



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

"In Faith We Grow"

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

NOTICE BOARD

UMCC Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on Sat. **8th Nov. 2014** at **St. Francis De Sales Church, Tottenham** 729 High Road, N17 8AG **10am - 4 pm.** Please be there to help chart our strategy for the future and improve the running of the community.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Ssali (2nd)
Joseph Majwala (2nd)
Stephen Ssemugonda (2nd)
Teddy Nnakimbugwe (3rd)
Winnie Rita Nalinnya (3rd)
Priscilla Luzinda (7th)
Isaac Kabenge (8th)
Solomon Ssenyonga (9th)
Edwin S. Ssenjobe (12th)
Clare N. Ssemazzi (16th)
Francis X. Mukiibi (17th)
Edward K. Kaggwa (20th)
Leanne Bukirwa (20th)
Robinah Golola (23rd)
Annet Ssekabira (23rd)
Diana Ngobi (27th)
Josephine Ngobi (28th)
Mary G. Kasibante (28th)
Claudia Nnabuumma (29th)
Rebecca Ssewaali (29th)
Olivia G. Vernon (30th)
Sharon Nnakitto (31st)



CANONISATION OF THE 22 UGANDA MARTYRS

The Uganda Martyrs were Christian converts - 23 Anglican and 22 Catholics -- who were murdered for their faith by the King of Buganda between 1885 and 1887, after they refused King Mwanga's orders to offer sacrifices to traditional gods and engage in sodomy.

Beatified by Pope Benedict XV on 6 June 1920, the Uganda Martyrs were declared saints after two nuns, Sisters Aloyse Criblet and Richildis were miraculously cured of the Bubonic plague through their intercession.

On Mission Sunday, 18 October 1964, the twenty-two Catholic Martyrs of Uganda were solemnly proclaimed Saints by Pope Paul VI in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

The impressive ceremony with its age-old rites and traditional pomp and pageantry was rendered even more colourful and spectacular than usual by the presence of the vast majority of the Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic Church, gathered in Rome for the Second Vatican Council. Also present were representatives of the Government of Uganda, the Kabaka of Buganda and other countries, and also over two hundred clergy, religious and lay people from the land of the martyrs. Then, seated upon his throne, he made the official pronouncement:

"To the honour of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith and the increase of the Christian Religion; by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and Our own; after mature deliberation and frequent prayer for divine guidance,...we decree and define as Holy, and inscribe in the Roll of Saints, the Blessed Charles Lwanga, Matthias Mulumba Kalemba and their twenty companions. We decree that their memory be commemorated by the Universal Church with pious devotion, each year on 3 June. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The Pope spoke of the respect and honour always accorded to martyrs from the earliest ages of the Church, of the feeling of horror and awe aroused by the story of their sufferings and of the triumph of their victory. "Life passes away, but faith lives on."

After a tribute to the new saints and also to the Anglican martyrs of Uganda, the Pope went on to speak of the effect of evangelization which implants, in the Christian religion, "a new form of vitality which tends to release the spiritual powers and latent talents of the local population and so set people free, helping to give them a mature power of self-determination, and enabling them to express more fully, in their own idiom of art and culture, the special genius they have."

On 18th October 2014 Catholic Church in Uganda celebrated 50 years since the 22 Uganda Martyrs were canonized at St Peter's Basilica Rome by Pope Paul VI on Mission Sunday, 18 October 1964. The function which was held in Lubaga Cathedral, Kampala, Uganda with a Holy Mass was led by the Apostolic Nuncio to Uganda, Archbishop August Michael Blume, assisted by the Archbishop emeritus of Kampala Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala, Kampala Archbishop, Dr Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, Auxiliary Bishop of Kampala Christopher Kakooza, Bishop Emeritus of Hoima, Edward Albert Baharagata and Uganda Episcopal Conference Secretary General, Mgr John Baptist Kauta.

Pope Paul VI was the first Pope in history to visit sub-Saharan Africa. He was in Uganda between July 31 and August 2, 1969. He was the first Pope to make a pilgrimage to the shrine at Namugongo, where he laid a foundation stone for the present minor Basilica at the spot where St. Charles Lwanga was killed.

Coincidentally, the beatification ceremony of Pope Paul VI took place the following day on October 19, 2014 at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family in Rome. Saint John Paul II also visited Uganda in 1993.

These gallant soldiers of Christ are so inspirational. We pray that our patrons keep interceding for us to be more committed Christians.

Compiled by Fr. Gerard Balinnya



Pope Paul VI

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBER

We welcome into our Church community a newly-baptized member:

JEROME DENZIL BRIGHTON

KAVUMA of Tottenham, seen here cutting a celebratory cake 27.09.2014

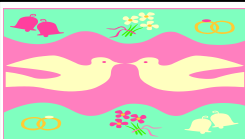


MASS INTENTIONS

++**Ms Maria Ddungu** offers a Mass intention in thanksgiving for life of **Diana** and **Josephine Ngobi**, as well as **Francis Mukiibi** and **Michael Tamale** celebrating their birthdays and for **Grace & Ruth Kitayimbwa** on their wedding anniversary, praying for more blessings.
 ++ **Robert & Rose Mukiibi** in thanksgiving on 21st wedding anniversary and for blessings received.
 ++ For our country **Uganda** at **52nd Independence anniversary**.
 ++ For all our loved ones departed

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 due for an operation in two weeks' time.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (OCTOBER)

Congratulations to our couples who celebrate their marriage anniversaries !!

Mr. Joseph Majwala & Mrs Margaret Kibuuka: 02/10/2010 (4 years)

Mr. Robert & Mrs Alice Nadine Ssebagala: 29/10/2009 (5 years)

Mr. Grace & Mrs Ruth Kitayimbwa: 10/10/2008 (6 years)

Mr. Joseph B. & Mrs Jane Jenifer Kibuuka: 03/10/2008 (6years)

Mr. Colin & Mrs Margaret Hawkins: 09/10/2001 (13 years)

Mr. Robert & Mrs Rose Mukiibi : 03/10/1993 (21 years)

Mr. Andrew & Mrs Anne Harriet Lubega-Mulindwa 05/10/1991=23yrs

Mr. Athanasius & Mrs Rosette Buwule-Musoke: 16/10/1976 (36 years)



NEWLY-WED COUPLE

Mr. Michael and Mrs Josephine Nsubuga sharing their wedding cake with UMCC members.

Their wedding took place on 6th September, 2014 at Lubaga Cathedral.

Congratulations and best wishes in your new life.



OBITUARY

ROSE SSEMUYABA (43)

brutally murdered at Ggaba—Kampala on 27th Sept. 2014.

Mother, wife, teacher and a very active UMCC member for over 15 years.

The deceased is sorely missed by family, children, relatives and UMCC friends.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.



AD MEMORIAM

Mr. MICHAEL LWANGA died 1993 and **Mrs DONNA LWANGA** who died October 2007, deceased parents of **Mrs Jane Tamale**. Sorely missed by children, family and friends. *May their souls rest in eternal peace.*