



———— POPE'S MORNING HOMILY: ————

“JESUS CONTINUES TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR OF OUR HEARTS” ————

Commenting on the Gospel of the Day, Pope Francis said Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because its people did not recognize the One who brings peace. He said the Lord weeps because of the “closure of heart” of His “chosen city, His chosen people. They had no time to open the door. They were too busy, too self-satisfied...The people of Jerusalem were content with their way of life and did not need the Lord: they failed to realize that they needed salvation. This is why they had closed their heart before the Lord”. “Jesus weeps” over Jerusalem - said the Pope - the same as He “weeps over His Church, over us today”

"Why did Jerusalem not welcome the Lord? Because [the people] were content with what they had, and did not want any problems. But - as the Lord says in the Gospel - 'if you only knew, on this day, what brings you peace. You did not recognize the time of your visitation'. The city was afraid to be visited by the Lord; afraid of the gratuity of the Lord's visit. The city felt safe in the knowledge of what it could handle. We all feel safe in the things that we can handle ... But the visit of the Lord, its surprises, those we cannot handle"...

"Jerusalem was content, happy - the Pope said - its temple worked. The priests made sacrifices, people came on pilgrimage, the teachers of the law had arranged everything, everything! Everything was clear! All the commandments were clear ... And with all of this Jerusalem had closed the door". The Cross, which was the "price of that refusal" - the Pope noted -, shows us the love of Jesus and what leads Him to "weep today - often - for His Church".

"I ask myself: today we Christians who know the faith, the catechism, who go to Mass every Sunday, we Christians, we pastors are we content with ourselves? Because we have organized everything and do not need new visits from the Lord ... And the Lord continues to knock on the door of each one of us and of His Church, the pastors of the Church. Yes, the door of our hearts, of the heart of the Church, of her pastors will not open: and the Lord weeps, even today".

The Pope also urged people to examine their conscience, "Let us reflect on ourselves, as we are right now before God".

———— PRAYERS REQUESTED ————

For our Brothers and the people of West Africa who are in the midst of the Ebola outbreak and for Kenya as it reels from the heinous murder of 28 young teachers and medical people in North East Kenya.





FINAL PROFESSION IN LUSAKA



Isaac Nyambe signing the document of his final vows while Hugh O'Neill - the Congregation Leader witness

On Saturday 22 November 2014, the South Central District witnessed the final profession of Brothers Isaac Nyambe and Nsamu Moonga at Marian Shrine in Lusaka. Present were the CLT, TST, PLT, DLT, Brothers, family members, friends and the English choir from St. Ignatius Parish. The reception took place at ISC in Avondale, Lusaka. We congratulate and pray for the two Brothers that they remain steadfast in their vocation.



Clement Sindazi

TEAM BUILDING AT EDMUND RICE SINON SECONDARY SCHOOL

The 2015 administration team at Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School (ERSSS) held a retreat on 21-23 November 2014 at Frescobaldi Centre of the Passionist Sisters in Arusha. The retreat was meant to evaluate the achievements and the challenges experienced in the year 2014. The time out was also an opportunity for the team to set goals for the year 2015. The facilitator, Br. Amandi Mboya, a member of the East Africa District Leadership Team led the participants in a prayerful process. He began each session with a short reflection and ended in a similar manner. As the retreat progressed, all participants





were becoming more and more open to each other in expressing their lived experiences. They were able to name the success, the challenges and the lesson learnt from the previous experience of working together.

The outgoing Headmaster, Br. Francis Nkwabi, had also an opportunity to share his enormous experience in ERSSS. The team was grateful for his contribution in the school. In response to his sharing, those present identified the many changes he made during his tenure, which have made ERSSS a better learning institution. After all had shared, the incoming Headmaster, Br. Simon Kaswahili, gave his expectations for the year 2015 which were happily accepted and adopted into ERSSS goals for 2015. The retreat ended with a powerful reconciliation ritual.

Simon Kaswahili

———— KARIBU HOSTS ST EDWARD'S GOSFORD ————

Time to put pen on paper to report on a busy, fun-filled weekend with Aussies, St Edward's, Gosford. This school has been supporting our Edmund Rice Karibu Camps' activities and they proved that they hold us in their hearts by defying travel advisories to come and be with us at this time. Preparations started on Friday when the Aussies had time to meet with forty of the Kenyan camp leaders. During this time they were involved in various team building exercises as well as



Student from St Edward's Gosford with kids during the Edmund Rice Camps

training each other new games that were to be introduced during the camp that was to take place the following day. Bonding continued as they all headed to Kibera to visit some of the schools that have been recommending kids to us for camps. Come Saturday D-day for camp, sixty-six kids and thirty-four camp leaders turned up. We were all dressed up with our

usual vest's - St. Edward's Gosfords. Aussies had to run for their breath as kid's engaged them in various games. Today we were all active in our local parish choir animating the mass and spending afternoon together sharing youth's talk, camps and how we are





expressing Edmund Rice's charisma especially in the field of advocacy and social justice. Watch this space for what's going to unfold in the coming week. We still have Aussies for the next eight days.

Samuel Munyua

— PICTURES OF THE WEEK —



With arms out-stretched – Brothers and Presentation Sisters celebrating Presentation day in Lusaka.

Presentation Sisters and Brothers



Frank O'Shea receiving a donation of Ksh 70,000 from Humphrey of Tyler and Jermaine Financial Consultants. Humphrey also pledged to be contributing twenty thousand shillings a month towards our activities. This is the second company in Kenya making a commitment to

support Ruben Centre. Thank you Humphrey





Frank
congratulating
a student who
graduated
from a
Vocation
Training
Program at
Ruben Centre



Our novices in Lusaka

CALENDAR

Nov. 29
Dec. 6

First Profession (Tamale)
Reception and missioning for newly professed
(Nairobi)





Dec. 12 - 15
Dec. 16-18

District Assembly
DLT review and planning days

Many thanks

George Massay

