

## Father Martin Wambeo, Mbale, Uganda

We met Father Martin while he was visiting a local Parish in the NE of England, at a training day for Laity. Providence drew us together in conversation. He seemed astonished that we would be interested in helping, mentioning first that he needed 49 rosaries which he was going to use for his Catechists so that they could be recognised as such by his people. As it happened I had just been given 49 beautiful wooden rosaries ...!!



We made an arrangement to visit him while still local and found out just how profound his needs were. There is one church and 49 ‘out stations’ – all rather basic and often targeted by non-christian groups. Whatever we tentatively suggested we could do he simply replied “Yes please!”

Thus: rosaries, chalices, vestments, crosses, crucifixes and statues.... Including Our Lady of Walsingham... and many other devotional items.

We also send books. One of the first requests was in fact for Morning and Evening Prayer Books (in English) for a local Ugandan Seminary, requested by the then Rector. These too were found courtesy of our local parish.



**Our Lady of the Assumption, Mbale**

## New church



### Update2022

We now have established a good friendship with Fr, Martin and many things have gone to help him with his work. He was delighted with a Ciborium that we received which was very large and as he said 'much admired. Too, There was a monstrance which we had to send in two pieces but finally arrived and used. There have also been stole and alter clothes and the usual rosaries medals etc.

One item was much liked by the ladies a series of purses but with holy images which were both practical and catechetical..



November 2023... Update....

Finally, after a long pause and many attempts a parcel arrived for Fr. Martin, albeit about four months late... We hope we can resume parcel delivery (and indeed to Fr. Geoff.). This is good news!



Dear Halina, thanks be to God. The good news is that I have received the parcel. I went to the Post office and just handed it to me. Thanks so much for the wonderful items you had enclosed inside. God bless you abundantly. Have a blessed day. 🙏

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