



———— **TO LOVE IS TO BE VULNERABLE** ————



“To love at all is to be vulnerable.  
Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken.  
If you want to make sure of keeping it intact  
you must give it to no one, not even an animal.

Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries;  
avoid all entanglements.  
Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness.  
But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change.  
It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.

To love is to be vulnerable.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

———— **FINAL PROFESSION** ————



L-R Michael De Klerk (Province Leader), Chanda Mubanga

We congratulate Chanda Mubanga who made his final profession last weekend in Lusaka, Zambia. Chanda did his studies amongst us in Nairobi, so is well known to many of us in the District.

We wish Chanda many blessings in his life as a Christian Brother.





## ———— A VISITOR OF THE WEEK ————



L-R Fiona Dowling, Lewis Ondiba and Jasmine Jerussa at the Mary Rice Centre

We welcome Fiona Dowling who has just arrived from Ireland. Fiona is in the District to visit our ministry sites that receive funds from Edmund Rice Development (ERD). She is here in her capacity as Development Funding Manager in assisting the ministry leaders in the monitoring of their Development projects.

We wish Fiona a very pleasant stay here.

**George Massay**

## ———— PURITY ACHIENG DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL ————

It was all smiles as Purity left the hospital bed where she has spent 8 months. Purity was hit by a train on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The accident resulted in the amputation of both her legs and left arm.

Purity's story is one of resilience amidst life's greatest challenges. Even though Purity has been mentally handicapped since birth, her mother, a single parent, has never abandoned her in all the challenges that came as a result of being mentally handicapped. As if that was not enough for this single mother living in the heart of Kibera, this most recent tragedy has struck.



Purity Achieng





Through the very generous support from Anthony Ryan and Louise Allison, Purity's mother has been able to support her other two children, while staying with Purity next to her hospital bed for the last 8 months. Anthony and Louise are angels sent by God to mama Purity. Through them, she knows that God has not abandoned her. She wishes to express her deep gratitude to them and to the Gone Fishin' group that visited her in the Hospital.

We look forward to welcoming Purity back to School when school reopens next month.

**Gerald Mgalula**

———— **PLT MEETING IN JOHANNESBURG**  
— **THREE TABLES** —————

PLT meetings may not be the most exciting things for this newsletter, but when I saw the photos taken during the week by our secretary, Mick Podbury, I was struck by the fact that they all featured tables. These tables in some way capture the life of this little community that only meets four or five times a year, but is still trying to live Our Way Into the Future in its own way.



During the Eucharistic celebration

The first table is that of the Eucharist. The PLT has developed the practice of trying to celebrate Eucharist together during our week of meetings, and Fr. Michael Murphy of

the Kiltegan Missionaries joined us for this. This is the table of our brotherhood in Christ, what brings us together, why we are here at all.



The second table, of course, is that of our daily fellowship in eating and drinking together. The photo was taken when we visited the Brothers at

Boksburg one evening for supper. One of the best features of PLT meetings is the festive nature of our meals together, and the stories and fun that are shared.

The final table is that of the meeting, the task that we have as a leadership team. In the photo, we are just gathering around the





lighted candle for the morning prayer, before gathering at the meeting table for the day's work.

We in the PLT 'community' only see each other for a short time each year, so the tables say something about these times – we are together, gathered and interacting and sharing at various levels, trying to do our part as the Province moves into the future.



**Tony Shanahan**

———— **EDMUND RICE KARIBU- FORMATION DAY,**  
**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>. AUGUST** ————

We were happy to have the formation day at the AVSI ground though the rental somewhat shook my optimism. The morning session centred on our evaluation and response to our living out of a community integrated with the children, evaluating how inclusive we are (one of the ERMEA pillars). Elizabeth from Ruben, renowned for her programme of YES, designed to curtail or prevent child sexual abuse, very much engaged the involvement of all members. We hope



to follow up her inspirational advice in our community outreach programmes to Kibera schools.

The afternoon programme was full of laughs under the direction of John Mutisyo, an expert

with simple captivating games. You see his technique in the photo included.

**PETER COLE**

———— **COME AND SEE** ————

Once again, thanks is due to the Otiende community for hosting another come and see of four aspirants, one from Busia-iteso, one from Nakuru, one from Nunguni, Makueni and one from Homa-Bay. Thanks to Peter Kabia, Lewis of Mary Rice for their help. Calvine and Josephat felt the week finished with a bang with the most enjoyable





formation-games day with the Edmund Rice group. They were most co-operative, an inspiration to me I must say.

**PETER COLE**

———— **SAD MOMENTS AT EDMUND  
RICE SINON SECONDARY SCHOOL** ————



Joseph Mponzi laid to rest

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015, Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School lost a support staff member. Vitus Joseph Mponzi, the very active support staff, got ill and was rushed to Selian Hospital. A week later, Vitus was transferred to Mount Meru Regional Hospital where he was confirmed to have contacted malaria, typhoid and UTI. On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 Vitus was laid to rest. He had worked in school for five years as maize grinding machine operator. He was hard working, friendly and kind. His presence and contribution to the school will be highly missed. “God gave and God has taken away”, may His name be glorified forever.

**Simon Kaswahili**

———— **NOTICE** ————

Brothers in Nairobi are invited for the farewell dinner for our brothers Philip Kwena, Lawrence Agalo and Sammy Munyua as they head-off to Zambia for the orientation program prior to joining the new clusters of communities in Zambia.





The dinner will be at South C Community on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 5:00pm.

RSVP George Massay for catering purposes by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

## CALENDAR

August 30	Send-off dinner at South C for Sammy, Philip and Lawrence
September 4-6	Child Protection Workshop
September 12	Nairobi Cluster meeting
September 19	Arusha Cluster meeting
October 2-3	CL's meeting
October 4-6	ERMEA meeting
October 14	DLT meeting
October 16-18	Annually professed workshop
October 20	Mashujaa Day
October 21	DLT meeting
October 23-24	Formation Committee (Nairobi)
October 28-30	DLT, PLT and CLT meeting in Lusaka
November 28	First profession Lusaka
November 23-27	PLT meeting in Lusaka
December 11-14	Reception of the newly professed and assembly
December 12	Jamhuri Day

Many Blessings,

George Massay

