

No Guns No Knives



NOTICE BOARD

DECEMBER MASS

We will celebrate our Community Day after Christmas on Sunday **27th Dec. 2015 at 3 pm.**

BAFUMBO DAY

Our annual Married Couples' Day 2015 will be celebrated on 31st January, 2016. Please plan accordingly for this very special event in our Community.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Violet Atwooki (3rd)
Joseph Kabuga (3rd)
Jonathan B. Kasozi (5th)
Josephine B. Zziwa (6th)
John Hategeka (7th)
Winnie Nantege (8th)
Andrea E. Birungi (17th)
Jonathan S. Muyimba (18th)
Moses Mutalaga (18th)
Jr. John Hills (23rd)
Robert Ssebagala (25th)
Jane Tamale (30th)
Joseph B. Kibuuka
Connie Magoba
Clement Magoba

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

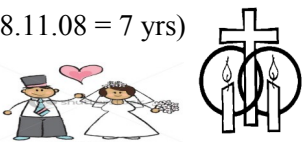
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr Clement and
Mrs Caroline Magoba

(24.11.04 = 11 yrs)

Mr. Emmanuel and
Mrs Sylvia Sseguya

(8.11.08 = 7 yrs)



Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

29TH NOVEMBER, 2015

"In Faith We Grow"

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren,

WATCHFUL PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S COMING

Today we start the holy season of Advent in preparation for the birth of the Christ Child, the 'Lord-our-integrity' who comes to liberate us from fear. Our present times are characterised by fear and terror masterminded by religious extremists. Many countries and cities have recently raised their levels of alertness by stepping up security measures against enemy attacks who may strike any time, anywhere! Governments and coalitions are devising means to keep us safe and secure. We all want peace and freedom.

Advent is a time to prepare for Christ the Saviour who grants us true freedom and liberation. His final coming '*in a cloud with power and great glory*' is an event we must prepare for in a special way. We must '*stand erect, hold our heads high*' and '*watch ourselves*' (Luke 21:27-28).

As we prepare for his birth as well as his final coming we must do some particular tasks. He asks us to watch our hearts so that we are not '*coarsened with debauchery, drunkenness and the cares of life*'. Personal sacrifices and self control are essential. He calls us to '*stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence*' before him (Luke 21:34-36). Likewise, St Paul urges us '*to make more and more progress in the kind of life that we are meant to live: a life that God wants*' (1Thes 4:1). How does God want us to live?

God wants us to '*practise honesty and integrity in the land*' (Jeremiah 33:15). Truth, honesty and integrity are in short supply today! So we must join the Psalmist and ask the Lord to make us '*know his ways, teach us his paths and guide us in the right path*' (Psalm 24:4-5). May Christ's birth be a source of renewal of our faith and hope. 'And may he so confirm our hearts in holiness that we may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.' (1Thes 3: 12-13).

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

Fr. Gerard M. Balinnya

UMCC wishes His Holiness Pope Francis a successful and fruitful visit to Uganda. Viva Paapa.

THE ADVENT WREATH

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**: - 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

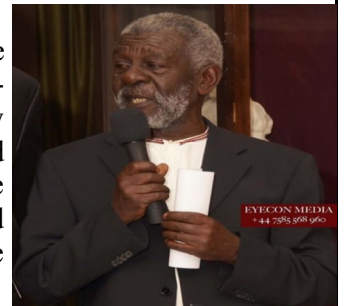
We pray for the recovery of our sick members, especially **Michael Tamale** (son of Mrs Jane Tamale) who was involved in a motor accident recently.



UMCC was well represented at the memorial service for the late **Ssekabaka Sir Edward Muteesa II** (24.11.24 - 21.11.69) held at St. John's Church, Waterloo on 21.11.2015. It was followed by a memorial dinner in Russell Square. Thanks to our delegation and our UMCC members (particularly Omuk. R. Mukiibi and Winnie Nnantege) who were centrally involved in the organisation of the function. Well done!



On the right is **Mr. Dan Kamaanyi**, one of the guards who helped the Ssekabaka to escape from Lu-biri as it was being stormed by Obote's ruthless army in 1966. Mr. Kamaanyi flew in from Uganda to attend the function and he recounted the sad events! He called upon the people to be bold enough and stand firmly in the struggle to establish lasting peace in the land.



ROBERT JAMESON

M. KYEWAALABYE (40) died 19.11.15. He was son of Rose Wandema of New Cross. Funeral arrangements will be communicated later. Sorely missed by Rose, Regina, Irene, Jjajja Katende, family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.



Dr. JOHN OWEN LUBUZI MAGOYE died 20.11.15 after a battle with cancer. He was trustee of Kabaka's Foundation in UK and Ireland. He was a postal office director in Ireland and helped to fund some of our post offices in Uganda.

Funeral was held yesterday in Dublin.

Sorely missed by his wife Margaret, children, relatives and friends. He was cousin to Olivia Nnamakula. May his soul rest in peace.



16 Oct. 1942 - 20 Nov. 2015

AD MEMORIAM

Mrs THERESA NAABAGEREKA PULLE (78)

The family of the late Theresa Pulle prayerfully remember their beloved mother, aunt and Jjajja on the first anniversary. May her soul rest in peace.



04Sept. 1936 - 07 Dec. 2014

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time, including **Ssekabaka Sir Edward Muteesa II, Donna Lwanga, Sarah Namusisi, Justine Victoria Kirunda, Rose Ssemuyaba, George Sserunjogi** and many others.

As we went to press, 28.11.15, we learnt of the passing of **CAROLINE NAMUGOOMA (19)**, after a long illness. She was daughter of Ssaalongo Stephen Ssemugonda.

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