

## SOME NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE PRIESTS

- Fr. Richard:** He would be referred to as the 'Cumya mutwe'. He is the pioneer of the catholic faith in Lulamba Township.
- Fr. Francisco Fernandez:** "The crowd puller". He started the building of the parish through different fundraising ventures. He also played a pivotal role in the formation of the lay faithful.
- Fr. Herrero Antonio:** He united the church of Lulamba through evangelisation reaching to the point of walking on good going to the outskirts of Lulamba like Kamuchanga just for evangelisation.
- Fr. Simon Kabanda:** Worked in the parish and fulfilled his pastoral duties.
- Fr. Antonio Fernandez:** He was uniting figure and he was a helping priest.
- Fr. Javiet Fernandez (Juniour):** He was a formatter for the youths. He helped the youths to live in conformity with the church. He also pioneered the beginning of the building of the Old Catholic Church.
- Fr. Peter Chiti Chilufya:** He was a differently gifted priest who involved himself and physical participated in the building of the New Catholic Church. He was a bricklayer.
- Fr. Richard Mpuku Simwinga:** He was a priest who really contributed to the formation of the youths. He also contributed to the building of the church until it was opened.

**Fr. Steve Katebe:** He was good priest. Though he only stayed for Six months, he initiated the idea of having the Holy Childhood in the parish. Many children under the age of 15 joined.

**Fr. Stanislaus Chota:** His coming saw the re-vamping of Lulamba Skills Centre and added some more courses. In the parish, he managed to erect the wall fence. He also increased the number of Small Christian Communities from 7 to 8. Additionally, he introduced zones in the parish to help the Main Choir in singing.

**Fr. Victor Mwangi:** He was a formatter and specially groomed the Holy Childhood to make them noticeable in the parish and to allow them take part in the celebration of Mass. He increased the number of Small Christian Communities from 8 to 13. He also initiated the building of the priests' house.

**Fr. Thomas Chunika** (Current Parish Priest – 2022): He was a great unifier. During his tenancy, he managed to bring people who had lost their catholic faith back to the Catholic Church. He also did a lot of developmental projects that included the completion of the building of the priests' house, improving the status of the church building by putting the sealing board, terrazzo, changing the Altar, Lecten and many more. He renovated the ablution block and brought the idea of the car park. He also increased the number of Small Christian Communities from 13 to 15. He named the Fifteenth Small Christian Community as St. Thomas.

**1972—2022**



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

LULAMBA

*Know that God is smiling on this day as  
our church reaches another milestone.  
Nothing done in honour of His name will  
be in vain.*

*Celebrating*



Of

**UNITY, PROSPERITY  
AND TOGETHERNESS.**

## GOLDEN JUBILEE PROGRAM

- ◆ Cultural dances
- ◆ Opening prayer
- ◆ Welcoming remarks (Parish chairperson)
- ◆ Introduction and reception of guests (parish priest)
- ◆ Serving of food
- ◆ St. Michael Choir
- ◆ Cultural dance (1 song)
- ◆ Zone 'A' Choir
- ◆ Poems—The Holy Childhood (Under 15 minutes)
- ◆ Tug of War (Men vs women)
- ◆ Zone 'C' Choir
- ◆ Presentation of awards to former/current parish priests
- ◆ Zone 'B' Choir

## SPEECHES

- Parish chairperson
- The Bishop
- Guest of Honour
  
- Cultural dance (1 song)
- Closing remarks—Parish priest
- Closing prayer

## THE HISTORY OF LULAMBA PARISH

The Catholic faith in Lulamba started like a Small Christian Community. People who saw it necessary to gather as Catholic Christians grouped themselves so that they can set the fire burning. They also paved way for others to join them.

The first place to meet and congregate was 14B Kacholola in Stage 1 and the name of the priest who congregated with them was father Richard. They continued to gather in the same manner with Fr. Richard. The Community did not remain stagnant in number but increased by gradually.

However, when people had increased in time, 1 Musandile was the place to meet at Mr. Everisto Bwalya's place. This place was bigger in size.

The first Parish Priest was Fr. Francisco Fernandez. Being a hard worker, people called him different nicknames depicting his spiritedness. He involved himself personally in different fundraising ventures like selling charcoal, eggs and fish. In 1972, after raising some funds, about K 15,000.00 (*Fifteen Thousand Kwacha*), he mobilized people so that they can start building a proper shelter for liturgical celebrations, hence, the Old Catholic Church was built. External help was given by Nchanga, Chiwempela and Sts. Peter and Paul Parishes.

In 1974, the church was named as HOLY FAMILY. This name was chosen because of how the church was started like a small family which remained united and shared a meal annually on Easter. The official opening of the church building was on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1975. Although the church building was officially opened in 1975, Catholicism in Lulamba began in 1972.

## THE BEGINNINGS

- The official opening of Holy Family parish was done on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1975 by Bishop Dennis Harold De Jong (late).
- The first Parish Priest was Rev. Fr. Francesco Fernandez. By then he was a youth.
- Most of the parishioners were between 20s and 30s but not more than 40 years of age.
- First lay ministers and communion helpers who were appointed by Dennis Harold De Jong in 1976 were Mr. Augustine Chisalu and Mr. Gabriel Witika during the official opening of the church.

## THE BUILDING OF THE NEW CHURCH

It dawned upon the community of Christians that the new Church building a necessity. They organized themselves to start the building of the new church. They were different ways in which the money was to be raised but it was decided that all the Christians get involved. This was the during the reign of Fr. Javiet Fernandez. It was concluded that all the Christians that were in formal employments especially the miners have their contributions be deducted from their salaries. This was received with mixed feelings as some members requested for their monies afterwards. The project was continued with Fr. Peter Chiti Chilufya after Fr. Javiet left. The new church was started to be built in 1998. The old church is now used as church hall for some church gatherings and fundraisings.