



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
John Cossy Odomel

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**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN COSSY
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Mr. John Cossy Odomel was born on 1st April 1955 in Kameke Village, Pallisa District, Uganda. He was the biological son of the Late Constant Ogunia and the Late Regina Esaete and was lovingly raised by his adopted parents, the Late Mzee Augustine Odomel (Assistant Commissioner of Police) and Toto Christine Nyangoma. From an early age, Mr. Odomel exhibited remarkable academic prowess, earning a place at Lango College for his secondary education. He later joined Makerere University, where he pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, graduating in 1979.

Following his graduation, Mr. Odomel was recruited as a government chemist. However, his passion for service led him to follow in the footsteps of his beloved father, Mzee Augustine Odomel, to join the Uganda Police Force as part of the national drive to professionalise the institution following the change of Government to the National Resistance Army. His dedication and commitment quickly became evident.

After completing initial police training in Tanzania, Mr. Odomel rapidly rose through the ranks. He served as District Police Commander (DPC) in Bushenyi and Masaka and later as a Criminal Investigations Department (CID) officer in Tororo and Jinja. In 1987, he was selected for a trainer's course at the Police Training School in Kibuli, after which he was promoted to Deputy Regional Police Commander for Central Uganda. Two years later, he became the Region-

al Commander and subsequently headed the Police Welfare Department.

At just 37 years old, Mr. Odomel was appointed Uganda's Inspector General of Police (IGP) on April 24, 1992, becoming the youngest IGP in Uganda's history where he focused on professionalising the Force and improving the welfare of the police officers, notably serving as a founding member of the Uganda Police SACCO. He served with distinction until January 1, 1999, making him one of the longest-serving IGPs in the land.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Makerere University, Mr. Odomel, post his service as the IGP, pursued further education, earning a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Makerere University Business School (MUBS) and a Master's in Managerial Studies from Uganda Management Institute (UMI).

In 2010, Mr. Odomel was awarded by His Excellency, the President of Uganda, the Exemplary Service Order, Class One, in recognition of his distinguished service to the Uganda Police Force.

In 2013, Mr. Odomel was appointed to the Uganda Police Authority, the highest decision-making body in the Uganda Police Force, where he continued to advocate for improvements in police welfare. Notable contributions to the Police Authority include, among others, chairing the police centenary countrywide community celebrations in 2014 and serving as a member of the oversight committee that organised Pope Francis's pastoral visit to Uganda and pilgrimage to Namugongo Catholic Shrine in 2015.

Mr. Odomel married the Late Mrs. Mary Magdalen Odomel Aino on November 22, 1986. Together, they built a strong and loving family, blessed with seven children: Moses Odomel, Joseph Odomel, Andrew Elwana, Emmanuel Okwa-

ja, Regina Marvel Esaete Odomel, and a set of twins, Mary Magdalen Apio, and John Chriszostom Odongo. He was also a proud father-in-law to Phiona Odomel, Paula Elwana, Sharon Odomel, Dorothy Okwaja, and Donald Asea, and a father figure to many.

His warmth, love and legacy extended to his cherished grandchildren: Rayne Aino, Deogratius Odomel, Raya Esaete, Ezrella Apollo, Alena Aino, Dara Aino, Avniel Odomel, Isaiah Odomel, Abigail Aino, Nuri Asea, Ivana Esaete, Celine Asio, and Amara Magdalen Christine Apollo.

Beyond his professional accomplishments and family life, Mr. Odomel was known for his vibrant personality and wide-ranging interests. He enjoyed jogging, watching and playing soccer, swimming, showing off his grandchildren through frequent evening walks, whose memories will be forever cherished, participating in community and church activities, photography, and staying informed about current affairs. He had a deep love for Soukous/Congolese music.

A respectable and exemplary member of society, Mr. Odomel was admired for his dedication to community service and the Church. Though he was known to be strict, he had a gentle heart and was a source of inspiration to many. He firmly believed in the value of education and upheld strong family values throughout his life.

His life was one of unwavering service, integrity, and love—a legacy that will continue to inspire his family, colleagues, and the nation. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered as a distinguished leader, devoted family man, and pillar of the community. His impact on our lives will never fade.

May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace

ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE: NALI FURAI SANA.

Chr.Nali furahi sana walipo niya piya
Twendeni furahi sana walipo niya piya twendeni ×2
Nyumbani yabwana twende ×2
Wa baba twende nyumbani yababa twende.
Wa mama twende
Wakristu twende

MERCY (LOKAPOLON)

Oh Lord ha-ve mercy ×2
Oh Lord have mercy on us ×2
Oh Christ ha-ve mercy ×2
Oh Christ have mercy on us ×2
Oh Lord ha-ve mercy ×2
Oh Lord have mercy on us ×2

AIBUSES (GLORY)

CHRS: Kojai aibuses kon (papa) kojai aibuses kon
Kojai aibuses kon papa akuj ka'kwap

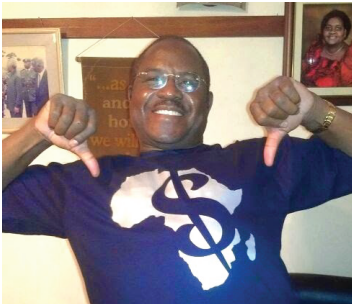
- a. Ido kojai aipuc toma akwap
Otunga lu ejok eipud.
- b. Opedorikere, ekabaka lokakuju,
Kiturit so jo, kitopolorit da!
- c. Kikukonokin so jo kitopolorit,
Kimalai so jo manuk'aibuses kon.
- d. Lokapolon, yesu kristo,
Okoku lomapapa, lolemura.
- e. Lokapolon imerekek,

COLLAGE

L I F E I N P I C T U R E S







Lokasuban yesu kristo.

f. Ijo loilemanari aronusio nukakwapin
Kitimoi iso kija ailipa kosi.

g. Ijo loiboyei koteten kapapa,
Lokapolon yesu kristo kitimoi.

h. Ijo bon loagayon, ijo bon lokapolon
Ijo bon ikiara kakere!

i. Kojai aibuses ne ejai papa ko koko
Ido ne ejai emoyo ikaru Kere.

**REGINA ESAETE: FIRST READING:
A Reading From The Book Of Wisdom 3:1-9**

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king forever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

This is the word of the Lord

Papa John

- a. Papa John, ilungar do jo k'akwap kidolo jo ngina, kimalai
lu ijaasi ngina ×2

CHRS: Papa baibai, oh baibai ×3 ooo...

Kimalai jo yesu kidolo jo ngina ×2

b. Lemulemu ilipi jo yesu,
iworibo iwomuno jo eong?

Lolo nges Paron na abunio eong nekon ×2

c. Itwania iso eporotokon,
aswamisiokon kede aicoretakon, akiro
nu inera ijo itwania iso nuipu.

EVANGILI (GOSPEL).

Milele kweli.

CHRS: Milele kweli x4 eeh.....(Bss)

All: milelee x4 pamoja duniani kama mbiguni x2

Haleluya mushifuni mungu wamajesi x4

INAKINA (OFFERTORY)

1. LUAKRISTO ADOLU APAK.

- a. Luakrsto adolu esawa lokalemun iinakina,

CHRS: Aso kidiyata ingaren,

kayangasi iinakina,

tetere lokasuban isirerengi oni x2

b. Luapapa x2

c. Luatoto X2

d. Onacx2

e. Inac X2

2. TAKE YOUR GIFT.

CHRS: Take your gift to the alter to the living God the cre-
ator of heaven and earth x2

- a. Take your money, take your presence to the living God the creator of heaven and earth.
- b. Take your harvest
- c. Take your children

3. OO ADOLO KWANA APAK.

CHRS: Ooh adolo kwana apak kolem kijaik lokasuban lo asubi iji atitai, mam kakoto isirigin,

a. Papa oleum koyanga, kolem kijaik lokasuban loasubijo atitai mam akoto sirigin. Amina x2 kalokasuban mam ibore yenipimayere, isirigin da ngun ilemuni jo, ilemuni jo aitodutor akon amina.

b. Toto Inyamat

c. Onac abee

4.YANI AGABBA.

Yani agabba abiritu ebisa ebyo?

Byazuire eri baba niye agabba ebiritu ebisa ebyo, yabingabire x2

a. Kadi asente

b. Kadi obwomi

c. Nobugaiga

PROCESSION.

1. TAKE AND SANCTIFY.

Sop. Take and sanctify for your honor, Lord and sanctify these gifts. Take and sanctify these gift s for your honor Lord.

Alto. Take and sanctify for your honor ,Lord and Sanctify gifts; take and sanctify these gifts for your honor Lord.

Tena: take and sanctify oh take and sanctify for your honor; and sanctify these gifts for your honor Lord.

Bss: Take and sanctify for your honor Lord, sanctify for your

honor Lord; take and sanctify these gifts for your honor
Lord.

- a. All that I am all that I do, everything I will ever make.
Take my life and take my all. Everything I will ever make.
- b. All that I need all that I pray, everything I will ever have,
take my life and take my all. Everything I will ever have.
- c. All that I dream all that I crave everything I will ever be
take my life and take my all, everything I will ever be.

2.MUKAMA LABA ESANYU LYANGE.

CHRS: Mukama laba esanyu lyange (hee--) Iyelino * 2
Kubanga olikatonda wamanyi hehe... katonda ewegulu,
katonda owensi eno, yagaba.
(N'ekitibwa) * 2 kyona tata,n'etaga
Nobuyinza.....
Namatendo.....

HOLY HOLY(LOAGAYON).

Loagaon * 3 lokapolon lo kasuban *2
Aibuseskon ileleba * 2 tomakuju k'akuap * 2
Osana * 3 irukoi kokuju
Erereng * 3 kokiror kapapa* 2
Osana * 3.....

ACLAMATION (EMUGATI KEVINI).

Oh, come let us adore him * 3 Christ the Lord
For him alone is worthy * 3 Christ the Lord.

LAMB(IMEREKEK).

Agnus dei,quitollis peccata mundi miserere nobis
Angus dei quitollis peccata mundi miserere nobis
Angus dei quitollis peccata mundi dona nobis pacem.

HOLY COMMUNION

1. SACRAMENT OF LOVE.

CHRS: Come to my heart Jesus, come in and stay
May this sacrament be my life * 2

Give me life Jesus in you I trust rule in my heart and make it
thy throne.

Oh, my gentle Jesus in this Eu-charist, reign in me and make
me thy own.

Come to me Jesus thy kingdom brings, rule in my world, my
thoughts and my words

Oh my saving Jesus, lover of the poor, come to me and give
me thy rest.

Oh loving Jesus dear son of Mary, life is no gain except your
name

2. JANGU YESU.

CHRS: Jangu Yesu jangu, jangu mumoyo jaffe * 4

Bss. Yesu jangu, jangu mumioyo jaffe * 4

Yesu emere jaffe * 4 jangu mumioyo jaffe * 4

Yesu amanyi gaffe.... * 4

3. OMUSENGWA KARIBU.

CHRS: Oh, omusengwa karibu mumoyo gwange, nzenkweta-
ga musengwa karibu mumoyo gwange oize ogutereize

Omoyo gwange gwizwire ebizibu nzenkwetaga, oize
ogutereize

Omoyokwange gwizwire owenzi....

4.KOBIYA KAYAMATA.

CHRS: Kobiya... * 2 kanyamata * 2....kamatata * 2

Itemoki Yesu inyamat,
kobia kanyamata.....kobia kamorota* 2
Itemokit Yesu imaten * 2

BURIAL (AIDA).

God be with you till we again by His counsels guid uphold
you with his sheep securely fold you God be with you.

1. CHRS: Till we meet* 2
till we meet at Jesus feet
till we meet * 2
God be with you till meet again

God be with you 'Neath His wings' protection hide you Daily
manna still provide you God be with you.....

God be with you when life perish thick confound you put his
arm unfailing around you God be with you

2. KAUPAKINOS KAYESU.

CHRS:

Kaupakinos kayesu ngesi kitodoli oni nekapapa.

Okwe emoyo, kijesun toma oyakia kon.

Elwana erot egogong alosit ,
kaupakinos kayesu * 2

Kitukurianit amuton,
mamcut kajeni nekitoro * 2

Engopit sitani ekot aitukuran,
konye ca ejai yesu * 2

Siri ijo kisesen akiro nukakwap

erasi ngun amamiak * 2

Ekot oni duc asesen kingaren
nejai yesu Kristo * 2

3. OSIEPIKON PAPA.

a. Osiepikon papa, Osiepikon!
Akoto eong aikunyun osiepinkon.

CHRS: Ibore idiopet bon yei
amonyineong kakwap kana ngesi aiboi
kosiepkon, kosiepi kon ba!

b. Karaida etiono aikunyun nekon,
karaida kerai emusalaba;

c. Karaida ileleba atiokisio oroto
lodolutunet,angirikin.

d. Karaida kadumu eong abara
naepolo ibaren kaisirigin, kaigoen luipu.

e. Karaida kadum eong ajakanut,
ayongitos eong itunga luipu.

f. Karaida aporo eong aitoro okwamin,
kadolo Yerusalem, kitoni Roma.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

The family of the Late John Cossy Odomel, wish to express our profound thanks, appreciation and gratitude to friends, relatives and in-laws.

The seemingly insurmountable challenges ahead of us would be overwhelming if it were not for you.

May the good Lord bless you abundantly.

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We Shall Forever miss You



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