



UGANDA MARTYRS CATHOLIC PARISH KACHUMBALA

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“The blood of the martyr the Seed of the church”

PROFILE 2020

BACKGROUND:

UGANDA MARTYRS Catholic Parish Kachumbala is one of the oldest Parishes founded by the Mill Hill Missionary society of Saint Joseph. The parish was part of Tororo Diocese by then. It started operating as a Centre chapel from 1953, under Bukedea Parish and, in 1960, it was proclaimed a Parish by His Grace Rt. Rev. Bishop Emeritus Odongo James, Bishop of Tororo Diocese.

BAPTISIMAL REGISTER:

Year	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmation	Holy Matrimony
1954-2020	43026	62863	2182	872

PRIESTS WHO SERVED IN KACHUMBALA PARISH

PRIEST	YEAR
1. Rev. Fr. H. Goman	1953 – 1960
2. Rev. Fr. E. Stockman	
3. Rev. Fr. Evans	
4. Fr. Macintyre Donald	1960 - 1975
5. Rev. Fr. Kauta J.B	1970
6. Rev. Fr. Watenyeri S.P.E	1980 - 1082
7. Rev. Fr. Bahati	1982 - 1983
8. Rev. Fr. Phelan B	1983 – 1985
9. Rev. Fr. Mubiru Athanasius	
10. Rev. Fr. Andrew Nagla	1985
11. Rev. Fr. Fr. Leonard Elungat (Parish Priest)	1985 – 2006
12. Rev. Fr. Aseete Francis	1985
13. Rev. Fr. Dominic Akubu	
14. Rev. Fr. Imalingat Paul B.F	2003
15. Rev. Fr. Aporu Charles (Parish Priest)	2005 - 2008
16. Rev. Fr. Okurut Joseph Charles (Parish Priest)	2008
17. Rev. Fr. Opio Deogratias	
18. Rev. Fr. Aisu Paul	
19. Rev. Fr. Olobo Valerian	
20. Rev. Fr. Ocamuna Mathias	
21. Rev. Fr. Abachu Stephen Jerome	
22. Rev. Fr. Alex Ben Odek (Parish Priest)	2019

PRIEST BORN OF THE AREA: REV. FR. OCAMUNA.

OTHER DATA:

Zones	11
Outstations	49
Primary Schools	15
Secondary Schools	1
Health Centre	1

MOVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

1. Legion of Mary
2. Catholic Charismatic Renewal
3. St. Jude Thaddeus
4. Divine Mercy
5. Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of B.V.M
6. Youth Association
7. Women Association
8. Men's Association

PROJECTS:

- ❖ Parish house renovation in progress
- ❖ Citrus growing project functioning

EVENTS:

1. Parish day, Uganda Martyrs celebrated annually (3rd June)
2. Catechists' day celebrated annually (20th, October)

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ❖ Formation of strong Parish Pastoral Council
- ❖ Renovation on the old parish house
- ❖ Some projects for the parish (orchard and three cows)
- ❖ Increasing number of Christians (converts)
- ❖ Vibrant Church movements, devotions and novenas prayers.
- ❖ Strengthening of the lay apostolate ministry: i.e. Men's desk, Missionary children, Women's and Youth Apostolate.
- ❖ Formation and strengthening of the Basic Christian Communities (B.C.C.s)

ASSETS:

Parish Land;

Kachumbala Parish has 47 acres of land, Titled 1st March 1962, and the registered trustees were the Missionaries of Saint Joseph's Society of Mill Hill whose place of address is **P.O. BOX 25, TORORO (REG. 9TH JULY, 1963 AT 4.00PM)**. For more information (ref: Uganda Reg. of Titles Ordinance, Vol. 539, Folio No. 6.)

CHALLENGES

Despite the good work done, they were also some Challenges:

- Land grabbers (intruders) along the parish land boundaries. Despite that the land was titled, there are still some greedy neighbours.
- Insecurity, especially by thieves who often break into the Parish.
- In-adequate funds to carry on parish house renovation.
- Inadequate funds to carry on fencing the parish land.
- Inadequate piece of land for some outstations/ chapels limiting development opportunities.
- Some outstations lack accommodation for catechists.
- Inadequate funds to carry out catechists' training and refresher courses.
- Most chapel lands are not surveyed, bringing in the high risk of intrusion by land grabbers.
- Some chapel churches are not completed.
- There is also a challenge of transport for the catechists and catechist coordinators.
- Delayed submission of Sunday collections by some outstations.

Parish house under renovation:



Parish House Renovation Works:



CONCLUSION

It is important to remember that, despite the troubles and challenges we encounter, we have much to be thankful for. First and foremost, the freedom, opportunities and blessing we enjoy as people of God.

Secondly are especially grateful to those who, though far from home and separated from family, still make significant contributions to support the Parish. We appreciate all our Parishioners, District leadership and friends from other churches, for their essential services and significant sacrifices for the development of the Parish.

Thank you so much and may God abundantly bless us.

Uganda Martyrs, Pray for us.

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