

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to all!

Mary Nnajiemba 1st

Olivia Nnamakula 2nd

Fr. Gerard Balinnya 5th

Olga Christine
Nnannyondo 11th

Miriam Ssenkomago
Akora 18th

Edita Nnabugo 18th



*UMCC advocates Love,
Peace and Friendship*

**FEBRUARY WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

Stephen Ssaalongo S.
Musoke & Nnaalongo
5th Feb. 1983 = 32years!!

Congratulations, long live
and happy marriage!



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

"In Faith We Grow"

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"THE TIME HAS COME"

Dear Brethren,

The holy season of Lent is upon us! "The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News" (**Mk 1:15**). Sin entered the world by man's disobedience, wickedness and corruption. God's wrath was manifested in the Flood. Only Noah, plus a few just and worthy people, survived.

But life always emerges from God's punishment. So God made a Covenant with man out of his mercy and love (**Genesis 9:8-15**). By the water of baptism life was renewed and a new relationship was established through the mediation of Christ.

However, due to human frailty, we keep breaking our baptismal promises. This is why Jesus invites us to repent and believe the Good News. We have to be aware of the "wild beasts" surrounding us as we embark on the Lenten journey. These wild beasts might be anger, violence, laziness, carelessness, cold-heartedness, wickedness, infidelity, over-indulgence in passions, desires and pleasures, materialism, consumerism, moral relativism, indecency, spiritual lethargy, etc. Lent is a time to re-examine our faith and morals, values and priorities. Repentance involves taking time to re-think our actions and omissions.

The Good News is that God is *"still waiting patiently"* for us to make a *"pledge...from a good conscience"* (**1Peter 3:20; 21**). The time has indeed come to take advantage of God's patience, mercy and love to renew our covenant through our deeper prayer, sacrifices and charitable deeds. May the Lord bless our efforts.

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

MARRIED COUPLES' DAY CELEBRATIONS



We congratulate our married couples who celebrated their anniversaries in style on 25th January 2015 in lieu of the **Holy Family Day**. We have over 60 couples registered with us. Thanks to the Bafumbo Officers who organised the program and all those who joined in and supported the celebration. Please keep up the spirit of love and service to enhance the **family**.



Our youth team was actively involved in serving out the food. We are proud of their positive engagement as productive family team players. Well done!





Dear Brethren,

Many of you will recall that we celebrated the Bafumbo Day in style. Fr. Bruno Ssenyondo and Fr. John Mary Ahimbisibwe had a lot to share with us on the perspective of the family and marriage institution. Special thanks particularly go to our Nnaabafumbo Ellen Kulwazi and Ssaabafumbo Ambrose Kibuuka Ssemakula for organising such a wonderful day.

Behind the scenes, the UMCC Executive is working on a major organisational development initiative. The Executive and Trustee board have met to work on the new Constitution aimed at making our organisation a fully functional Company Limited by Guarantee, and how we can use this as a platform to progress to a higher level.

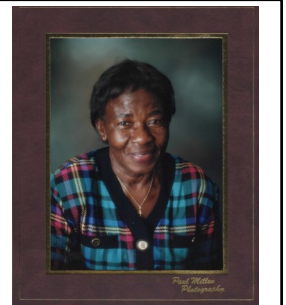
We will soon be constantly updating you on progress in this area, and there will be opportunities to examine any outputs we may have. We therefore request you (if you have not already done so) to provide us with your contact details to enable the communication process. You know that we always welcome your thoughts on how we can improve and enhance your experience when you come to attend any of our events. May God bless you all.

Robert Mukiibi (UMCC Chairperson)

You will all realise that there have been several deaths directly affecting our community here since Dec. 2014. Mrs Marian Ssali lost her mother, **JUSTINE VICTORIA KIRUNDA** (67) on 7.12.2014.

Mrs THERESA NAABAGEREKA

PULLE (78) also passed away on 7 Dec. 2014 after a spell of illness in Queen's Hospital, Romford. Today's Mass is specially offered for her soul's repose.



Fr. ROBERT KAZIBWE KAGGWA

Suddenly died at Roehampton! He was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Kensal Rise on 29th January.



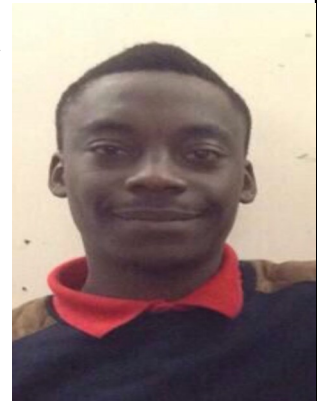
(9.5.1959—9.1.2015)

OBITUARIES

Samuel Lubega lost his **MOTHER** on 26.1.2015. Rest in peace!

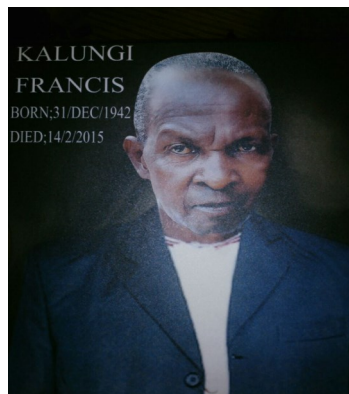
GABRIEL SSERUNKUUMA (24)

of Harold Hill, Romford died in a car crash on 27 Jan 2015. He was cousin to Nnaalongo Sserunkuuma, Pauline, Flora and Rose Sserunkuuma. Buried at Nsangi, 7th February.



Goretti Nnanfuka prays for the repose of her uncle **FRANCIS KALUNGI** who died 14 Feb. 2015.

She also remembers her sister **Winnie Mildred Nnaakubulwa** (anniv. 8 Feb), and her dad **George W. Kibirige** (anniv. 15th Dec). May their souls rest in eternal peace.



(31.12.1942 - 14.02.2015)

JOSEPH SIMON

KALULE (47)

of Friern Barnet died on 3.2.2015 after losing a battle to cancer. His requiem Mass is set for 26.2.2015 at St. Philip's Gravel Hill, N3 3RJ at 11 am. Burial at Hendon Cemetery.



(18.10.1967 - 3.02.2015)

We have all been touched by death. We offer today's sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of all these souls. We remember especially those who have passed away recently and we extend our condolences to the bereaved.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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