

FR. VINCENT'S NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy and grateful to God for making it possible for me to be visiting your Parish again this Summer after a few years of not coming due to the pandemic of Covid 19 that brought the world almost to a standstill. I am extremely happy to see you and very thankful to God who has made you survive this terrible pandemic. May the good Lord grant eternal rest to our brothers and sisters here and the world over who are no longer with us due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

I was worried and prayed for you. Most of you in this part of Nottingham are professionals and a good number of you work within the health sector as Doctors, Nurses, Administrators and Researchers who sought to heal and help those affected by the Pandemic and were putting yourself at risk in the process. Thank you so very much for having put your lives at risk to save others. You are great heroes and heroines.

The pandemic deprived me of a long-time great friend whom I have known since our school days. He worked in the Capital at the Secretariat of Uganda Catholic Bishops. He always arranged my travels to the UK and took me to the Airport and picked me up all the times that I have been coming to you. May the good Lord grant eternal rest to Fr. Anthony Zachary Rweza (R.I.P).

This year, at our Chrism Mass I was surprised and shocked when my name was read with a few others that were going to open new Parishes. The Bishop is dividing big Parishes into small ones to bring services of Sacraments closer to the people. I had been consulted and had said no. But my Bishop refused to take my no for an answer and went ahead and appointed me to start a new Parish of **St. Joseph's Ibaako Catholic Parish**. My new Parish has no Father's house and no Church. I say Sunday Masses in a classroom of a school at the site. The Bishop expects me and other Priests he appointed to other Parishes to mobilise Parishioners to build the Fathers' houses and Churches. I will be very happy and grateful if you can lend a hand in this noble task.

I have started with the Father's house and are currently stuck at the roofing level. I need **GBP 10,000** to roof, plaster the house, buy windows and doors etc.



I tried to open an account in the UK for my new Parish, but I have not succeeded. They can only do it if my Parish was registered as a Charity in the UK.

In case you are able and willing to help you could use my account below:

Account Name: VINCENT KANYANKOLE

Bank name: WISE.COM

Sort Code: 23-14-70

Account Number: 44 204 644

You could put your reference as House/Church for me to know that that particular money is for St. Joseph's Ibaako Parish. Alternatively, you could give your donations to the Fathers here and say it is for Fr. Vincent's new Parish. Or you could send it directly to the Parish account in Uganda which is: -

Account Name: **ST. JOSEPH'S IBAAKO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Bank Name: **CENTENARY BANK, BUGIRI BRANCH**

Account Number: **3203548858**

BIC / Swift Code: **CERBUGKAXXX**

St. Joseph's Ibaako Parish has 16 outstation Churches and I visit them and administer Sacraments on regular basis. I also try to mobilise funds to build the Father's House and the Church. My Parishioners are poor subsistence farmers whose life can be extremely difficult when the rains delay or when the rains are too much during the harvest time. They mainly plant maize, sweet potatoes, ground nuts, beans, soya beans as food crops and Sugarcane and coffee as cash crops. The parishioners are about 10,000 and spread around an area of about 1000 square Kilometers. The average Sunday collection in my new Parish is GBP4.

I bring you love and greetings from the young people and the orphaned kids you help with education. Fiona finished university a year ago, worked for a bit in Uganda but has moved to Rwanda for a better Job, Clare Coltilda graduated early this year and is looking for a Job, Jane is in her last year at the University and Jackie did well and is joining University this year. This is all possible because of your sacrifices and generosity. Thanks ever so much. The other kids in the Secondary and Primary schools are also well. At the moment, I am looking after and educating 15 children. Thanks so much for making this possible. Some of these have no sponsors and I would be very happy if some of you can come forward and help them.

I am very grateful for your continued support; I am able to do what I do because of your generosity and support. The Pastoral needs in my new Parish are many and very challenging. I am looking for new supporters and appeal to some of you who were helping me and did not change to my new bank to do so to the account details above.

As I have always done, let me refresh your minds about the current prices / rates of things; -

1. Educating an orphan in a Primary school is GBP60 per month.
2. Educating a student at a secondary school is GBP80 per month.
3. Educating a university student is GBP150 per month.
4. Educating a Church student is GBP500 per semester.
5. Visiting an Outstation is GBP20 per visit.
6. Visiting and saying Mass at a school is GBP20 per visit.
7. Altar Wine and Hosts is GBP50 per month.
8. To drill a borehole for water is GBP6000 per well.

Once again thanks so much for your continued support. You are always in my prayers.

Fr. Vincent