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Weekly Reflection: The Poet with His Face in His Hands (Mary Oliver)



You want to cry aloud for your
mistakes. But to tell the truth the world
doesn't need any more of that sound.

So if you're going to do it and can't
stop yourself, if your pretty mouth can't
hold it in, at least go by yourself across

the forty fields and the forty dark inclines
of rocks and water to the place where
the falls are flinging out their white sheets

like crazy, and there is a cave behind all that
jubilation and water fun and you can
stand there, under it, and roar all you

want and nothing will be disturbed; you can
drip with despair all afternoon and still,
on a green branch, its wings just lightly touched

by the passing foil of the water, the thrush,
puffing out its spotted breast, will sing
of the perfect, stone-hard beauty of everything.





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BRO. PAUL MENDY AND POPE FRANCIS



We are happy to share some topical news from West Africa. Last week, Brother Paul Mendy took part in a service with Pope Francis in New York, one of the events during the Pope's visit to the USA. Paul is currently studying at Iona College, in New Rochelle, just north of New York city. The gathering with the Pope was organised by Catholic Charity organizations in New York City, who look after refugees and asylum seekers.

Paul was invited to do a reading (in the Wolof language of west Africa) by Br. Tyrone, who works for the archdiocese of New York. He used words like "awesome... happy... blessed" about the experience. I think we can imagine what he means. Well done, Paul.

GOING DEEPER

Recent visitors to South C have noticed some startling changes at the front of the house. Work is under way on an in-ground water tank that will enable the community to store water from the City supply. The city water comes at a very low pressure, which means it won't flow into a tank above ground. So we will have a large tank under the ground to receive it.





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One neighbor passing by asked if we were making a swimming pool! Perhaps we could make it a dual use tank? In the meantime, we have a very large pile of rock and soil dug out of the hole (3.5m. deep), piled up in front of our wall. Anyone wanting some ballast to fill a pothole is welcome...



SOCIAL CALENDAR

Vincent's Graduation - On Friday, October 2, 2015, Vincent will formally graduate at the CUEA campus with the degree Master of Arts in Social Ministry. The graduation starts at 9am and will probably continue till around 2 pm.

On the same day, Friday, October 2, Brothers are invited to join the Karen Community to celebrate Vincent's graduation, starting from 3pm.

For catering purposes, Community Leaders are asked to inform John Paul (0718463279) about the numbers expected to attend.

"Gone Fishing" Commissioning – Brothers in East Africa are familiar by now with the Gone Fishing immersion trips organized by Anthony Ryan, CEO of Edmund Rice Foundation Australia. These visits usually include a Commissioning Ceremony during the celebration of Mass, to which Brothers are invited.

However, the schedule for this group won't allow that, so the commissioning will be a simple ceremony on Sunday evening, October 4, at 8 pm at Mary Ward Centre. Brothers are invited to join in welcoming the group to East Africa. There will be drinks and nibbles after the ceremony.





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REMAINING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

29 NICODEMUS OKUKU (Balozi)

CALENDAR

October 2 Vincent Mallya's graduation
2-3 CLs meeting (Mary Ward)
October 4 Gone Fishing group commissioning at Mary Ward at 8 pm.
4-6 ERMEA meeting (Mary Ward)
October 14 DLT meeting
October 16-18 Annually Professed Workshop (Sagana)
October 20 Mashujaa Day (Kenya)
October 21 DLT meeting
October 23-24 Formation Committee (Nairobi)
October 28-30 DLT, PLT and CLT meeting in Lusaka

November 21 First profession Lusaka
November 23-27 PLT meeting in Lusaka

December 11-14 District Assembly
December 12 Jamhuri Day (Kenya)

Many Blessings,

Tony Shanahan (Acting Editor)

