

No Guns No Knives

It's a beautiful thing



NOTICE BOARD

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

In April 2009, on **YOUTH DAY** UMCC was entertained by Ugandan Catholic youths in the UK.

Pope Benedict was encouraging Catholic youth to use social media to spread the good news online: "I am inviting all those who make use of the new technologies of communication, especially the young, to utilise them in a positive way and to realise the great potential of these means to build up bonds of friendship and solidarity that can contribute to a better world. Pope Benedict XVI noted in his message for the 43rd annual World Communications Day, the Internet is a place where young people need to develop true friendships which spring from an encounter with the Risen Christ.



Bishop Alan Hopes, the main celebrant was presented with the Uganda Martyrs picture, flanked by UMCC youth and Executives.



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Uganda Martyrs Catholic Community

In Faith We Grow

UK AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF PEACE AND JOY!

Dear Brethren,

Happy birthday to you all since today, Pentecost Day, is the birthday of the Church and you are the Church! The celebration of Pentecost marks the very beginning of the ministry of the disciples after having been filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. In the gospel today we hear how Jesus appeared to his disciples and greeted them: "Peace be with you", and then breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:21-22). This was a particularly special moment for the disciples to see the Lord and also be empowered by Christ's Spirit of peace and joy! From that moment onwards they were filled with zeal for the Lord's mission to go out as witnesses.

We are the disciples of today at this material time when the world needs true Christian witnesses more than ever before. When we are baptized we receive the anointment of the Spirit to set us on the journey of faith. And again when we are confirmed we are specially commissioned to go out and bear witness to Christ as his soldiers in faith and hope. As we grow in faith we need to keep nurturing the gifts of the Spirit received at confirmation, namely Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel (taking advice/guidance), Courage or Fortitude, Piety (Prayerfulness), Reverence (or Awe and Wonder).

The question is: Do we still feel being fired by the Spirit to exhibit these gifts through our work, our faith practices and daily life existence? Are we still in tune with the promptings of the Spirit or we are overtaken by the many other distractions and desires which entice us into un-spiritual habits? This is the time to review our lifestyles and renew ourselves.

The other week on 20th May, I attended the solemn vespers at the Cathedral on the eve of the installation of the new Archbishop of Westminster, The Most Reverend Vincent Gerard Nichols. He called upon parents and teachers to "refresh the virtues" into our young generation. We badly need this

refreshment of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, forbearance, gentleness, faith, courtesy, self-control, temperateness and purity or chastity because these are the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

As we celebrate Pentecost day let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and minds with things that are true, noble and good. The gifts of the Spirit are the most valuable gems without which we cannot operate in a truly Christian way. And it is by these gifts, especially as carriers of peace and joy, that others will know that we are Christ's disciples. May the Spirit of the Lord live in us, guide us and lead us to true peace and joy! Amen.

Fr. Gerard M. Balunywa

UMCC Chaplain.

My dear brothers and sisters, I am very happy to be with you today to celebrate this Mass for the Ugandan Martyrs Catholic Community here in the Diocese of Westminster. I especially want to welcome all the young people at Mass today - you are the hope of the Church for the future!

The Cardinal, who is retiring within the next few weeks, has asked me to say how much we appreciate your presence and witness in the Local Church of Westminster. You not only enrich the Catholic Church here with your tradition of deep spirituality and vibrant liturgy - you are a wonderful example of Christian living, commitment and loyalty to the people of the local parishes to which you belong.

We are still in the middle of celebrating that wonderful mystery which lies at the heart of our faith - the Resurrection of the Lord. He it is who gives the world hope - it is he who gives the Church her reason to hope in spite of hard struggles with the godless values of today's society - it is he who gives hope to our families and fills our own hearts with hope for the future.

+ Bishop Alan S. Hopes

Auxiliary of Westminster

Sunday 26 April, 2009

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to our young children who received their First Holy Communion recently:

Savio Musekura (of Beatrice Kaddu) at St. Joseph's Mill Hill Church (Sat. 9th May).

Cindy Helen Nantaba Mukiibi at St. Peter's Church, Dagenham (Sat. 16th May)

Liam Ssekweyama Mugwanya at Good Shepherd Church, Bromley (Sun. 17th May)

We pray for them to keep in tune with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

2008/09 MEMBERSHIP - (£20 only)**ARE YOU PAID UP?**

This is an official reminder. To be selected to serve, or to vote at the coming AGM on 12th July, the opportunity is here. But, is your 2008/09 membership up-to-date? Do not miss your chance to select or be selected to the UMCC Executive Committee.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Tony Mukiibi as they celebrate their 8th Wedding Anniversary this month (19th May, 2001).

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eliab Ssentongo married since 05/05/1983



We celebrate Holy Mass every last Sunday of the month. Our next events programme is as follows:

Sunday 31 May 2009	Sunday 25 Oct 2009
^Sunday 29 Jun 2009 - Uganda Martyrs Day Celebration^	
Sunday 26 Jul 2009	Sunday 29 Nov 2009
Sunday 23 Aug 2009	Dec 2009 – No Event
Sunday 27 Sep 2009	Sunday 31 Jan 2010

At
3.00pm @ St Gabriel's Parish Church
15 St John's Villas, Upper Holloway, off Holloway
Road, Archway, London N19 3EE.

Every occasion is followed by a *grand reception at:
St Gabriel's Community Centre, 19 Hatchard Road London
N19 4NG.

Nearest Underground: **Archway – Northern Line**
 All Buses to: **Archway**

Come for thanksgiving, prayer and praise in the Ugandan context of Faith!

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**A small token contribution towards the days' receptions will be collected from attendees. Thank you.*

Ugandans and Friends You Are All Very Welcome
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Uganda Martyrs' Catholic Community (UMCC) was well represented at the vigil and the installation of The Most Reverend Vincent Gerard Nichols as the 11th Archbishop of Westminster at the Cathedral. Fr. Gerard, Mr. and Mrs Nsereko represented the UMCC at the Solemn Vespers on Wednesday 20th May, while Ms Maria Ddungu attended the installation ceremony. We pray for the new Archbishop and wish him God's blessings!

UMCC Martyrs Day 2009

Preparations are underway for this year's Martyr's day. If you have not reserved your seat this year, please do so to avoid failing to get a sit at dinner time. Sits will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. You can call anyone on the Executive or use our website. Please do so to avoid disappointment. Some names have been put forward already .

Chair's Message to the May 2009 Newsletter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A very warm welcome to all and most especially to all our brethren for whom this is their first time to join us at our Community Day Cerebration.

It is always a joy to come together to celebrate both the mystery of our faith and catch-up with brethren. Indeed this is the mission of our community, to offer Ugandan Catholics in the UK and Republic of Ireland an opportunity to pray together in our indigenous languages.

Achieving this mission is a challenge, but thanks to you all, that over the years, the UMCC has risen to this challenge, and despite the many hurdles along the way, this on the whole has been achieved.

In April, I was in Uganda and as part of my visit, was on your behalf, met his Grace Cyprian Lwanga, Archbishop of Kampala Archdiocese and Fr. Joseph Ntuwa who on some occasions has celebrated mass for our community. The main reason for our meeting was to firm-up arrangements for our Community Day Celebrations in June this year. Unfortunately, due to the His Grace's tight schedule and emergency international conferences in line with his responsibilities, he was impelled to cancel our engagement, but offered to send his Lordship Bishop Adrian Ddungu to represent him on this occasion. He however sent us his best wishes and prayers, and assured us of his continued support for our mission, and indeed promised to meet us at the earliest opportunity.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to you all for making the UMCC what it is and what it will continue to be. Last but not least, I wish to remind all those who have pledged support in financing the Bishop's trip to the UK, to kindly fulfil those pledges to enable to progress with the preparations for our annual Uganda Martyrs Day Celebrations.

God bless you all.

Robert Mukiibi

Chairperson & Acting Sabafumbo.



UMCC at Migrant Workers in London Celebrations