy Spirit, enkindle the hearts of the faithful with your love. Come, renew the face of the earth! Amen.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Mr Tony & Mrs Juliet
Mukiibi 19.5.2001 = 18yrs**

**Mr Eliab & Mrs Annet
Ssentongo 5.5.83 = 36 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!**



MIGRANT WORKERS MASS AT WESTMINSTER

Mr Ambrose K. Kibuuka, Miss Julie Ssozi and Mrs Regina Kasozi Batende (not in picture) were among the congregation of those who represented us at the annual Migrant Workers Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Bank Holiday 6.5.2019. They were all smiles with The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Campbell (OSA), Bishop of Lancaster Diocese, who led the Mass. He emphasized the need to strengthen our spirit and bonds of solidarity and brotherhood/sisterhood regardless of our various differences. He said that we have all come together as migrants from many different parts of the world and so we should seek to work collaboratively and help each other achieve our goals as Christians.



YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS



The UMCC Youth annual event on 28th April 2019 was colourful. They led parts of the liturgy in church followed by a reception in which they served food to the guests. Later they entertained us so joyfully with stylistic dances. **Mr. Edwin Ssekabira** gave an interesting talk about his work with the youth in the community. Many thanks to **Mrs Teddy Matheson Mugagga**, **Miss Jessica Bukenya** and their dedicated team for leading the celebrations! On the same occasion **Mr. Godfrey** and **Mrs Irene Ssekisonge** marked their 15th wedding anniversary with a celebratory cake. They were assisted by **Mr. Kizito** and **Mrs Edna Bukenya** (also marking 26 yrs in marriage) with **Fr. Gerard**

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Mr. Raphael Nyanzi (d. 10th April 2019), brother to Mrs. Magdalene Musajjakaawa.

Mrs. Felicity Nnanfuka Kibuuka (6th May 1923 - 25.4.2019), mother to the Kibuuka siblings.

Jjajja Tekela Kiggundu (age 107), d. 22.4.2019, maternal grandmother of Mr. Lawrence Muyimba.



Mrs Catherine Nnannozi (25.5.1987 - 27.5.2018) - niece to Ssaalongo Ssemugonda and Fr. Gerard

Fr. Francis X. Tebukozza (19.1.1939 - 28.5.2018)

Ms Norah Nnakintu Mukasa (16.10.1959 - 29.5.2018)

Bro. Leandro Mutebi (d. 29.4.2018)



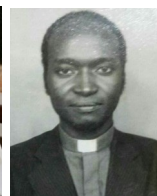
Mr. Christopher Kaweesa (1948 - 29.4.2013)

Mr. Raphael Nshekanabo (24.2.1934 - 30.5.2017)

Mrs Mary Fidelis Ocana (10.7.1940 - 9.5.2014)

Dr. Mgr Joseph Mary Obunga (7.1.1951 - 28.4.2005)

AD MEMORIAM: Anniversaries in loving memory



Sr. Kizito Nambi (d. 1st May 2017)

Fr. Achilles Kiwanuka Katende (d. 8th May 2017)

Fr. Gregory Kyeyune 17th May 2017.

Mr. John Baptist Kayingo (12.4.1937- 22.5.2018).

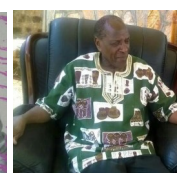


Nnaalongo Mauricia Ssemugonda (56); (d. 6.5.2017).

Mr. Bazilio Taddeo Mukooza (59); (d. 7th May 2017).

Mr. Mark Kateregga (d. 16th May 2017).

Justine Nnakamya Mpungu-Mpangi (d. 10th May, 2017)



Mr. Jimmy Kasujja (c.30); (d. 06.05.2016)

Mr. Augustine M. Ssentamu (d. 29.5.2016)

Mr. James Kagimu (05.06.1948 - 20.05.2015)

Mr. Charles Mutumba [Age 60] (d. 30.5.2009)

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