



THE CAMEL



Don't tell a camel about need and
want.
Look at the big lips
pursed
in perpetual kiss,
the dangerous lashes
of a born coquette.

The camel is an animal
grateful for less.

It keeps to itself
the hidden spring choked with grass,
the sharpest thorn
on the sweetest stalk.

When a voice was heard crying in the
wilderness,
when God spoke
from the burning bush,
the camel was the only animal
to answer back.

Dune on stilts,
it leans into the long horizon,
bloodhounding
the secret caches of watermelon
brought forth like manna
from the sand.

It will bear no false gods
before it:
not the trader
who cinches its hump
with rope,
nor the tourist.

It has a clear sense of its place in the
world:

after water and watermelon,
heat and light,
silence and science,

it is the last great hope.

~ Wislawa Szymborska ~





PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the repose of the soul of Tabitha, Br Edwin Saka's (novice in Tamale) aunt and for the repose of the soul of Steven Sitati Buteyo, uncle to Br Melkizedeck Musamia, (Novice Tamale). May they rest in peace. Amen

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY GATHER
TO HONOR MAN WICKY**



Br Wycliffe Maisiba

On Friday, 29 May, the many friends and family of Wycliffe Maisiba, created a joyous celebration of his graduation from Marist International University where he had earned a B.A. degree. Having travelled from his present ministry in Arusha, Tanzania, he was able to host his family at the Karen Community and then to celebrate his achievement with approximately 54 brothers and friends who had gathered for a celebration that began at 2 and ended very near midnight.

The Karen Community was happy to have this opportunity to express its gratitude to Wicky for his years of membership in our community. In particular we were happy for the presence of those postulants who are doing their immersion program in local communities.

Richard DeMaria





———— **HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY** ————



Br John Dundon

A very happy belated birthday to Br John Dundon, a former member of our East Africa District and now back in his home Province (Europe). John worked in Yambio, South Sudan and Arusha at the formation house. He still keeps strong and healthy, as seen on this photo.

Rumor is that he has done Camino de Santiago more than once in the last few years, posing a challenge for the 43 year old!! We wish John many blessings as he begins his 8th decade.

———— **“SOMETIMES WE NEED TO MAKE A U-TURN TO REACH OUR DESTINATION”** ————

With these words, Br. Russell Peters addressed those who had gathered to celebrate the marriage of Pascal Mwita (former novice) and Caroline Nduko following an inspiring ceremony at Ololo Lodge, on Saturday, 30 May.

Russell was asked to speak on behalf of the Christian Brothers, many of whom were present to witness the commitment ceremony in which Tom Kearney served as principal witness and speaker.



Pascal Mwita and Caroline Nduko





With only about 15 minutes to prepare remarks, Russell captured everyone's attention with his comparison of Pascal's journey to that which we had made in finding Ololo Lodge: having missed our turn, we eventually realized that we needed to make a U-turn to arrive at our destination. So, too, Russell explained, Pascal had discerned that celibacy was not the way he was being called to find God in this world.

The beautiful ceremony, celebrated in an ecological preserve, reminded us all of the sacrifices that we must make in order to be faithful to the commitments we made, even without knowing the difficulties which life might hold in store for us.

Richard DeMaria

———— **NEWS FROM DANIEL IN MELBOURNE** ————

Greetings. I had an opportunity to attend Peter's sister (Betty) Requiem Mass celebrated at Holy Cross Chapel, Templestowe. Brothers in Africa and Australia were highly represented. Frank Chappell, John O'Halloran and John Coswello are among the brothers who attended.

Before mass I had an opportunity to chart with few family members of Peter Cole such as Bernadette (daughter of Betty), Margaret (Niece of Mzee) and Jarrod & Jack (Grandsons of Betty)

Peter's family members recognised and appreciated our presence there.

Words of tribute to Betty;

The woman of success.
She lived her life well,
Laughed often,
and loved much.

She gained the respect
of intelligent people
and the love of children.

She lived the world
better than she found it.

She looked for
the best in others,
and gave the best she had.

Daniel Lyimo

———— **EDMUND RICE CELEBRATION DAY AT BROTHER
BEAUSANG: JUNE 17** ————

As published in the District Newsletter two weeks ago, the school is celebrating its annual Edmund Rice Day on Wednesday June 17.





The theme this year is “Celebrating 10 Years of Edmund Rice Education” so we are keen to have as many Brothers as possible to be part of the day.

Mass will start the program (7.45 a.m.) and will feature Br. Tom Kearney giving the homily. A procession around Embulbul will follow with lunch served from 12 noon and a Christian Brother Invitational XI v Staff XI football match at 2.30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Br. Daniel Kyalo (0708142582) by Friday June 12 if you are able to attend the Mass (we would like to acknowledge the Brothers in attendance) and / or lunch and if available for selection in the CB XI!

Peter Shanahan

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE	01	FREDRICK OCHWALLO (Second year novice – Lusaka)
	02	VINCENT MALLYA (Happy birthday) (Karen)
	24	LAWRENCE AGALO (Balozi)
	25	RICHARD DEMARIA (Karen)
	25	MARTIN BINYENYA (Tamale)

CALENDAR

JUNE 1 Madaraka Day
28 June – July 4 PLT Retreat (Nairobi)

JULY
4 PLT Retreat
5-21 PLT Visitation EAD

AUGUST
9-14 AP Long Workshop
10-15 PLT Meeting

SEPTEMBER
4-6 Child Protection Workshop
12 Nairobi Cluster
19 Arusha Cluster

Many blessings

George Massay

