

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Kidetok

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH

Our lady of Lourdes parish Kidetok was started by the Mill Hill Missionaries on February 2nd 1939, with Rev Fr. Joseph van den Venn as first parish priest. He was nicknamed by the locals as Oguguna because he was a hardworking man. The land for the Parish was donated by a chief called Ekisu.

Fr. Van Den Venn opened the first technical school in Kidetok. This technical school was then made a Primary School, the current Kidetok Primary School. Kidetok previously covered the whole of Serere and Kasilo counties. Kidetok then gave rise to Kyere Parish (1960), Olio Parish (2014), Kamod Parish (2019), Opunoi Parish (2019) and Kogelak Parish (2019). The current Kidetok parish covers the sub county of Pingire.

LIST OF PRIESTS WHO SERVED IN KIDETOK FROM 1939 - 2020

S/N	Name	Year		S/N	Name	Year
1.	Fr. John Van De Venn	1939 - 1954		15.	Fr. Dimacjntrye	1953 - 1968
2.	Fr. Joseph Kasirivu	1940		16.	Fr. Th. Vdluga	1957
3.	Fr. John Kassule	1941 - 1942		17.	Fr. A. Coclen	1957
4.	Fr. Jamar	1942 - 1943		18.	Fr. Hacleeunt	1958 - 1962
5.	Fr. John Eneku	1944		19.	Fr. Kaap	1958 - 1958
6.	Fr. Y. Wieden Hofer	1944 - 1947		20.	Fr. Jac Obuen	1958
7.	Fr. J. H. Welsing	1947 - 1948		21.	Fr. Th. Beemster	1959 - 1964
8.	Fr. John Eneku	1947 - 1947		22.	Rev Fr. H Udyk	1959 - 1960
9.	Fr. H. Heerink	1949 - 1967		23.	Fr. Ands Boom	1959 - 1960
10.	Fr. Bous	1950 - 1957		24.	Fr. Gv.D Eeden	1963
11.	Fr. V. D. Hurk	1951 - 1966		25.	Fr. F. Dihey	1964
12.	Fr. J. Cahumns	1952 - 1952		26.	Fr. S. Vigils	1964 - 1967
13.	Fr. V. Ruyren	1953 - 1960		27.	Fr. A. Geerts	1966 - 1967
14.	Fr. J.H. Hilder	1953 - 1963		28.	Fr. H. Smeets	1967

29.	Fr. V. Keurentjes	1967 - 1969
30.	Fr. James Odongo	1967
31.	Fr. H. Vergeer	1969 - 1969
32.	Fr. Juventine Ekiring	1970 - 1972
33.	Fr. Alfusi Geerts	1972 - 1974
34.	Fr. Augustine Opolot	1974 - 1976
35.	Fr. B.C. Phelan	1974 - 1979
36.	Rev Fr. W. Obo	1978 - 1980
37.	Fr. Simon Wanyama	1979 - 1981
38.	Fr. Van AGT	1980 - 1981
39.	Fr. Nicolas Mataasi	1981 - 1983
40.	Rev Fr. Dismus Owino	1981 - 1985
41.	Fr. C. Obico	1983 - 1985
42.	Fr. A. Mubiru	1985 - 1987
43.	Fr. W. Angirotum	1985 - 1987
44.	Fr. Anthony - Franciscan	1985
45.	Fr. Hillary - Franciscan	1985
46.	Fr. H. Bahat - Franciscan	1986
47.	Fr. Edmund Okella	1986 - 1987
48.	Fr. R. Mwebe	1988 - 1992
49.	Rev Fr. John Chris Wabwire	1988 - 1989
50.	Fr. Fabiano Ajuret	1988 - 1989
51.	Fr. Augustine Epieru	1989
52.	Fr. Martin Wambeo	1990 - 1992

53.	Fr. John Peter Tukei	1992 - 1993
54.	Rev .Fr Francis Aseete	1993 - 1996
55.	Fr. Martin Aeko	1993 - 1994
56.	Rev Fr. Deogratius Okonye	1995
57.	Fr. Pius Okiria	1996 - 1997
58.	Rev Fr. Joseph Ipurale Ocom	1996 - 2002
59.	Fr. Joseph C. Okurut	1997 - 1999
60.	Fr. V. Alois	1997 - 2002
61.	Rev Fr. Peter Oelu	1999 - 2002
62.	Rev Fr. Mathias Ocamuna	2000 - 2002
63.	Fr. Romanus Etwap	2002 - 2004
64.	Rev Fr. Patrick Achedu	2003 - 2019
65.	Rev Fr. Jerome Abachu	2005 - 2006
66.	Rev Fr. Julius Odeng	2006 - 2012
67.	Fr. Augustine Epieru	2003 - 2006
68.	Rev Fr. Francis Kayaye	2006 - 2008
69.	Rev Fr. Mathias Ocamuna	2008 - 2012
70.	Fr. John Eriau	2012 - 2019
71.	Fr. Alex Odeke	2012 - 2014
72.	Fr. Otim Micheal	2015 - 2017
73.	Fr. Romanus Etwap	2017 - 2019
74.	Fr. Joachim Otai	2018 - 2019
75.	Rev Fr. John Paul Aisu	2019 -
76.	Fr. Valerian Olobo	2019 -

RECORDS FROM REGISTERS

Infant baptism from 1939 - 2020 : 108,190 infants baptised

Adult baptism from 1939 to 2020 : 18,626 Adults baptised

Matrimony from 1939 to 2020 : 1,932 Wedded

PRIESTS BORN OF KIDETOK PARISH

- Fr. Ogwang Ambrose
- Fr. Henry Agit.
- Fr. Oryangatum Deogracious
- Fr. Alex Okiror
- Fr. Nnaku Francis
- Fr. Wankya Simon Peter

RELIGIOUS SISTERS FROM KIDETOK

- Sr. Aiso Agnes OSB.
- Sr. Judette pule OSB.

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ZONES AND OUTSTATIONS OF KIDETOK PARISH

1. Kidetok zone

- Kidetok church.
- Okolonga chapel.
- Akumoi chapel.
- Agonyo chapel.
- Abira chapel.
- Ojeera chapel.

2. Odapakol zone

- Odapakol Agule chapel
- Akimenga chapel.
- Olumot chapel.
- Ogata chapel.

3. Pingire Agule

- Pingire Agule chapel.
- Pingire Karamojong chapel.
- Amuuria chapel.
- Sambwa chapel.
- Dambia chapel.

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4. Olwa zone

- Olwa chapel.
- Okidi chapel.
- Abululu chapel.
- Omiriai chapel.
- Ongongei chapel.
- Okidingo chapel.

CATECHISTS OF KIDETOK PARISH

S/N	Name	Grade
1.	Elobu Bernard	Grade II
2.	Ongodia Richard	Grade II
3.	Erimait John Micheal	Grade III
4.	Edopu Richard	Untrained
5.	Okiror Cuthbert	Untrained

6.	Eidu Francis	Untrained
7.	lisa Moses	Untrained
8.	Isokoni Stephen	Untrained
9.	Obukui Moses	Untrained
10.	Omiat Alfred	Untrained
11.	Ocen Thomas	Untrained

12.	Igune Leonard	Untrained
13.	Aloikin Micheal	Untrained
14.	Lwanga Karoli	Untrained
15.	Eedu Stephen	Untrained
16.	Okurut John Baptist	Untrained
	Ikulony Joyce	Untrained
17.	Oule Micheal	Untrained
18.	Okalo Juventine	Untrained
19.	Akaba Francis	Untrained
20.	Acungo Thomas	Untrained
21.	Obirai Wilbrod	Untrained
22.	Epiru Peter	Untrained

23.	Malinga Boniface	Untrained
24.	Alao Tabitha	Untrained
25.	Ocan Emmanuel	Untrained
26.	Obeere Simon	Untrained
27.	Oriokot Thomas	Untrained
28.	Onaria James	Untrained
29.	Omani Moses	Untrained
30.	Omani Paul	Untrained
31.	Opolot Emmanuel	Untrained
32.	Olupot Samuel	Untrained
33.	Omiat Charles	Untrained

INSTITUTIONS

1. Catechical Formation Centre Kidetok
2. St. Elizabeth S.S.S Kidetok
3. Kidetok Primary School.
4. Akumoi Primary School
5. Agule odapakol Primary School
6. Omiriai Primary School
7. Bishop Emmanuel Obbo
8. Kidetok health Centre III

LAY APOSTOLATE MOVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Catholic charismatic renewal.
- St. Philomena devotion.
- Our lady of Lourdes women association.

PROJECTS

- There is construction of a new parish church. It has reached ring beam level.
- Helping chapels of Abira, Olumot, Okidingo, Dambia and Okolonga to construct their chapels.