

No Guns No Knives



# Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

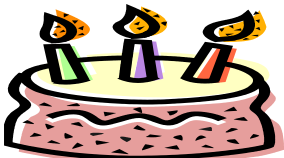
## NOTICE BOARD

### BAFUMBO DAY

**Our annual Married Couples' Day 2014 will be celebrated on 25th January, 2015. Please plan accordingly for this very special event in our Community.**

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Violet Atwooki (3rd)  
Joseph Kabuga (3rd)  
Josephine B. Zziwa (6th)  
John Hategeka (7th)  
Winnie Nantege (8th)  
Andrea E. Birungi (17th)  
Jonathan S. Muyimba (18th)  
Robert Ssebaggala (25th)  
Jane Tamale (30th Nov)  
Joseph B. Kibuuka



*UMCC advocates Love,  
Peace and Friendship*



### NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mr Clement and Mrs  
Caroline Magoba  
(24.11.04 = 10 yrs)

Mr. Emmanuel and Mrs  
Sylvia Sseeguya  
(8.11.08 = 6 yrs)



### REMEMBER AND WAIT IN HOPE

Dear Brethren,

Every year in November we mark the annual event of the truce as the guns fell silent at the eleventh hour on 11.11.1918 to signal the end of World War I. This year we marked 100 years since the start of that war in 1914. There was an spectacular display of **888,246 ceramic poppies** at the Tower of London in memory of all the British troops who died (*see picture, bottom right*). May their souls rest in peace.

In the Church, November is dedicated to remember and pray for the souls in purgatory. In Luganda we say, *“Atamanyi mpewo y’emagombe; y’amma omufu olubugo.”* If you are not familiar with the cold in the tomb then you could ignore the dead person’s need for a barkcloth (to keep him/her warm); but if you know how cold it is down there, then you automatically oblige. So, as believers, we are obliged to offer our prayers for the souls in purgatory for the remission of their sins.

There are so many to remember this month. The ‘Ad Memoriam’ section (p.2) gives an insight! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members who have lost their loved ones! May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in eternal peace.

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent as we prepare and wait in joyful hope for the birth of the Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. We are called upon to be watchful, sober, steady and vigilant so that Christ’s Second Coming does not take us unawares! We better be on our guard, staying awake on watching our lifestyles so that we remain in conformity to the demands of the Gospel. ‘Stay awake!’ (Mark 13:37).

Have a fruitful **Advent Season** as we await the birth of the Christ Child.

Wishing you all a Blessed **Christmastide** and **Peaceful New Year 2015** well in advance!

*Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya*

### ADVENT SEASON: WAITING IN BLESSED HOPE



#### The Advent Wreath

It reminds us of the time the people of God spent waiting for the Saviour to defeat darkness, evil, sin, death. People sat in shadow of darkness and sin waiting for the Messiah, Christ the Light of the world. Jews waited for 4000 years, hence 4 weeks of Advent represented by a candle each week.

Candle 1: Promise of God to save the people.

Candle 2: Prophets prepared people to receive the Messiah.

Candle 3: John the Baptist: - most important prophet just before Christ. He preached repentance and forgiveness of sin: “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Candle 4: Mary gave birth to the Saviour, Christ the Light of the world.

**Maranatha!**

**Come, Lord Jesus. Do not delay!**

### WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

**‘Blood Swept Land and Seas of Red’**

(Tower of London, 13.11.2014)





**BEATRICE NANYANZI** received a certificate of **academic excellence** at Enfield College. She is daughter of Mr. Paul & Mrs Agatha Ssempijja of Enfield. Congratulations to her!

#### GRADUAND

##### BRIDGET NANTUMBWE

graduated with a Master of Pharmacy degree, Kent Univ., 9.7.2014. She is daughter of Mr Gerald and Mrs Maria Fatima Ssekalembe of Tottenham. Congratulations!



The **50th anniversary** of the **Canonization** of the **Uganda Martyrs** was solemnly celebrated on 26th Oct. 2014. Fr. Bruno Ssenynyondo (W.F) led us in Mass. Special thanks to Mr. Kizito Bukenya and all who were so much involved in making it extra special! *Long live Uganda Martyrs. Long live UMCC!*

**UMCC Extraordinary General Meeting** was held on Sat. **8th Nov. 2014** at **St. Francis De Sales Church**, Tottenham to help chart our strategy for the future and improve the running of the community. Mrs Hadija Kisembo Mbabazi was the facilitator. This is work in progress. Thanks to the organisers and all participants.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

++**Ms Maria Ddungu** offers a Mass intention for the repose of the souls of the late **Restetuta Nnakawenda Bbanga** and **Rose Ssemuyaba** who died recently. She also joins **Barbara Nnansamba** in thanksgiving for blessings received.

++ For **All the Souls** of our loved ones departed whom we remember during November.

#### FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

We pray for all the members of our community, especially **Mrs Tereza Pulle** who is in Romford Hospital and **Olivia Musisi** who is recovering after an operation as well as **Veronica Nakayuki** in Charing Cross Hospital.

#### AD MEMORIAM

##### MIRIAM NAKASI

(22.01.1931 - 20.11.2004)

**Mr. Dan Kazibwe** of South End prays for the eternal repose of her mother: *"Mum, your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart."*

She is sorely missed by children, family, relatives and friends.

**May her soul rest in eternal peace in company with Mother Mary!**



**SARAH NAMUSISI**, wife of **Mr. Venance Kasozi Kibuuka** died 27.10.14. Condolences to Venance and family. **May she rest in peace.**



##### Mr. GEORGE SSERUNJOGI (1931-5.11.2011)

Sorely missed by **Olivia Norah Nnamakula, Claudia, Claude** and family.

**May his soul rest in eternal peace.**