

No Guns No Knives



25th NOVEMBER, 2018

Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD

BAFUMBO DAY

Our annual Married Couples' Day will be celebrated on 27th January, 2019. Please plan accordingly for this very special event in our Community.

“All marriages are happy. It's the living together afterwards that causes all the trouble.”

(Richard Duke)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Violet Atwooki	(3rd)
Joseph Kabuga	(3rd)
Winnie Nantege	(4th)
Jonathan B. Kasozi	(5th)
Josephine B. Zziwa	(6th)
John Hategeka	(7th)
Joseph B. Kibuuka	(15th)
Andrea E. Birungi	(17th)
Jonathan S. Muyimba	(18th)
Moses Mutalaga	(18th)
Clement Magoba	(23rd)
Junior John Hills	(23rd)
Robert Ssebagala	(25th)
Ryan Kasi	(26th)
Jane Tamale	(30th)

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**Mr Clement and
Mrs Caroline Magoba**

(24.11.2004 = 14 yrs)

**Mr. Emmanuel and
Mrs Sylvia Sseeguya**

(8.11.08 = 10 yrs)



Dear Brethren,

“BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH”

Today's gospel account presents Jesus before Pilate, the Roman governor. As he cross-examined him we come to learn about the character of Jesus in the face of death. When asked whether he was a king, Jesus replied: “Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, ...to bear witness to the truth...” Two facts come out in his response. One, he is a king, but his ‘kingdom is not of this world’. It is not of a political nature with worldly ambitions. Earthly kingship is transient and limited but his kingship is a spiritual one and unlimited by time, space or circumstances. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is first and last.

Secondly, we learn that his kingship has one single purpose: “to bear witness to the truth.” Truth is defined as conformity between thought and thing. Outside it is error, falsity and lies. His mission was to reveal the truth about God, his nature, glory, power, mercy, justice and love. He came to establish God's ‘kingdom of truth and life; holiness and grace; justice, peace and love’ in order to accomplish the plan of saving the whole world.

The followers of Christ must walk in his footsteps and bear witness to the truth so as to bring about God's kingdom on earth. But as we all know, truth is being compromised in many ways in our homes, schools, churches, communities, governments and nations. Truth has often been trashed into the bin of corruption, greed, intrigue and falsity. Many proverbs reflect the nature of truth. Lord Byron said: “Truth is stranger than fiction.” British politician Arthur Ponsonby in 1918 said: “When war is declared, Truth is the first casualty.”

Today, we are therefore invited to reflect more seriously about our relations with God and each other especially in regard to truth. Our country is very unstable with teething problems and challenges. Our institutions are not functioning properly because truth has been eroded or compromised. We cannot build a true democracy on untruths, lies, injustices and corruption. We cannot ever dream of meaningful development unless we inject truth in the political, social, economic, cultural and moral fabric of our society. Christ invites us to let him become the King our hearts and minds. He asks us to bear witness to the truth, to be on the side of truth and listen to his voice.

Wishing you all a fruitful Advent season, blessed Christmastide and a New Year full of hope.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnnya

THE ADVENT SEASON IS DUE NEXT SUNDAY

The Advent Wreath helps us to reflect on the Advent Season. It reminds us of the time the people of God spent waiting for the Saviour to defeat darkness, evil, sin, death. People sat in the 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** - the 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! Christ Our Light,
Come, Lord Jesus. Do not delay!***



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We pray for the recovery of our sick members, especially **Ms Winnie Nnantege, Theo Bengo, Matthias Wasswa, Polly Tamwesigira, Maria Ddungu**, etc...

NEWLY BAPTISED: We warmly welcome into our Church community **Christina Tabitha Kyeyune** who was baptised in Watford on 3rd Nov. 2018



MARRIAGE BANNS

Mr Gonzaga Sseeguya Lukooya of Wood Green is intending to get married to **Ms Sylvia Peace Nnabiddo** of St. Augustine Sseeta Catholic Parish. Wedding is scheduled for 3rd Jan. 2019. If you know of any impediment to their marriage please inform us accordingly. We pray for a successful planning, preparation and celebration of their marriage.



Congratulations to our Silver Jubilarians - **Mr. Robert and Mrs Rose Mukiibi** whose celebrations went with a big bang !



Mr. Joseph & Mrs Jane Kibuuka & Mr Grace and Mrs Ruth Kitayimbwa marked a decade of love ...



GRADUANDS



Congratulations to our two graduands for this month!

Angela Nnakanwagi graduated with BSc in Biomedical Science at Coventry University on 20th Nov. 2018. She is the daughter of Mr Joseph & Mrs Juliet Muwonge of Dagenham.



Mr. Ambrose Kibuuka Katende graduated with Masters Degree in NGO Management. Best wishes for the future plans in career development!



Fr. Mathias Kizito will be installed as Parish Administrator of **St. John Fisher Church**, 207 Cannon Hill, London SW20 9DB on **Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7 pm**. We need many of you to go and support one of ours. You are all welcome !

OBITUARY



(L-R) **Mrs Rose Bingi** (6.8.1966 - 10.11.2018) late sister of Ssaalongo Stephen Ssemugonda and Fr Gerard. She died after suffering a stroke since August 2018.
Bro. Vincent Kirangwa (14.10.1932 - 29.10.2018), of Christian Instruction, Kisubi—a veteran teacher.
Sister Goretti Nnamazzi (IHMR) died 14.11.2018.

*****AD MEMORIAM*****

Sir Edward F.L. Muteesa (24.11.1924 - 21.11.1969)
Mrs Donna Lwanga (died 20.10.2009)
Mrs Felista Ssentamu (died 27.10.2011)
Mr. George Sserunjogi (1931 - 5.11.2011)
Mr. J. B. Kabenge (died 13.11.2013)
Mrs Rose Ssemuyaba (1971 - 27.9.2014)
Ms Sarah Nnamusisi (died 27.10.2014)
Mrs Justine Victoria Kirunda (1947-2014)
Mr. Robert Kyewalabye (12.12.73 - 19.11.2015)
Dr. John L. Magoye (16.10.1942 - 20.11.2015)
Caroline Nnamugooma (1996 - 28.11.2015)
Mgr. Lazarus Kabasharia (died 17.11.2016)
Fr. Richard Lubaale (1978 - 6.11.2017)
Dr. Lawrence Kateregga (Apr. 1948 - 10.11.2017)
Dr. Samuel Bengo (8.1.1931 - 16.11.2017)
Bro. Anthony Kyemwa (1930 - 23.11.2017)