

SUNDAY MASSES:

07:30 (in English)

09:30 (in Nyanja)

(CONFESSION - before each Mass)

CHILDREN'S MASS: 15:00 (3rd Sunday of Month)**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday - Friday: 17:00hrs

SATURDAY:

MASS: 08:30 (+ catechism classes)

Adoration/Benediction: 16:30-17:30 (CONFESSION)

**THE ORDINARY TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY READINGS - YEAR "A"
DAILY READINGS - YEAR "I"****Monday, 2nd January: 09:00: MASS
(PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
ST ANNA ORGANISATION
"HEAD SCARFING" CEREMONY
(CHITAMBALA)**

READING/PETITIONS/READER: CHRIST THE KING SCC

**Tuesday, 3rd January: 17:00: MASS
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**

READING/PETITIONS/READER: ST ANTHONY SCC

Wednesday, 4th January:

16.00 - ADORATION & BENEDICTION (FOR FAMILIES) - LEGION OF MARY; 17:00: MASS

READING/PETITIONS/SINGING: ST AUGUSTINE SCC

Thursday, 5th January:

16.00 - ADORATION & BENEDICTION (FOR VOCATIONS) - ST ANNA ORG.; 17:00: MASS

READING/PETITIONS/SINGING: ST BAKHITA SCC

Friday, 6th January: 16.00 - ADORATION & BENEDICTION (PLEA TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS) - C.W.L.; 17:00: MASS

READING/PETITIONS/SINGING: ST FRANCIS SCC

**Saturday, 7th January: 08:30: MASS
16:30: ADORATION/BENEDICTION: ST BAKHITA SCC****SUNDAY, 8th January: Duty: ST BAKHITA
SCC & HOLY CHILDHOOD
EPIPHANY SUNDAY**ENGLISH: READERS: MR LAWRENCE BWALYA,
MRS CHRISTINE MWANGE (MR O. LUKONGA).

CHOIR: HOLY CHILDHOOD CHOIR

NYANJA: READERS: MR RAPHAEL BANDA,
MR JOHN BANDA (MRS T. TEMBO).

CHOIR: HOLY CHILDHOOD CHOIR

Readings: next Sunday, 8th January 2017 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

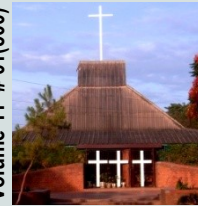
ISAIAH 60:1-6

EPHESIANS 3:2-3.5-6

MATTHEW 2:1-12

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER

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**CHRIST THE REDEEMER
MAKENI PARISH**

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1.00 Kwacha

PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. Sunday, 1st January 2017**READINGS: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - SUNDAY**1ST READING: NUMBERS 6:22-27: They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 66: O GOD, BE GRACIOUS AND BLESS US

2ND READING: GALATIANS 4:4-7: God sent his Son, born of a woman

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:16-21: They found Mary and Joseph and the baby... they gave him the name Jesus

TODAY'S REFLECTION / INSPIRATION**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM:
ZAMBIA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC
BISHOPS' COMMUNICATIONS
SECRETARY (23rd DECEMBER, 2016)***(Part Two - continues from last week)*

Jesus Christ at his birth is proclaimed the King of Peace and Wonderful Counsellor (Isaiah 9:5). This is what we are celebrating at Christmas. However, it is with great regret that Zambia lately has been experiencing situations that do not promote peace. For instance, many persons continue to experience gender related violence. This is despite the main interventions that have been put in place. This is one of the major challenges that is affecting many families. Although indicators from the latest statistics show a marginal reduction, of about 14.5%, compared to the reported cases in 2015, there is no cause for celebration. Our Prayer as Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops (ZCCB) is to see that the gift of peace that Jesus brought at Christmas permeates all the spheres of human life especially the family. Remember violence in any form, especially physical violence affects not only the persons involved or affected but it affects the country's economy as well. There are high costs to be met on medical care for those injured, loss of labour productive hours spent on litigations and so on.

We also want to urge motorists and all other road users to exercise caution during this festive season. The Christian celebration should be that of life-giving and not a time to grieve for the loss of one life due to the recklessness by some drivers on our roads. Christ came so that our lives can be preserved. "I have come so that they may have life and

have it to the full", Jesus tells us (John 10:10). We hope that the Road Traffic and Safety Agency (RTSA) and the Police will do their best to remove from our roads all those drivers who will be a danger not only to other road users or passengers but to themselves as well.

The rainy season seems to have started at a good note in most part of the country. We hope that the right beneficiaries of the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) will receive the right farming inputs and in good time. We therefore urge the government and those responsible officers to deliver all farming input in good time so that the country continues to have sufficient food for our country's food basket. Meanwhile, we urge the people whose livelihood is mainly dependent on fishing in the many water bodies that Zambia is blessed to adhere to the fishing ban as this is for the good of the country and the future.

In conclusion, as we celebrate Christmas this year, we want to praise God for the gift of his only begotten son. The festive season is also a time for family reunion. It is the time to celebrate together the birth of our Lord Jesus recalling he was born in a family of his mother Mary and Joseph his foster father.

As the Catholic Media Services and on behalf of ZCCB, we wish everyone in Zambia a truly blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2017. May the Celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace, renew your commitment to respond to God's love in what you do and your plans for the year to come.

Signed: *Fr. Winfield Kunda,*
*ZCCB Communications Secretary***HOLY CHILDHOOD MEETINGS - EVERY SUNDAY AT 14:00HRS**

MARRIAGE BANNS



Third Announcement: PATRICK KALIMUKWA NALUMINO son of Michael Nalumino and Maureen Masialeli wishes to bless the marriage with **GLORIA MWAPE** daughter of Holy Mwape and Esther Sakala, Both of John Laing, St Bakhita SCC.

Third Announcement: CLIFORD TILIKA son of Lawrence Tilika and Loveness Madala wishes to bless the marriage with **EVELINA NJOBVU** daughter of Simon Njobvu and the late Rachel Tembo, Both of John Laing, St Bakhita SCC.

Any objections to the above marriage should be reported to the Parish Priest immediately.

INVITATION TO THE 125 YEARS OF CATHOLIC FAITH IN ZAMBIA
Saturday, 7th January 2017 at Kasisi Mission. The Eucharistic Celebration at 09.00.

YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER

- **YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING.** Sunday, 8th January 2017 after English Mass.
- **ZONE "B" (DEANERY) YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING.** Saturday, 21st January 2017. Makeni Parish is hosting. Youth Council Executive to attend.
- **YOUTH ON DUTY.** Sunday, 29th January, both Masses. All the Youth within SCCs including those in Groups/Movements to clean the Church Surrounding on Saturday and be ready participate in the Liturgy

PARISH PRIESTS' OFFICE

Tuesday - Friday: 14.00-16.00
Saturday: 09.30-12.00

For other arrangements call the Priests
Parish House/Office: (+26) 0 211 273 048
Parish Priest: (+26) 0 976 447 000
Assistant Priest: (+26) 0 977 570 595

HOME BASED CARE OFFICE - Monday - Friday: 8.00-15.00

SR. AQUILINA PARAFFIN serves in the HBC: tel. number: (+26) 0 976 445 182

CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OFFICE (Room No. 14)

Saturday: 10.00-12.30 & 14.00-16.00

Sunday: 10.00-12.30

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHILDREN'S PARTY.** Sunday, 8th January 2017. As usual, the Parish asks the SCCs/Groups to provide for the Children's Party (according to the list). Let us be ready for the Annual Feast for our Children.
- **ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR THE NEW CATECHISTS/ CATECHISERS.** Saturday, 7th January 2017. Parish Hall, after 08.30 Mass. All Catechisers, and those who registered, and those still interested to be a catechist to attend. It is to prepare us for the new Catechetical year, which starts on 21st January.
- **ALL CATECHISTS/CATECHISERS GENERAL MEETING.** Sunday, 8th January 2017. Parish Hall, after English Mass. All Catechists/Catechisers. It is meant for planning and class allocation. All to attend without fail.
- **ADL—PMS. HOLY CHILDHOOD ANIMATORS' DAY OF PRAYER.** Saturday, 14th January 2017. Pope Square, Youth Hall.
- **PARISH FULL COUNCIL MEETING.** Sunday, 15th January 2017, after English Mass.

TREAT PEOPLE LIKE MIRRORS AND WATCH HOW THEY REFLECT IN THEIR EYES. NNAMDI G. OSUAGWA

PASTORAL OFFICE

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00-12.00 / 14.00-17.00
Saturday: 9.00-12.00 & 14.00-17.00

SR. MARIA (CHUY) serves in the Pastoral Office: tel. number: (+26) 0 978 316 375
MR MARTIN SEMENTI serves in the Pastoral Office: tel. number: (+26) 0 978 013 259

THE MORNING OFFERING AND INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2017:

God, our Father, I offer you my day. I offer you my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys and sufferings in union with the Heart of your Son, Jesus Christ, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world.

May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and strength today so that I may witness to your love.

With Mary, the Mother of the Lord and of the Church, I pray especially for this month's intentions as proposed by the Holy Father:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

MEMORIAL SERVICE NCHIMUNYA JOHN SIKAULU

(died on 15th January 2016)

The Memorial Service for the Late Nchimunya J. Sikaulu will take place on Saturday, 7th January 2017 at *St Ignatius Parish* starting with Mass at 10.00. Followed by unveiling of Tombstone at Memorial Park.

Picture: 2009-08-26
Mr/Mrs Sikaulu's Farm



CCJP TRAINING FOR NEW MEMBERS BEGINS

CCJP DEANERY TRAINING WORKSHOP RESUMES ON 7th & 8th January 2017.

Parishioners & SCC Leaders are invited to attend this Workshop which Kicks off next week.

Participants are requested to come with the Bible, pen & notebook; plus a small contribution K50.00 to cater for two days lunch. The Parish Team has already paid for training materials.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW MEMBERS CONTINUES UNTIL 7th JANUARY. Contact the Parish Coordinator on 955852017/0977855720 or e-mail: aston.kasonde@yahoo.com



PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Heavenly Father, / you bless us with gifts of life and love / so powerfully present in our families. In return, we offer you our commitment / to love and care for one another as family.

May your love be real and deeply felt / in whatever state of life we find ourselves, / whether married or single, / widowed or divorced, / clergy or religious, / young or elderly / or in complicated situations.

Make our homes / a dwelling place of love, respect, understanding, forgiveness and support.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, / who is our Brother and Saviour / Amen

