



## **HISTORY**

“Here we are assembled on the very fields which not many years ago was a chapel but today we have become a parish!” With these words, Bishop Dr. Joseph Oliach Eciru dedicated the first All Saints Church on a humid November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. The cornerstone of this sub-parish church was laid back in 1924 by Catechist Mz Erenesti, who preached to his congregation under a tree.

All Saints Catholic Parish Alwa was founded in November 2019. The small Mission with a population of more than 6,000 parishioners, serves hundreds of square miles, bordering Lwala Catholic Parish on the East, Kaberamaido Catholic Parish on the South, and Dokolo Parish of Lira Catholic Diocese on the North and West.

The historical first parish church, located in Alwa Town Board, is a simple permanent structure with a 300 seating capacity. The small church served as an outstation (locally referred to as *chapel*) of Kaberamaido Parish for many years.



*The Current Parish church*

Alwa Parish has 3 zones with 12 outstations, namely:

1. **Alwa Zone:** Alwa Chapel, Teete Chapel, Alugi Chapel, and Ominai Chapel.
2. **Katingi Zone:** Katingi Chapel, Ajuk Chapel, Ajae Chapel, and Odingoi Chapel.
3. **Biira Zone:** Biira Chapel, Abum Chapel, Palatau Chapel, and Karomo Chapel.

The Head Catechist of this maiden Parish, Mr. Martin Ekadu, is the only trained Grade II catechist. Meanwhile, Mr. Joseph Opolot, Mr. John Bernard Opeke and Mr. Peter Eloma are the only three trained Grade I catechists. The rest of the catechists are yet to be trained. They include: Samuel Olela, Peter Elwoku, Alfred Oyuru, Richard Otim, Gerald Adaru, Simon Ochen, James Esangu, Joseph Eyamu, Michael Enyacu, Michael Eperu, Anthony Ogwal, Denis Obote, Charles Elilu, Patrick Ebamu, Samuel Agora, Michael Ekaju, Robert Okado, Moses Oname, James Okello and William Enyou.

To form Alwa Parish, eight (8) chapels were curved out from Kaberamaido Parish and four (4) chapels were annexed from Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Parish Lwala. By the time of inauguration, the new Parish had already produced one diocesan priest, named Fr. Hilary Eragu, and two religious sisters, in the names of Sr. Imelda Ayenyo (LSoSf) and Sr. Florence Aculo (MSMMC).

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019, Father Patrick Edep was installed the first Parish Priest of the newly created Parish by Bishop Dr Joseph Oliach Eciru. Fr. Patrick Edep, a diocesan priest, has the task of overseeing the spiritual growth of All Saints parishioners and the development of the Pariah, including construction of the parish house and expansion of the church.



*Parish House under construction 1*

The table below gives a summary of the Parish pastoral returns for the period from the inauguration of the Parish in November 2019 till March 2020:

<b>A</b>	<b>SACRAMENTS</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Totals</b>
1.	BAPTISM					
	Infants	Ordinary	159	In danger of death	00	159
	Adults	Ordinary	03	In danger of death	3	06
	Converts					
2.	CONFIRMATIONS	By Bishop	313	By Priest	4	317
3.	EUCCHARIST					
	First Holy Communion	Easter Season	00	Rest of the year	00	00
	Mass Intensions	Local	05	Foreign/external	00	05
4.	ANNOINTING OF THE SICK	Recipients of anointing				
	Viaticum		24	Deaths	33	57
	Christian Burials	By Priest	01	By Catechist	13	14
5.	MATRIMONY	Between Catholics	06	Mixed Marriage	00	06
<b>B</b>	<b>INSTITUTIONS</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Totals</b>
1.	Outstations	With permanent Church	04	Semi permanent Church	00	04
2.	BCCs					
3.	Clubs and Associations	Women	01	Youth	00	01
		Devotional	01	Others	00	01
4.	Catholic Founded Schools	Nursery	00	Primary	04	04
		Technical/Vocational	00	Secondary/Tertiary	00	00

5.	Catholic Medical Institutions	Hospitals	00	Health Centers	00	00
6.	Houses for Religious	Men	00	Women	00	00
7.	Other Institutions					00
<b>C</b>	<b>PERSONNEL</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Totals</b>
1.	Catechists	Trained(Grade II & III)	01	Untrained	23	24
2.	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Men	00	Women	00	00
3.	Parish Councilors	Men	00	Women	00	00
4.	Religious	Men	00	Women	00	00
5.	Seminarians (Diocesan)	Minor	00	Major	00	00
6.	Seminarians (Religious)	Minor	00	Major	00	00
7.	Catechists in training	Kidetok CFC	00	Bukedea Pastoral TC	00	00
8.	Other permanent workers	Skilled	00	Unskilled	00	00
9.	Catechumens (Imugolen)	For FHC & Converts	00	For Adult Baptism	00	00
10.	Catholic Population	Male		Female		6000