

Felix Nkongolo CJ ordained Priest



Fr Felix Nkongolo CJ was ordained in the Chapel of St George's College, Weybridge, England by the Right Rev Kieran Conry, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.

Fr Felix, a Josephite from the Democratic Republic of Congo, has been in England since September 2007 and has just completed his Diploma Course in Leadership and Community at St Anselm's Institute at Cliftonville.

As the people gathered in the Chapel, five young pupils from St George's College played Congolese music on djemba drums to welcome Felix into the Chapel. During his homily, Bishop Kieran reminded Felix of his threefold relationship with God, himself and others and stressed the importance of prayer in the life of priest.

Besides Josephites from England, four African Josephites were able to be present at the Ordination as were several members of the 'Daughters of Mary and Joseph', the sister Congregation of the Josephites. Also present at the ordination were pupils, members of staff, from St George's College; parishioners from the parish of St Mary and St Joseph, Poplar in East London where Felix had exercised his Ministry as Deacon during Holy Week and the Easter Season as well as other friends and specially invited guests.

Br Patrick CJ acted as MC for the Ordination. Most of the singing was led by the College Choir and Antony Hudson, the Headmaster of St George's College Junior School, who acted as the cantor. The Offertory Procession was in the traditional African rhythmic style accompanied by the Congolese hymn 'Yahweh Yambe' sung in Lingala. The African Josephites also led the singing during the Communion procession.

Fr Felix celebrated his first 'public' Mass at St Mary and St Joseph, Poplar in the East-End of London the following day.



