



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

29TH MARCH, 2015

“In Faith We Grow”

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Dear Brethren,

Today we begin **Holy Week** with the Mass of **Passion** or **Palm Sunday**. We begin with a procession carrying palms to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah.

From Monday to Thursday we can live our Lenten promises with particular intensity, and on Thursday we begin the great **Triduum**, i.e. “three days”. Each of those days “tells” a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action.

On **Holy** or **Maundy Thursday** we remember the institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Christians eat their Passover to commemorate their liberation from the slavery of sin by the blood of the Lamb of God. There is also the washing of the feet, a powerful act of humility and service.

On **Good Friday** we celebrate the Lord's passion, i.e. suffering and death on the cross! Christ invites us to suffer with him by dying to our sins of selfishness, egoism, hatred and pride. We are strongly encouraged to go for the confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are invited to fast and abstain from delicacies so as to imitate Christ in his agony.

On **Holy Saturday** or **Easter Vigil** our anticipation increases as we wait to celebrate the Resurrection. We light the new Easter Candle from a large fire outside to remind us that Jesus is our light in the darkness of this world. During the liturgy we listen to the reading recounting the history of salvation, we welcome new members in the church and we all renew our Baptismal promises.

Holy Thursday, then, emphasizes our unity in charity, since we eat the same Eucharistic banquet; Good Friday emphasizes our liberation from sin through Christ's triumph on the cross; and Easter Vigil emphasizes our new life in the union with the risen Christ, a new life which first comes to us in baptism.

Easter tide continues for fifty days. Christ is risen and we are risen with him, but Christ has work yet to do in the world and we must do that work for him. So, full of gratitude for Christ's passion, joy in his resurrection and, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we continue our Christian journey.

Have a reflective, fruitful Holy Week and a joyous, blessed Eastertide.

*UMCC advocates Love, Peace
and Friendship*

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to all!

Marian Ssali 1st March

Gonzaga Sseeguya 12th

Roy B. Nsereko 18th

Chris S. Ssimwogerere 20th

Grace Kalema Ssali 20th

Beatrice Nnanyanzi 24th

Maria Fatima Ssekalembe 25th

Alice Joy N. Ssebagala 28th

Flavia K. Nnamakula 29th

Pascal K. Sserunjogi 29th

Theo Bengo

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (MARCH)

Congratulations to our couples who
celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries !!



John and Juliet Mutyaba: 24th Mar. 1979 = 36 years!

**Christopher Ssaalongo Ssimwogerere & Agnes Nnaalongo
9th Mar. 1992 = 23 years!**

Best wishes for a happier married life. Long live!

“It doesn't matter WHERE you go in life...

WHAT you do or

HOW much you HAVE...

It's WHO you have BESIDE you.”



Birthday celebration for Olivia Namakula, Edita Nnabugbo, Olga Christine Nnannyondo, Fr. Gerard Balinnya and wedding anniversary of Stephen Ssaalongo Ssemugonda. Bakulike nnyo bannaffe!



OKUSINZA MU LUGANDA—MANCHESTER

The Okusinza Mu Luganda Manchester branch will be inaugurated on Sunday 26th April 2015 at **The Church of Ascension, Hulme, Stretford Road, M15 6DD**. It will be followed by a reception in the church hall. You are all cordially invited to attend.

Enoch Mayanja Kiyaga

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MIGRANT WORKERS' MASS, MAY 4th 2015

St. Joseph The Worker Migrants' Annual Mass will take place on 4th May 2015 at **St. George's Cathedral**, St. George's Road, London SE1 6HX at **10 am**. It will be followed by a reception in **Amigo Hall**.

MOTHER'S DAY, celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent, is a celebration honouring mothers and motherhood, maternal bonds, the family and the influence of mothers in society. We thank all our mothers and grandmothers for their love, affection and service. We pray for those mothers and grandmothers who have already passed on to rest in eternal peace.

WOMEN'S DAY: An international day to recognise the role and contribution of women is marked on **8th March**.

QUOTES FOR OUR REFLECTION

"When in danger, ponder. When in trouble, delegate. And when in doubt, mumble." (Robert F. Wagner Jr.)

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all." (Sam Ewing, American writer)

OBITUARIES

Death continues to rob us of our loved ones!

*26th February: Fr. Aloysius Beebwa (M.Afr) lost his **father** in Mbarara.

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BENEDICTO K. BWANIKA (88)

the late father of

Mgr. Charles Namugera, in Rome, died 1st March after a long battle with Parkinson's disease! He served as Ssaabakristu of Masaka Diocese in the 1990s.



4.02.1927 - 1.03. 2015

* MRS MARIA NAKIRAGGA KAWERE

(60) of Lugala—Kasubi died suddenly! She was wife of Omutaka **Matia Kawere Ggunju**, Butiko clan head. She was beloved aunt (jjajja) of Ssaalongo Ssemugonda, Daudi Mugwanya and Fr. Gerard.



1955 - 4 March 2015

Jjajja wummula mirembe

NAALONGO THEREZA (87)

of Mwera - Busujju passed on 4th March! She was mother of **Mr. Vincent Kigongo**. Sadly missed by children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.



Ad Memoriam

Julie Ssozi, Tina Ssozi, Rose Ssewali and **Augustine Ssozi** lovingly commemorate their father's anniversary, the late **Mr. John Chrysostom Ssozi** who passed away on 17th March, 1989. **May his soul rest in eternal peace.**

PRAYERS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.