



### CAMAS LILIES



Consider the lilies of the field,  
 the blue banks of camas  
 opening into acres of sky along the road.  
 Would the longing to lie down  
 and be washed by that beauty  
 abate if you knew their usefulness,  
 how the natives ground their bulbs  
 for flour, how the settlers' hogs  
 uprooted them, grunting in gleeful  
 oblivion as the flowers fell?

And you — what of your rushed  
 and useful life? Imagine setting it all  
 down —  
 papers, plans, appointments, everything

leaving only a note: "Gone  
 to the fields to be lovely. Be back  
 when I'm through with blooming."

Even now, unneeded and uneaten,  
 the camas lilies gaze out above the grass  
 from their tender blue eyes.  
 Even in sleep your life will shine.  
 Make no mistake. Of course  
 your work will always matter.

*Yet Solomon in all his glory  
 was not arrayed like one of these.*

~ Lynn Ungar ~





## EDMUND RICE NETWORK GATHERS IN NAIROBI



Members of the Edmund Rice Network

On Saturday, June 24th, members of the Edmund Rice Network (ERN), East Africa came together from Arusha, Eldoret and Nairobi to share their experience of being part of ERN. The main content of the day was centered on what each group achieved so far and what plans are in the works for the near future.

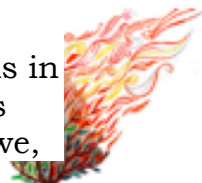
As would be expected some groups are more involved than others but all have made significant efforts to keep the Edmund fire burning in their particular location. Bill gave an input on the life of Edmund focusing on the challenges he faced and the courage he displayed in dealing with them in a most positive manner. Ester from Mary Rice gave a history of the center. A time was set aside for all who were interested to visit the local informal village and for many it was an eye opener. Mary Rice center hosted the gathering and they did a splendid job of making sure we were taken care of with great food and good accommodations. South C and Otiene communities hosted the members from Arusha and Eldoret and much thanks to each.

**Br Bill Colford**

## IMMERSION KESHENI BEGINNING

On Sunday 2 July eight participants in the *Kesheni* (stay awake) Programme will be arriving in Nairobi, together with Michael and Alison Slattery, who will be co-leading *Kesheni* together with Samuel Karanja. Alison and Michael have been regular visitors to Kenya since their experience on *Carrigg Karibu* in 2012. *Kesheni* is an adaptation of the previous *Carrigg Karibu* and is part of the EREBB (Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders) activities.

The participants have all had experience with Edmund Rice Schools in Australia, either present or past. They are John Murphy, St. Bede's College, Chisholm, in the Newcastle / Maitland Diocese; Mark Crowe,





Chief education officer, Melbourne Fire Brigade, former St. Leo's Box Hill student; Mark Bonnici, St. Edward's Gosford; Terry Blizzard, St. Virgil's Hobart; Paul Morgan, Aquinas Ringwood; Trish Dounias, St. John's College, Dandenong; Andrew Scaddan, St. Joseph's, Geelong; Molly Morgan, St. Anne's School, Park Orchards.

The Kesheni programme goes for two weeks July 2 to July 15 and will involve visit experiences in each of the Edmund Rice Nairobi ministries, some of their associated ministries and some Brothers communities. On 16 July some of the Kesheni will travel to Arusha to visit Edmund Rice Sinon and other activities.

**Br Russell Peters**

———— **MARY RICE STORY AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN** ————



On Monday 19.6.17 a group of Mary Rice Centre parents and supporters gathered to reflect on the stories of Edmund and Mary Rice and to gain insights into the children's rights that often include intentional and/or unintentional neglect. There was a warm response to ERMEA (Edmund Rice Ministries East Africa) Coordinator Bro Francis Nkwabi's presentation on the Rice family, especially from those who could see parallels between the Rice family story and their own Kibera stories. Mr Johnstone Shisanya passionate outline of children's rights drew many responses from the group. The dad next to Russell asked "Is God punishing me by being the father of a disabled child?" Some Mother Teresa's Sisters and some Quebec Missionaries, both of whom assist MRC, joined the parents present.

**Br Russell Peters**





———— INVITATION TO KESHENI COMMISSIONING ————

Brothers and interested co-workers are invited to a brief Welcome and Commissioning Ritual for the Kesheni participants at St. Joseph's Centre, Karen on Sunday 2 July, commencing at 6 pm, followed by drinks and supper. For catering purposes, it is important that ministries and communities notify Samuel Karanja on 0723548496 and / or ([samkarash07@yahoo.com](mailto:samkarash07@yahoo.com)).

**Br Russell Peters**

———— PICTURE OF THE WEEK ————



Young men from Machakos TTC aspiring to join Christian Brothers enjoying a light moment. L-R Tiberius Nyaundi, George Onyango, Br George Massay, Johanah Kibet, Kevin Ndirangu and Okach Otieno

**Birthdays**

JULY	07	JOHN PAUL OLUOCH (Shams)
	07	STEPHEN WANDABUSI (Karen)
	16	FRANCIS NKWABI (Karen)
	26	GERALD MGALULA (Otiende)





## CALENDAR

August 11-13	AP Workshop
August 14-18	PLT Meeting
August 30-Sept 1	DLT Review
September 8	Community Leaders Meeting
September 9	Cluster
September 11-15	Accompaniment Workshop
September 15-17	Aspirants Discernment weekend
September 21-22	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

