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———— WEEKLY REFLECTION ————



“I invite all Christians, everywhere,  
at this very moment,  
to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ,  
or at least an openness to letting him encounter them;  
I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.  
No one should think that this invitation is not meant of him or her,  
since ‘no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.’

**Pope Francis – *The Joy of the Gospel***

———— MESSAGE FROM BILL COLFORD ————

My sister Mary died very peacefully after spending five weeks in palliative care. There is a real sense of sadness and loss but once time has passed we will be able to realize that in the long run it is a blessed and grace moment. At the end she had quality care from both families and medical staff but no quality of life. Thank you to one and all who have supported my family and me during this time and know that you are in heart, mind and prayer.

We pray for the repose of Mary’s soul.





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———— **HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY NKWABI** ————

On July 16<sup>th</sup> Francis Nkwabi celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday together with the Brothers of Sinon Community.

We wish Nkwabi many happy returns and blessings in his ministry.



Francis Nkwabi

———— **TRANSFORM KENYA AWARDS** ————



Saturday evening saw the inaugural Transform Kenya Awards sponsored by The Standard media group and KCB amongst other corporate sponsors.

The awards were to recognize individuals and institutions that have worked to make a difference to the lives of the

local community and wider Kenyan society.

There were thirteen categories with three finalists nominated from over twenty two thousand nominations in total. Brother Beausang was nominated in the education category which received 5865 nominations, the highest of any category.

In early April, a team from Deloitte, the auditing group, visited the school to conduct interviews with myself, staff, students, parents and past members of the school community. It was a few weeks later that we learnt that we were short listed for the gala awards.





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The ceremony was held at the rather impressive Windsor Park Golf Club with many equally impressive dressed guests and dignitaries, including the grandson of Nelson Mandela, Mama Sarah Obama, the British High Commissioner, A number of Cabinet Secretaries and of course Br. George Massay who seemed to know many of the glitterati such as Churchill and Jelango!

The ceremony was broadcast live on KTV.

Brother Beausang was placed second in the education category which was quite an achievement for us considering the 14th anniversary of the school commencing as an informal school and feeding program for the poor children of Embulbul. The work of the Christian Brothers and the wonderful and loyal sponsors who have help the school grow to what it is today is reflected in this nomination and is something the whole school can justifiably take great pride in.

## PETER SHANAHAN

### A RAY OF HOPE



Nicholas Muhanji

Meet Nicholas Muhanji, a ten-year-old boy from the mainstream school - St. Charles Lwanga Primary School where Mary Rice Centre is hosted. Nicholas had a Tran's femoral amputation due to cancer when he was seven years old. Luckily enough the stump healed well and he was trained to walk using crutches.

Nicholas faced numerous challenges physically, psychologically and socially. For instance walking from home to school was difficult and tiring because of the poor pathways along the Kibera slums not forgetting the distance. On the other hand his self-esteem was also affected because he felt bad not being able to walk with his both legs like other normal children of his age and play his favorite games like football.

However, May this year as part of our outreach program in Mary Rice Centre we decided to include children from the mainstream school who had different forms of disabilities into our therapy sessions.



Nicholas and Esther - the therapist





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Through our networking we were able to get an above knee prosthesis for Nicholas from an organization called Jaipur for free. The prosthesis itself would have cost Ksh 150,000 which is unaffordable for Nicholas's parents.

We are currently training him on independent walking using the parallel bar, muscle strengthening activities and balance coordination. So far he is doing well and he is very positive about it and he is walking using one clutch as we look forward for him to be able to walk independently. It has also made his movement at home and school easier and he is also able to play better and enjoy his childhood just like any other child.

**GERALD MGALULA**

———— **FOURTEENTH BIRTHDAY OF BROTHER BEAUSANG:**  
**JULY 17 2014** ————

Brother Beausang marked the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school's foundation on Thursday July 17 which was the date back in 2000 when the first pupils enrolled and began 'lessons'.



The school was initially named Embulbul Catholic Parish School and operated as an informal school until 2002. The founder of the school, Kevin McGarry an Irish SMA priest, changed the name in 2004 when secondary students commenced to honour Br.

Thomas Beausang who taught Kevin McGarry at St. Mary's Christian Brother School in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It was at this time that negotiations began with the East Africa District for the Christian Brothers to take on the administration and management of the school (which of course happened in 2006).





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The primary school had a special assembly at which Form 4 student Jane Njambi who was one of the first pupils spoke of the “early days” and about how the school has influenced her life.

Jane, the current Primary Head Boy and Girl (Giovanni Tunucci and Faith Naserian) and Primary Head Teacher Eva Njagi did the honours of cutting the birthday cake at morning tea in the primary staffroom.

**PETER SHANAHAN**

———— **FAREWELL FOR CHRIS MEEHL** ————

The TST Community was joined by the South C community for an afternoon tea to farewell Chris Meehl, who is returning back to Australia to assume his role as a Deputy Province Leader of the Oceania Province.

We wish Chris well in his ministry of leadership. Some members of the South C community will miss the regular sports updates.



L-R Vincent Mallya, Declan Power, Ruvan Rebello, Chris Meehl, Francis Hall, Tony Shanahan and Donal Kirk. Seated on the floor - George Massay

**BIRTHDAYS**  
JULY

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GERALD MGALULA (Otiende)





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## CALENDAR

July 28 – August 2		Long workshop for all APs and also FPs on T4T training
Sept 20		Cluster Day in Nairobi (Saturday 9 am to 5 pm)
Sept 28 – 30		ERMEA gathering, Dimesse Centre
Oct 31 – Nov	1	Community Leaders Meeting (Friday supper and Saturday)
Nov 29		First Profession (Tamale)
Dec 6		Ritual of welcome and missioning for newly professed (Nairobi)
Dec 12 - 14		District Assembly

Many blessings

George Massay

