

Some Historical Facts about Nabunnya Site

1. Kabaka Mwanga gave this land to the missionaries in 1890 and shortly afterwards gave them the land on top of Lubaga hill where formally stood the palace of Muteesa I in which he welcomed Fr. Lourdel and his confreres in 1879. "Nabunnya" was one of the wives of Mwanga.
2. The founders of this mission were Fr. Simeon Lourdel Mapeera (1853-1890) and Fr. Denoit Camille (1862-1891) on the 24th February 1890. It was the fourth mission post built by the Catholic missionaries in Uganda after Nabulagala (1879), Nalukolongo (1885) and Bugoma in Ssesse Islands (1889).
3. It was at this place that for the first time, the Feast of Palm Sunday was solemnly celebrated in Uganda on 22nd March 1891.
4. Nabunnya church was the second Cathedral in Uganda the first being that of Nalukolongo (1885-1888). This was during the time of Mgr. Leo Livinhac (1846-1922) the first bishop of Uganda and his successor Mgr Jean-Joseph Hirth (1854-1931).
5. Thousands of catechumens were instructed, baptised and confirmed at this place. During that time, Kabaka Mwanga was following the Catholic Faith.
6. It was from this place in 1891 that for the first time, missionaries were sent outside the capital Kampala to start new mission posts: **Buddu (10th March)**: Fr. Henri Streicher, Fr. Jean Gacon and Bro. Victor Claes Louis. **Busoga (11th March)**: Fr. Alphonse Brard and Fr. Louis Schmier. **Kyaggwe (7th April)**: Fr. Achte Auguste and Fr. Jean Marcou.
7. Frs Mapeera and Denoit and Bro. Pierre Tartyere (1862-1891) died at this place and were buried here: Mapeera on the 12th May 1890, Pierre on 1st May 1891 and Denoit on the 25th May 1891. All the three died of malaria.
8. It was at this place that Mwanga last saw Mapeera just after his death. Mwanga died eleven years later almost on the same date, 11th May 1901, in Seychelles Islands. He had been baptised in the Protestant church with the name Daniel.
9. Mapeera was buried here on the 13th May 1890, being the first Catholic priest to die and be buried on the soil of Uganda mainland. His remains and those of other pioneer missionaries are now buried at Mapeera-Nabulagala Catholic Parish near Kasubi Royal Tombs.
10. Bro Amans Delmas (1852-1895) arrived here on the 22nd May 1890 from Ssesse Islands, ten days after the death of Mapeera. He spent almost two years (1890-91) in this place.
11. It is from here that the missionaries started building on the top of the hill where the Cathedral now stands. The transfer of the mission post to the new site started in June 1891 and concluded at the end of the same year.
12. The remains of Mapeera, Denoit and Pierre were exhumed on the 2nd November 1901 and reburied in the chapel in the cemetery behind the Cathedral.

"Remain faithful to your Baptism Promises. Pray for me and Your country and Your King."

(Fr. Mapeera to the Christians around his deathbed)

Ebimu ku Byafaayo by'Ekifo kino Nabunnya

1. Kabaka Mwanga ye yawa Abaminsani ekibanja kino mu 1890 era oluvannyuma n'abawa ne waggulu ku kasozi Lubaga awabanga olubiri lwa Muteesa I mweyasisinkanira Pere Mapeera ne banne mu 1879. "Nabunnya" yali omu ku bakyala ba Mwanga.
2. Pere Simeon Lourdel Mapeera (1853-1890) ne Pere Denoit Camille (1862-1891) be batandika ekifo kino nga 24 February 1890 era nga kye kyali ekifo eky'okuna okutandikibwawo abaminsani mu Uganda oluvannyuma lwa Nabulagala (1879), Nalukolongo (1885) ne Bugoma e Ssesse (1889).
3. Mu kifo kino "**Olunaku lwa Matabi**" (*Palm Sunday*) we lwasookera okukuzibwa mu kitiibwa mu Uganda nga 22 March 1891.
4. Klezia y'e Nabunnya ye yali Lutikko ey'okubiri mu Uganda ng'eyasooka yali Nalukolongo (1885-1888) ku mirembe gya Mgr. Leo Livinyake (1846-1922) ne munne eyamusikira Mgr Jean-Joseph Hirth (1854-1931).
5. Mu kifo kino enkumi z'abalonde we basomera katikismu, n'okubatizibwa n'okufunira Kofirmansio era mu budde obwo Kabaka Mwanga yali asoma Kikatoliki.
6. Wano Abaminsani abaasooka okusindikibwa ebweru w'ekibuga Kampala okugenda okutandikawo ebigo ebipya we baasinziira mu 1891: **Buddu (10 March)**: Pere Henri Stenseera (Streicher), Pere Jean Gacon ne Frera Victor Claes Louis. **Busoga (11 March)**: Pere Alphonse Brard ne Pere Louis Schmier. **Kyaggwe (7 April)**: Pere Achte Auguste ne Pere Jean Marcou.
7. Pere Mapeera, Pere Denoit ne Frera Pierre Tartyere (1862-1891) baafira wano, Mapeera nga 12 May 1890, Pierre nga 1 May 1891 ne Denoit nga 25 May 1891, era ne baziikibwa wano. Bonna baafa bulwadde bwa musujja.
8. Mu kifo kino Kabaka Mwanga we yasembera okulaba ku Mapeera nga yakakutuka bw'ati. Mwanga yafa nga wayiseewo emyaka kkumi na gumu kumpi olunaku lw'omwezi lwe lumu nga 11 May 1901 mu Bizinga by'e Seychelles ng'amaze okubatizibwa mu Kipolositante n'erinnya erya Daniel.
9. Mapeera yaziikibwa wano nga 13 May 1890, era nga ye yali omusaseredooti omukatoliki omubereberye okufiira ku lukalu lwa Uganda n'okuziikibwako. Ebisigala bye awamu n'eby'Abaminsani banne abasaale kati byaziikibwa e Mapeera-Nabulagala Catholic Parish okumpi n'Amasiro ga Bassekabaka e Kasubi.
10. Mu kifo kino, Frera Amansi yatuukawo nga 22 May 1890 ng'ava e Ssesse nga munywanyiwe Pere Mapeera yakamala ennaku kkumi ng'afudde. Amansi wano yamalawo kumpi emyaka ebiri (1890-91).
11. Abaminsani wano we baasinziira okutandika okuzimba ku kasozi Lubaga kati awali Lutikko ku ntandikwa ya 1891 era ne batandika okusenguka mu June 1891 okutuusiza ddala ku nkomerero y'omwaka ogwo.
12. Ebisigala bya Pere Mapeera, Pere Denoit ne Frera Pierre byazikulwa nga 2 November 1901 ne bitwalibwa okuziikibwa mu Klezia (*chapel*) eri mu limbo wansi emabega wa Lutikko.

"Munywereere ku Biragaano bya Batismu yammwe. Munsabirenga awamu n'Ensi yammwe ne Kabaka wammwe."

(Pere Mapeera eri abakristu abaliwo ng'afa)