



## ARCHDIOCESAN THEME:

"We the baptised, let us journey together in communion, participation and mission." (Eph.4:1-16)

## BE RECONCILED WITH GOD AND NEIGHBOR

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Dear brethren, we thank God for enabling us to celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent. Today God calls us to return to him with a contrite heart, "Be reconciled with God and neighbor."

As we journey towards the celebration of the Pascal Mystery; God extends his love towards us calling us to return to him seeking forgiveness. God entered into a covenant with the Israelites. Joshua 5:9a.10-12, the people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.

Lenten Season helps us to renew our covenant with God. Israelites were saved from bondage to the promised Land; God sent

his only begotten Son to save us sinners. We were reconciled through Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. St. Paul reminds us that in Christ we became new creation; we had been taken by original sin but Christ brought us salvation. Let us continue striving for righteousness as we repent our sins. Christ came to call sinners not virtuous, in Luke 15:1-3.11-32, Pharisees and scribes murmured that Jesus was considerate to sinners. The young son who mishandled his portion, and returned to the father; represents how sin sabotages our connection with the Heavenly Father and neighbors. The Son realized his mistake went to the father asking for pardon. "Father I have sinned against heaven and before you, I am no longer

worthy to be called your son, treat me as one of your hired servants." But the father

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## THE FORGIVING FATHER

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

A reading from the book of Joshua 5:9-12

*"The People of God keep the Passover on their entry into the promised land."*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL

## PSALM

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

*"God reconciled us to himself through Christ."*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It

is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal

Monday English | Tuesday Luganda | Wednesday English | Thursday Luganda | Friday English | Saturday Luganda

SUNDAY MASS PROGRAM: 07:00 a.m Luganda | 08:30 a.m English | 10:00 a.m English | 11:30 am Luganda | 1:00p.m English | 5:00p.m English

PARISH THEME: "PIGRIMS OF HOPE, WALKING TOGETHER"

that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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## GOSPEL .

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-3.11-32**

*"Your brother here was dead and has come to life."*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and

here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father,

"Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to cel-

ebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property he and his women you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

## ESSOMO I

*"Abantu ba Katonda bwe baamala okuyingira mu nsi endazaanye baatukuza Paska."*

**Bye tusoma mu kitabo kya Yozuwa. (5,9a.1012)**

Mu nnaku ezo Omukama n'agam-ba Yozuwa, nti: Leero mbaggyee-ko ensanyi z'e Misri. Abaisraeli ne bakuba olusiisira lwabwe e Gilgala ne bakuliza awo Paska, ku lw'ekku-mi n'ennya olw'omwezi, olw'eggulo, mu lusenyi lwa Yeriko. Ku lwad-dirira Paska ne balya ku bibala by'ensi eyo, omugaati ogutazim-bulukuse n'ebirimba by'enjano ebisiike, ku lunaku olwo lwennyini. Okuva mu budde obwo, ka-sita baasooka okulya ku bibala by'ensi eyo, mannu n'erekera awo okutonnya. Era tibaddayo kufuna mannu. Okuva mu mwaka ogwo Abaisraeli baalyanga ku bibala ensi ya Kanaani bye yabazanga. Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.

## OKWEBUULIRIRA:

**EKIDD: Mulegeko, mulabe Omukama nga bw'ali omulungi.**

### READINGS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK: 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH - 05<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2025

MON 31 <sup>ST</sup> MAR	TUES 01 <sup>ST</sup> APR	WED 02 <sup>ND</sup> APR	THUR 03 <sup>RD</sup> APR	FRI 04 <sup>TH</sup> APR	SAT 05 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL
St. Benjamin	St. Hugo- Bishope	St. Francesca	St. Richard	St. Isdore	St. Vincentian Firreio- Priest
Isaiah 65:17-21	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12	Isaiah 49:8-15	Exodus 32:7-14	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22	Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 4:43-54	John 5:1-16	John 5:17-30	John 5:31-47	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	John 7:40-53

was compassionate welcomed the son.

Christ welcomes us whenever we return to him with a contrite heart. Jesus' call to conversion and pen-

ance intends to change of heart, interior conversion. Let us approach the Sacrament of penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and

are at the same time reconcile with neighbors.

May you have a blessed and fruitful Sunday.



## ESSOMO II

*Katonda yatabagana naffe mu Kristu.*

**Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa ey'okubiri Paulo gye yawandiikira ab'e Korinti. (5, 17-21).**

Ab'oluganda, buli yenna ali mu Kristu, afuuse kitonde kiggya; ekitonde ekikadde kiweddewo, kati ekiggya kye kiriwo. Katonda bw'akola atyo; ye yatabagana naffe mu Kristu; ab'alala ogw'okubatabaganya naye n'agulekera ffe. Kwe kugamba nti: Katonda, mu Kristu, ensi yatabagana nayo; ebibi byayo nga takyagibiballira; ffe be yakwasa ogw'okulangirira amawulire ag'okutabagana ago. Tuli babaka ba Kristu nno. Kyenkana Katonda y'ayogera gye muli ng'ayita mu ffe. Ate kye tubakubiriza mu linnya lya Kristu kye kino: Mutabagane ne Katonda. Olw'okubeera ffe Katonda yaddirira ataliiko kibi n'afuuka ekibi, ffe mu ye tusobole okufuuka obutuufu bwa Katonda. *Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.*

## EVANJIRI

*"Muganda wo ono yali afudde, azuukidde."*  
**Ebigambo by'Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Luka. (15, 3, 11-32).**

Mu budde buli Abapublikano n'aboonoonyi baali bamusemberera okumuulira; abafarisaayo n'abawandiisi ne beemulugunya, ne bagamba nti: Ono asanyukira aboonoonyi n'okulya n'alya nabo!

Ye n'abagerera olugero luno, n'agamba nti: Waaliwo omusajja n'abeera n'abaana be babiri: asingako obuto ku bombi n'agamba kitaawe nti: Kitange, ekitundu ekyandibadde eky'omugabo gwange kimpe. Ye n'abagabanyiza mu bintu bye. Ennaku sizaayita nnyingi, omwana asinga obuto n'akunjaanya byonna, n'akungulira mu nsi ey'ewala ennyo, byonna bye yali nabyo n'abiyiwayiwa ng'ayisa empisa embi ez'obuseegu. Bwe yamala okuggweesa byonna, enjala n'egwa nnyingi mu nsi eyo; n'asoo-

ka okujeera! N'agenda yeerimbika ku musajja omu ow'omu nsi eyo; ye n'amusindika mu kyalo kye, alunde embizzi. Ne yeegombanga okusembekera olubuto lwe ebikuta embizi bye zaali ziry, nabyo nga tiwali abimuwa. Awo ne yeerowooza munda muli, n'agamba nti: Mu nnyumba ya kitange abakozi nga bangi abalya emmere n'okulemwa ne balemwa! Nze ndi wano nfa njala! Ka nsituke njende eri kitange; nja kumugamba nti: Ssebo, nnayonoona eri eggulu ne mu maaso go; sikyasaana na kuyitibwa mwana wo; mala ganfuula ng'omu mu bakozi bo. N'ayimuka, n'alaga ewa kitaawe. Naye bwe yali akyali wala, kitaawe n'amulengera, n'akwatibwa ekisa, n'addukanako, n'amugwa mu kifuba, n'amunywegera, Omwana n'amugamba nti: Ssebo, nnayonoona eri eggulu ne mu maaso go; sikyasaana na kuyitibwa mwana wo.

Naye kitaawe n'agamba abaweereza be nti: Muleete ekkanzu esinga obulungi, mugimwambaze, mumunaanike n'empeta ku ngalo, n'engatto mu bigere. Muleete n'ennyana ensava, mugitte, tulye, tusanyuke; kuba omwana wange ono yali afudde, azuukidde; yali azaaye, azaawuse. Ne bessa mu mbaga.

Naye omwana we omukulu yali mu nnimiro. Bwe yali akomawo ng'ali kumpi n'enju, n'awulira ekinyumu: nga bayimba, nga bazina! N'ayita omu ku baweereza, n'abuza ogubadde. Ye n'amugamba nti: Muganda wo akomyewo; kitaawo kwe kutta ennyana ensava; kubanga amufunye ng'akyali mulamu. Ye n'asunguwa, nga tayagala na kuyingira. Awo kitaawe n'afulumu, n'asooka okumwegayirira. Ye n'ayanukula n'agamba kitaawe nti: Kasooka nkuweereza wano, emyaka emeka nga sisobya na kamu ku by'ondagira? Sso tom-panga yadde akabuzi nkalye wamu ne bannange! Naye omwana wo ono eyalya ebibye byonna n'abimalira mu bakazi abenzi bw'akomyewo, ggwe n'omuttira ennyana ensava. Ye

n'alyoka amugamba nti: Mwana wange, bulijjo ggwe oli wamu nange: ebyange bye bibyo! Naye kibadde kisaana okulya embaga n'okusanyuka; kubanga muganda wo oyo, yali afudde azuukidde; yali azaaye azaawuse.

*Ebigambo by'Evanjiri eno bikomye awo.*

## PRIESTLY CELIBACY

**M**any people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, think that one of the root causes of all the problems in the Church today is priestly celibacy.

Celibacy has been a discipline for the ministers of God's Church in the Latin Rite for many centuries. And remember, it is a discipline ... not a doctrine or a dogma. So why does Holy Mother Church continue the practice? Let's go the Bible for the answers.

First of all, remember that Jesus and many of the Apostles were celibate. *In Matthew 19:12, Jesus talks about those He has called who have "...freely renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven."*

St. Paul, who was also celibate, makes his position very clear in 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. *"An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the world, how*

*he may please his wife, and he is divided."* And the Catechism explains the practice very well in 1579 and 1580.

You see, priests, in a sense, are married... to the Bride of Christ, His Church. These men, our spiritual fathers, renounce the goods of marriage to be radically available to us, the family of faith. Are we loving, supporting, and praying for our priests as much as we should?

### FOR FURTHER STUDY:

MATTHEW 19:12 • 1 COR 7:32-25

## PROGRAM FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT 2025

DATE	COMMUNITY ON DUTY	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
4TH APR. 2025	Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy	For the suffering people pg. 105
11TH APR. 2025	St. Kizito & St. Andrew Kaggwa	According to the Sisters of Adorers of the Precious Blood



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- **Muhoozi Rolland** of Najjera son of Byaruhanga Stephen and Tibasiima Anna of Bukinda, Nyabirerema wishes to marry **Nashaba Agnes** of Bubaare daughter of Bananuka Evaristo and Tumuhairwe Peace of Ibanda
- **Ngabirano Wilbert** of Mutojo son of John Musiime and Kemirembe Immaculate of Buhweju wishes to marry **Aliguma Immaculate** of Kyema daughter of Gerald Wandera and Immaculate Nyanjura of Kigumba
- **Mbanawe Stephen** of Kitala son of Tadeo Rwakaisho and Tuhirirwe Priscilla of Ibumba, rubanga, rukungiri wishes to marry **Doreen Mary Immaculate Kobusingye** of Nsooba daughter of Matovu Daniel and Asimwe Catherine of Kyebando - Kampala

- **Mugisha Innocent** of Najjera son of John Bwomezi and Late Kasigwa Federensi of Kitonzi Lc11, kitagwenda wishes to marry **Atuhereza Privah** of Najjera daughter of Byaruhanga Disan and Kellen Byaruhanga of Mukora Kyabugimbi Igara
- **Mugabe Benedict** of Kyanja son of Samuel Nseniga and Beatrice Tumusiime of Kyebando Kisalosallo wishes to marry **Faith Samuel** of Kyanja daughter of Samuel Macha and Dinatu Samuel Daisou of 7 Yakowa Street Narayi Kaduna

- We have celebrated the 4th Sunday of lent, thank you for your active participation at Mass.
- Next Sunday is our tithe Sunday. We are encouraged to take tithe envelopes, enclose your tithe and return them next Sunday for the second collection.
- We shall have baptism of infants next Sunday 6th April 2025 and on Easter Monday. Please register with the office.
- We thank the youth for leading Adoration last Thursday. The Choristers of St. Micheal choir will lead adoration on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 5pm.
- The priests will have Lenten pastoral visits to St. Kizito community and St. Johnmary Muzeyi on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.
- We thank St. John Mary Muzeyi and St. Matia Mulumba communities for leading the way of the cross last Friday. This week's way for the cross will be led by the Apostles of the Divine Mercy at 6pm.
- The Sacred Heart of Jesus devotees will have their monthly Mass at 5pm which will be followed by the way of the cross.
- All members in the departments that are under the Sanctifying commission (Pro-life, Catholic Men's Guild, Women's Guild, Liturgy, Choir members, Caritas, Pontifical Missionary Societies, Lay Apostolate Movements, Marriage and Family Life, Communication and Information), you are invited for the strategic and planning meeting on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 6pm her at church.

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