



Christian Brothers  
East Africa District

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## LOVE AFTER LOVE



The time will come  
when, with elation,  
you will greet yourself arriving  
at your own door, in your own mirror,  
and each will smile at the other's  
welcome,  
and say, sit here. Eat.

You will love again the stranger who was  
your self.

Give wine. Give bread. Give back your  
heart

to itself, to the stranger who has loved  
you  
all your life, whom you ignored  
for another, who knows you by heart.

Take down the love letters from the  
bookshelf,  
the photographs, the desperate notes,  
peel your own image from the mirror.  
Sit. Feast on your life.

**Derek Walcott**



Chapter 2014





## SEWING MACHINES GIVEN TO TAILORING CLASS: STAR SUPPORT GROUP, YAMBIO



Members of the SSG receiving the sewing machines

Last Saturday, at the monthly gathering of members of the Star Support Group, nine sewing machines were given to the eighteen people who completed the tailoring course in 2016. At the time of receiving their certificates in

December, they were promised that they

would be given one machine between two. Thanks to the donation given by the Sudan Relief Fund, these machines were given to the members and witnessed by the 120 members who participated in their usual gathering for social and nutritional support. The new tailors were also given a small kit bag of threads, measuring tape, scissors and other accessories. This year there is a class of 16 doing the course and they seem to be progressing well and are enjoying learning new skills, which will hopefully enable them to be more self-sustainable.

The Star Members' Committee also reported on the progress of their farm work, which had restarted again only a month ago, after a long period of insecurity in the area. Please remember the people of South Sudan in this time of economic hardship, famine and civil war/ethnic fighting in parts of the country. The official figure for the inflation rates was 425% in February

this year...a reprieve from the October figure of 835%!! While the outlook for the



Br Denis Reardon presenting a sewing machine to the SSG member



country at large does not look promising, here in Yambio, there are some small pockets of hope at Solidarity Teachers' College (where Chris, Odongo and Jim teach); Abangite College (where Denis teaches) and Star (where Gerard and Denis work).

**GERARD ELLUL**

———— **PEACE BIULDING THROUGH SPORTS** ————



Rangers FC

Players from eight football clubs within Langas converged at Langas Yamumbi youth ground in Eldoret. This was to mark Edmund Rice Feast Day through football tournament final. The tournament is aimed to bring young people together by promoting of peace and unity amongst themselves, especially as we move towards general election.

The semi finals saw Mafundi FC against K.A.G and Rangers against Paris Saint Germane (P.S.G). After the tough semi finals Rangers were matched against P.S.G in the finals and after countless shots, tackles, and goals, Rangers were crowned winners.

**Paul Mutuku**

———— **BELATED EDMUND RICE FEASTDAY CELEBRATIONS AT YAMBIO** ————



This year the community decided to celebrate the feast day of Edmund Rice by inviting the staff of Star Support Group, volunteers from Solidarity Teachers' College (who help out each month with activities for the orphans and vulnerable children) and the workers in the community. Some Kenyan friends working in UNMISS (United Nations Mission In South Sudan) were also invited. The morning and early afternoon was spent in preparing the meal and the visitors arrived in the mid afternoon. Chris gave a short input on Edmund's early life and Denis spoke about the early days of the brothers in Ireland. Gerard then spoke about how the brothers came to different parts of Africa and emphasized what







the various brothers have done in the three areas of their mission in Sudan/South Sudan (Port Sudan, Yambio and Khartoum). This part of the day finished with a prayer and singing “Where to now, Edmund?”

The rest of the day was spent in enjoyable interactions over drinks and a meal. Those who commented were pleased to have heard about the life of Edmund Rice and how the brothers have been involved in different ministries over the years.

In two weeks time we will be gathering the religious of the parish and the staff of Solidarity Teachers’ College for the first anniversary commemoration of the death of Pascal Kituku.

**GERARD ELLUL**

———— **EDMUND RICE KARIBU GROUP**  
**TRAINING DAY ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017** ————



On Saturday, from early morning to the evening, 37 Karibu group leaders (about ten new on a training day) gathered at the Regina Pacis grounds for a training day on camp activities. The aim was to build competence among

leaders who will in turn see the quality of camps improved.

It was planned that all games being initiated would be measured against desired improvements over recent years. It was so pleasing and satisfying to see how a number of leaders communicated differently.

Over 30 games were reviewed and ten more new ones introduced. With lots of energy and urge by the leaders to learn games such as stuck in the mud, cellar, starnel, jockeys, were done well.

With continuous reminder by the trainer, of the games already tackled after every five, it was easy for the leaders to memorize the games. It is our belief that they are going to be confident enough to initiate these games at one level in the camps that follow, with one meant for this coming Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**John Muisyo**





## FATIMA SAINTS CELEBRATED AT OTIENDE



On Saturday 13 Feb. about fifty of Mother Teresa's Sisters and their Postulants gathered at the Otiende House to view the Canonization of the two shepherd children. Br Gerald Mgalula set up connections from the TV to the data projector. The Sisters were enthralled by the ceremony.

**Russell Peters**

### Birthdays in May

MAY	17	SAMUEL MUNYUA (Mongu. Zambia)
	17	PAUL FOLLAS (Keating House, Lusaka)
	28	MELKIZEDECK MUSAMIA (Shillong - India)

### CALENDAR

May 15-16	Formation Committee Meeting
May 18	DLT & Development Meeting
May 22-26	PLT Meeting
May 27	Br Pascal Kituku's death anniversary
May 31 – June 6	AP Long Workshop
June 1	Madaraka Day
June 3-13	Gone Fishing Program
June 4-16	CLG Meeting - Rome
August 11-13	AP Workshop
August 14-18	PLT Meeting





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August 30-Sept 1	DLT Review
September 8	Community Leaders Meeting
September 9	Cluster
September 18-19	Formation Committee Meeting
October 11	Child Protection Workshop
October 20	Mashujaa Day
October 20-22	Selection of 2018 Postulants
November 6-17	ERI Training Geneva
November 8-10	RSCK AGM
November 20-24	PLT Meeting (Lusaka)
November 25	First Profession (Lusaka)
December 12	Jamhuri Day

Many blessings

George

