



# ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KUMI

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## 1. BRIEF HISTORY

Kumi Catholic Parish was erected in 1949 under Tororo Diocese (now Tororo Archdiocese), and was first manned by the Mill Hill Missionaries. At the creation of Soroti Catholic Diocese in 1981, Kumi was among the 18 parishes that were carved out of Tororo Diocese to form the new Diocese of Soroti. By that time, the Parish was under the pastoral care of diocesan priests. In 2014, because of its large size, Kumi Parish sub-divided to create St. Augustine's Parish, Mukongoro.

Currently, Kumi Parish consists of 10 Zones and 45 out-stations. The Parish has 141 Basic Christian Communities and 72 catechists of all grades. Kumi has a Parish Council with working committees, and a long history of BCCs, which help in the evangelization of the Christian flock. Currently the Parish has 3 Priests helping namely;

- Rev Fr. Julius Odeng, Parish Priest;
- Rev Fr. Edmond Okella, Ass Parish Priest;
- Rev. Fr. Lawrence Akepa, Ass. Parish Priest.

The majority tribe throughout Kumi Parish is the Iteso. The major trade consists in agriculture, poultry and livestock production, which are carried out on subsistence basis. A small section of the population is engaged in small scale trade and fishing. Being adjacent to Lake Bisina, Kumi is prone to drought, food shortages and floods, due to erratic climatic changes. These have kept the communities trapped in poverty many decades after the wars and cattle rustling in Teso.

## 2. SPIRITUAL RETURNS

### a) REGISTERS:

S/No.	Name of Register	Description	Total numbers in Registers.
1.	Baptism	1. Infant Baptism	44,664
		2. Adult Baptism	11,805
2.	Holy matrimonies		2,186

### b) PRIESTS BORN IN KUMI PARISH:

1. Rev. Fr. Okurut Joseph Charles 1997.

2. Rev. Fr. Obore Fredrick

2014.

**c) RELIGIOUS SISTERS BORN IN KUMI PARISH:**

1. Sr. Esaete Crescencia
2. Sr. Amiti Immaculate
3. Sr. Amongin Celestine
4. Sr. Arionget Elizabeth
5. Sr. Alupo Elizabeth
6. Sr. Among Patricia
7. Sr. Imalingat Philomena

**d) SEMINARIANS BORN IN KUMI PARISH:**

1. Sem. Olupot Didimos                      Philosophy
2. Sem. Omoding Emmanuel              Philosophy

**3. INSTITUTIONS**

**SCHOOLS:**

S/N	Name of the school	Pupils' enrolment		Total	Teachers' enrolment		Total	Year founded
		Male	Female		Male	Female		
1	Kumi Girls' P/S	00	512	<b>512</b>	08	04	<b>12</b>	1957
2	Kumi Boys P/S	276	235	<b>511</b>	04	07	<b>11</b>	
3	Aputon P/S	443	441	<b>884</b>	08	06	<b>14</b>	
4	Kapasak P/S	756	649	<b>1405</b>	12	05	<b>17</b>	1963
5	Atuitui P/S	371	375	<b>746</b>	07	04	<b>11</b>	
6	Oseera P/S	647	591	<b>1238</b>	06	05	<b>11</b>	1952
7	Otipe P/S	598	657	<b>1255</b>	07	09	<b>16</b>	1980
8	Omatenga P/S	200	313	<b>513</b>	04	03	<b>07</b>	
9	Aburbur P/S	337	374	<b>711</b>	05	07	<b>12</b>	
10	Kumi Girls S.S	18	30	<b>48</b>	09	04	<b>13</b>	2012
		<b>3,646</b>	<b>4,177</b>	<b>7,823</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>124</b>	

**4. LAY APOSTOLATE MOVEMENTS**

**a) Mothers of Charity**

Madam Vicky Olaro Akope is the Chairperson. This is a Catholic founded non-profitable association formed by Women. They are both young and old (18yrs and above) of St. Paul's Catholic Parish - Kumi.

The association started with a few number of women, but has kept on growing. To date, there are over 70 mother members. The association has existed since 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

- **Vision:** *A supportive Christian community.*
- **Mission:** *Inspiring Christians to serve God and His people.*
- **Motto:** *Moving forward spiritually and in Jesus.*
- **Values:** *Teamwork, experience sharing, poverty eradication, unity, participation, faith, trust.*
- **Purpose:** Improve on a sustainable livelihood of the community in Kumi Parish.
- **Inspiration:** The Spirit of charity and love. It seeks to support the needy through group work.

**b) Local Kolping Family**

Mr. Dokole Gerald is the Chairperson (President). It aims at improving economic, social, cultural, and spiritual wellbeing of the Catholic families through savings.

It started in 1995 and today it has a total number of 35 members. It has its constitution.

**c) Kumi Living Rosary and Devotion to St. Philomena.**

This is under the leadership of Madam Cornelia Esiangu.

The Association aims at contributing to establishment a devotion to the Immaculate Heart throughout the world. In an age wherein we **witness the most bitter and bloodiest persecution the world has ever known**, the members have the reason to be concerned about salvation.

**d) OTHERS:**

**i) Young Christian Students - Kumi Girls S. S.**

**ii) Pontifical Missionary Childhood** - Kumi Girls P/S and all other schools in the Parish.

- This awakens Missionary awareness in children, so as to lead them to a sharing of spiritual and material resources with fellow children in other parishes, dioceses or countries.
- It is under the patronage of St. Kizito; and their day is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of July. Its motto is: Children helping fellow children.

**iii) AJOCOFA**

- It is under the leadership of Adengo Aloysius. It encourages weddings in families. It also offers counseling services to families. It supports savings for the education of their children.

**iv) Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

- The Parish Service Team Leader is Mr. Opio Gerald. It aims at strengthening spiritual growth of Christians through their prayer life and counseling.

**v) Divine Mercy Devotion.**

- This is active in Kumi Hospital and Urban Zone (Kumi).

## **5. PARISH WORK PLAN 2020-2023**

1. Construction of the new Fathers House.
2. Consecration of the new Parish church.
3. Lobbying for solar lighting system.
4. Fencing of the Parish Premise.
5. Renovation of the Parish dilapidated structures.
6. Support girl child education.
7. Surveying of all church land.
8. Environmental conservation.
9. Fight against HIV/AIDS pandemic.
10. Strengthening the Lay Apostolate.
11. Training of all catechists (Bukedea PTC and Kidetok CFC).



**New Parish House under construction**

## 5. NAMES AND GRADES OF CATECHISTS

S/N	Name	Grade
1	Ajosei James Peter	3
2.	Ongodia Dominic Michael	-
3.	Okodan Levi	-
4.	Ekorie Didimos	3
5.	Ikedit Lawrence	-
6.	Muron Simon Peter	-
7.	Odeke Charles	2
8.	Opolot Raphael	-
9.	Akol Stella	-
10.	Aisu Lawrence	-
11.	Mukoma Joseph	
12.	Emuron Paul	2
13.	Muron Silvester	-
14.	Opolot Francis	-
15.	Ogugu Francis	2
16.	Okia John	-
17.	Okwalinga John Bosco	-
18	Outa Ignatius	-
19.	Opolot Peter	-
20	Olupot Didimos	3
21.	Opio Gerald	
22.	Okise Gilbert Emmanuel	2
23.	Opolot Peter Immaculate	-
24.	Itiba Rose	-
25.	Okiseng Vigilio	-
26.	Okello David	-
27.	Okaban Moses	-
28	Moron Richard	-
29.	Ochanya John	2
30.	Omongot Charles Lwanga	2
31.	Ongura Tom	-
32.	Akora Simon Peter	-
33.	Akol Martin	-
34.	Ejoku Simon Peter	2
35.	Ogwang Cornelius	3

S/N	Name	Grade
36.	Ajonga Melda	2
37.	Ajilong Gabdesia Okodan	-
38.	Oonyu Eugene	-
39.	Odong James	-
40.	Ekwany Tadeo	-
41.	Obore David	-
42.	Oosan George William	-
43.	Okwii Max	3
44.	Okedi Francis	2
45.	Okiring Peter	1
46.	Elungat Juventine	2
47.	Orungo Charles Lwanga	-
48.	Alutia Patrick	-
49.	Ojo Anthony	-
50.	Omoda James	3
51.	Etiang Robert	2
52.	Orot Denis	2
53.	Imukat George	-
54.	Omoding Thomas	-
55.	Esirut Andrew	-
56.	Opio Alfred	-
57.	Idumun Lawrence	-
58.	Omooja Joseph	2
59.	Imalingat James	-
60.	Okurut David	-
61.	Malinga Francis	-
62.	Ekwam Paul	-
63.	Achoda James Peter	-
64.	OmUNET Richard	-
65.	Akol John Bosco	-
66.	Ilaborot Ruth	-
67.	Okiring Samuel	-
68.	Okwaput Lawrence	-

## 6. LIST OF ZONES AND OUTSTATIONS.

ZONE	OUTSTATION
<b>1. Urban Zone</b>	St. Paul's C.C
	Kabata C.C
<b>2. Akibui Zone</b>	Otipe C.C
	Atiida C.C
	Akibui C.C Aputon C.C
<b>3. Aburbur Zone</b>	Okanyumo C.C
	Aterai C.C
	Aburbur C.C
	Agurtap C.C
<b>4. Kelim Zone</b>	Kelim C.C
	Otido C.C
	Otaaba C.C
<b>5. Kachaboi Zone</b>	Kumi hospital C.C
	Kachaboi C.C
	Kacooso C.C
	Akerkwam C.C
	Omolokonyo C.C
<b>6. Oseera Zone</b>	Oseera C.C
	Kaduka C.C
	Ceele C.C

ZONE	OUTSTATION
<b>7. Omatenga Zone</b>	Omatenga C.C
	Agolitom C.C
	Okicira C.C Kadacar C.C
<b>8. Asinge Zone</b>	Asinge C.C
	Olupe C.C
	Olomuna C.C
	Okouba C.C Oogoria C.C
<b>9. Atuitui Zone</b>	Atuitui C.C
	Aakide C.C
	Aakum C.C
	Kareu C.C
	Kongoto C.C Akuoro C.C
<b>10. Kapasak Zone</b>	Kapasak C.C
	Awadat C.C
	Akoltorom C.C
	Totolim C.C
	Okutot C.C
	Oulo C.C
	Kaderin C.C
Acera C.C	

## 7. CHRONOLOGY OF PARISH PRIESTS AND ASSISTANTS

S/NO.	PERIOD OF SERVICE	NAME OF PRIEST	POSITION
1.	1939	Rev. Fr. T. Hughes	Parish Priest
2.	1940	Rev. Fr. J. Greif	Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. P. Lawrence Hans	Ass. Parish Priest
3.	1941	Rev. Fr. E.H Foord	Ass. Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. J. Greif	Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. P. Lawrence Hans	Ass. Parish Priest
4.	1942-1943	Rev. Fr. J. Greif	Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. S. Schutt	Ass. Parish Priest
5.	1944	Rev. Fr. J. Greif	Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. P. Lawrence Hans	Ass. Parish Priest
6.	1945	Rev. Fr. J. Greif	Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. T. Hughes	Ass. Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. M. Ekumu	Ass. Parish Priest
7.	1946	Rev. Fr. T. Hughes	Ass. Parish Priest
		Rev. Fr. J.A Rallely	Ass. Parish Priest

		Rev. Fr. J. Greif	Parish Priest
8.	1947	Rev. Fr. J.A Rallely Rev. Fr. J. Greif Rev. Fr. Q. Onyangai	Ass. Parish Priest Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
9.	1948	Rev. Fr. T. Hughes Rev. Fr. John Healy.	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
10.	1948	Rev. Fr. EG. Stockmann	Parish Priest
11.	1949	Rev. Fr. T. Hughes Rev. Fr. B.U. Binnebeke	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
12.	1950	Rev. Fr. T. Hughes Rev. Fr. P. Molenaar Rev. Fr. J. Greif	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
13.	1951.	Rev. Fr. P. Molenaar Rev. Fr. T. Hughes Rev. Fr. P. Wagenaar	Ass. Parish Priest Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
14.	1952.	Rev. Fr. P. Molenaar Rev. Fr. P. Wagenaar Rev. Fr. Torbuhy	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
15.	1953.	Rev. Fr. E. Prassel Rev. Fr. Wagenaar	Ass. Parish Priest Parish Priest
16.	1954		
17.	1955	Rev. Fr. Boonen Rev. Fr. B. Borghols Rev. Fr. Welsing	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
18.	1956.	Rev. Fr. S. Boonen Rev. Fr. J.O. Brien	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
19.	1957	Rev. Fr. Chaleanif Rev. Fr. Holcamp	Ass. Parish Priest Parish Priest
20.	1958	Rev. Fr. S. Boonen Rev. Fr. C. Holcamp Rev. Fr. H. Vergeer	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
21.	1959	Rev. Fr. Boonen Rev. Fr. Vergeer	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
22.	1960	Rev. Fr. Boonen Rev. Fr. Vergeer Rev. Fr. B. Beemister	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
23.	1961-1962	Rev. Fr. B. Beemister Rev. Fr. S. Boonen	Ass. Parish Priest Parish Priest
24.	1963.	Rev. Fr. Boonen Rev. Fr. B. Beemister Rev. Fr. A.M Welsing Rev. Fr. H. Rusthius	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
25.	1964-1966	Rev. A.M Welsing Rev. Fr. H. Rusthius Rev. Fr. S. Boonen Rev. Fr. T. Stanntom	Ass. Parish Priest Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest.

26.	1968	Rev. Fr. S. Boonen Rev. Fr. D. Harney Rev. A. Nagler Rev. Fr. C.V Rooyen Rev. Fr. A. Wagenaar.	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish priest
27.	1969	Rev. Fr. Boonen Rev. Fr. C.V Rooyen Rev. Fr. D. Wagenaar Rev. Fr. B. Beemister	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
28.	1970 – 1975	Rev. Fr. A. Stupner Rev. Fr. T. Were Chemonges	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
29.	1975 – 1979	Rev. Fr. M. Ekumu Rev. Fr. Aloysius Thomas Manyange.	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
30.	1980 – 1981	Rev. Fr. W. Angirotum Rev. N. Mataasi Rev. M. Ekumu	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
31.	1982 – 1989	Rev. Fr. M. Ekumu Rev. Fr. J.B Naalela	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
32.	1990 – 1991	Rev. Fr. W. Angirotum Rev. Fr. M. Ekumu	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
33.	1991 – 1994	Rev. Fr. Leonard Elungat Rev. Fr. P. Okiria	Ass. Parish Priest Parish Priest
34.	1995 - 1997	Rev. J. Otai Rev. Fr. Basil Ocom Rev. Fr. Ejuru	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
35.	1997	Rev. Fr. Deo Okonye Rev. Fr. J.C Okurut	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
36.	1998	Rev. Fr. H.R Waiswa Rev. Fr. B. Aeko	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
37.	1998 – 2001	Rev. Fr. John Eriau Rev. Fr. Martin Ecodu	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
38.	2002 – 2004	Rev. Fr. John Eriau Rev. Fr. Denis Asima Rev. Fr. Romanus Etwap Rev. Fr. Eciru Joseph Oliach Rev. Fr. Opio A. Gonzaga	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
39.	2005	Rev. Fr. John Eriau Rev. Fr. Ebwolu Paul	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
40.	2006 – 2007	Rev. Fr. John Eriau Rev. Fr. Deo Okonye Rev. Fr. Paul Imalingat Rev. Fr. L. Elungat	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
41.	2008	Rev. Fr. John Eriau Rev. Fr. Simon P. Obelekek	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
42.	2009	Rev. Fr. John Eriau	Parish Priest



		Rev. Fr. Paul Imalingat	Ass. Parish Priest
43.	2010.	Rev. Fr. John Eriau Rev. Fr. Deo Okonye	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
44.	2011	Rev. Fr. C. Lwanga Ocok Rev. Fr. Peter Oelu	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
45.	2012 – 2015	Rev. Fr. C. Lwanga Ocok Rev. Fr. Peter Oelu Rev. Fr. Julius Ojangor	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
46.	2016	Rev. Fr. C. Lwanga Ocok Rev. Fr. Patrick Edep	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
47.	2017	Rev. Fr. C. Lwanga Ocok Rev. Fr. Patrick Edep Rev. Fr. Cosmas Enyasu	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
48.	2018 - 2019	Rev. Fr. C. Lwanga Ocok Rev. Fr. Cosmas Enyasu Rev. Fr. Edmund Okella	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
49.	Sept. 2019	Rev. Fr. Julius Odeng Rev. Fr. Okella Edmund	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest
50.	March 2020	Rev. Fr. Julius Odeng Rev. Fr. Okella Edmund Rev. Fr. Akepa Lawrence	Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest Ass. Parish Priest