



### ————— FOR SUFFERING —————

May you be blessed in the  
holy names of those  
Who, without you knowing  
it,  
Help to carry and lighten  
your pain.

May you know serenity  
When you are called  
To enter the house of  
suffering.

May a window of light always  
surprise you.



May you be granted the wisdom  
To avoid false resistance;  
When suffering knocks on the door of your life,  
May you glimpse its eventual gifts.

May you be able to receive the fruits of suffering.

May memory bless and protect you  
With the hard-earned light of past travail;  
To remind you that you have survived before  
And though the darkness now is deep,  
You will soon see the approaching light.

May the grace of time heal your wounds.

May you know that though the storm might rage,  
Not a hair of your head will be harmed.

John O'Donohue





## ———— CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY PROFESSED BROTHERS ————

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, eight Christian Brothers novices made their first profession as Christian Brothers in Tamale - Ghana. Two of the newly professed Brothers are from the Oceania Province and the other six from the Africa Province

They are

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:**

Desmond Taboeya and Francis ToLiman.

**ZAMBIA:** Cephass Bwalya; Emmanuel Nonde and Paul Kakulunda.

**SIERRA LEONE:**

Dominic Konkoro Kargbo.

**KENYA:** Lawrence Ouma Agalo and Philip Ombucha Kwena.



Newly professed Brothers with the Archbishop of Tamale

We congratulate these Brothers and pray that the years ahead will be filled with the joy which comes from the Lord.

Tony Shanahan, their former Novice Director, received their vows on behalf of the Congregation and Archbishop Philip Naameh of Tamale Archdiocese celebrated Eucharist.

**George Massay**

## ———— AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS IMMERSSED IN KENYAN CULTURE ————



Myself and three fellow students; Dean Bonnici, Jack Dixon and Jack Waining have accompanied our headmaster Dr Michael Slattery and his lovely wife Alison here to Nairobi Kenya. We come from St Edward's Christian Brothers College in Gosford, a school that has been shaped by the charism and spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice.





Essentially we have travelled here to immerse ourselves in the unique and inspiring culture of Kenya, and to visit various Edmund Rice camps and establishments whilst gathering first hand knowledge of the living conditions in the informal settlements (slums) of Nairobi.

We visited Mukuru and assisted with the running of a three-day camp at the Ruben Centre. We have also been to Kibera visiting various schools and learning centres and have shared an Edmund Rice Camp with some of the children from these schools. After these initial experiences we have been able to understand how crucial the support provided by our College and other international organisations has been in changing the lives of many people within Nairobi.

We feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to contribute to the education and nurturing of these enthusiastic children. These experiences have and will continue to inspire us to return to our communities in Australia and raise awareness about the good work being done here and to encourage others in our home to contribute to this significant support being provided.



Dr Michael Slattery, Alison Slattery, student of St Edward's Gosford and Edmund Rice Camps Leaders in Otiende Community

Finally I would like to thank each and every one of you for so humbly welcoming us into your faith community, and allowing us to share with you a profound excitement and enthusiasm towards faith. We are so grateful to be here and to be received in such a beautiful and welcoming fashion. Your hospitality is graceful and unmatched by any other.

Asante Sana.

**Kirt Anthony**  
**College Captain 2014**  
**St Edward's College, Gosford, Australia**

### ———— EDMUND RICE CAMPS FOR KIDS ————

Again we were delighted to have the company of the Gosford youth, and Michael Slattery once again, two camps in 8 days including a Kibera immersion. We had fewer kids than usual, 55 (this being holiday time) and 30 odd leaders. The camp coaches tried new events





some with middling success but the finish was wonderful with some creative art work by the kids (normally deprived of this chance).



Kids during the art session

The kids went home happily with the Australian presentations. This could be our last camp of the year. The youth leaders wended their way to the Brothers' Otiende community, there to farewell the visitors and to celebrate the goodness of being together as community.

**PETER COLE**

## NOTICES

### RECEPTION AND MISSIONING OF THE NEWLY PROFESSED BROTHERS

All Brothers in Nairobi are invited to the reception and missioning ceremony of Lawrence Agalo and Philip Ombucha, our newly professed Brothers.

As earlier announced the ceremony will take place at:

**Venue:** Mary Ward Centre – Karen

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Time:** 11:00am Eucharist followed by lunch

We request community leaders to send the numbers of Brothers attending for catering purposes to Daniel Kyalo or George Massay

### FAREWELL OF JOHN CARRIGG

There will be a farewell of John Carrigg at South C on Sunday **7<sup>th</sup> December** at 6:30pm. This will be an opportunity for us as a District to express our gratitude to John for the great work he did at Shamsi formation house in Shamsi - Arusha. John is going back to his home Province of Oceania, to have (hopefully) a less busy life in East Perth. Brothers in Nairobi are invited to attend.





We request community leaders in Nairobi to inform George Massay by email the number of those attending from your particular community for catering purposes.

**BIRTHDAYS**

DECEMBER 06 ELLY SAKWA (South Africa)

29 JAMES MWENDA (South Africa)

**CALENDAR**

Dec. 6 Reception and missioning for newly professed (Nairobi)  
Dec 7 John Carrigg's farewell – South C  
Dec. 12 - 15 District Assembly  
Dec. 16-18 DLT review and planning days

Many thanks

George Massay

