



— NOTHING TWICE —



Nothing can ever happen twice.
In consequence, the sorry fact is
that we arrive here improvised
and leave without the chance to practice.

Even if there is no one dumber,
if you're the planet's biggest dunce,
you can't repeat the class in summer:
this course is only offered once.

No day copies yesterday,
no two nights will teach what bliss is
in precisely the same way,
with precisely the same kisses.

One day, perhaps some idle tongue
mentions your name by accident:
I feel as if a rose were flung
into the room, all hue and scent.

The next day, though you're here with
me,

I can't help looking at the clock:

A rose? A rose? What could that be?
Is that a flower of a rock?

Why do we treat the fleeting day
with so much needless fear and sorrow?
It's in its nature not to say
Today is always gone tomorrow

With smiles and kisses, we prefer
to seek accord beneath our star,
although we're different (we concur)
just as two drops of water are.

~ **Wisława Szymborska** ~





PRAYERS REQUESTED

For Anthony Delaney, brother to Kevin Delaney. Anthony was diagnosed with a kidney cancer and will undergo a kidney removal on Thursday 21st January 2016. Your prayers are requested for Anthony that the operation will be successful.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stanley Sobon, a brother-in-law of Richard DeMaria. Stanley passed away on Sunday 10th January 2016.

NEWS FROM BROTHER BEAUSANG EMBULBUL



1: School opened for 2016 on Wednesday January 6. Staff had returned on Monday January 4 and spent both Monday and Tuesday planning and preparing for the school year ahead.

Form 4 and Class 8 actually reported on January 5 and spent an orientation day looking at topics such as time management, study skills, challenges and leadership. Rufina from ERAN kindly interrupted her holiday to run some activities for the students that promoted teamwork and cooperation as part of the day's program.





Student Leaders with Head Teachers Henry and Eva

2: The key student leaders – Head Boy / Girl and Deputy Head Boy / Girl for both primary and secondary received their symbols of leadership (blazers, sweaters and badge) at a special assembly on Friday January 15. Class 8 and Form 4 also received special badges and ties respectively to mark their status as candidates for 2016.



Class 1 pupil Vincent reciting a poem at the school assembly

3: Also at the assembly, the school theme for 2016 “Accountability and Self – Discipline in all we do” was launched. This will be displayed in both primary and secondary on a large banner as a reminder to both students and staff of what we need to strive for in 2016. A second banner was also commissioned, this one marking the 20th anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Edmund Rice (October 6, 1996) which will be celebrated later in the year.

4: The 2015 KCPE results were very pleasing with an overall improvement of 39 marks on the 2014 mean grade. Overall 65%





scored above the 'magic' 250 mark (national average was 50.93%) with 30% above 300 which was also higher than the previous year.

PROVINCE FORMATION REVIEW MEETING IN LUSAKA



Participants of the Province Formation Review Meeting in Lusaka

We are now on the second week of the formation review meeting. In the last week, the participants reviewed in great detail various aspects of our initial formation program i.e from recruitment stage to final profession.

This coming week the focus will be on shaping into some organized form all the various contributions. We have as our raw material the feedback received from the Brothers early last year, the report of independent reviewers, written submissions from formators and insights offered during the last week. All this will help us to articulate how we want to live our Brotherhood and design the shape of the formation we wish to provide for those wanting to join us as Brothers.

It has been an enriching experience of brotherhood; our shared life and prayer have contributed to this experience. We are grateful to Sr Lynnete (PBVM) and Michael Burke (cfc) for their superb facilitation.

George Massay

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

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| 19 | ISAAC ODONGO (Second year novice – Tamale) |
| 26 | DANIEL LYIMO (ISC Lusaka) |
| 28 | TOM KEARNEY (Embulbul) |





CALENDAR

- 10-23 January** – Province Formation Meeting Lusaka
- 4 February** – Missioning of the novices to Lusaka
- 5 February** – Beginning of the novitiate program in Lusaka

Many blessings

George Massay

