



Ewuaso oo' Nkidongi Parish Newsletter n. 29

SPECIAL EDITION 18th November 2012

Ewuaso Kedong - Kibiko – Kimuka – Saikeri – Najile - Enkorika & Empaash Mass Centres

Dear Friends

First of all apologies for the long hiatus since the last edition of the Newsletter from Ewuaso Kedong. This has been due to pressure of work and also my absence from the parish for a ten week holiday during which I celebrated my 25 years of priesthood in Dublin with family and friends on the 1st of July.



Cutting a special cake with family and friends at a small party after celebrating mass in Marino church.

The reason for this issue of the Newsletter being called a SPECIAL EDITION is that the Rosminians (Institute of Charity), the Congregation to which I belong, are celebrating this year 25 years of presence and work in Kenya. The parish was chosen as the place to celebrate this auspicious occasion. The day chosen to celebrate this was the 18th of November which was also the 5th Anniversary of the Beatification of our Founder, Antonio Rosmini.

As we are in the rainy season we had hoped that as we had had no rain for over a week that the day would be dry and the roads passable. However the day before the feast saw the return of the rains, but thankfully not heavy enough to impede the visitors arrival or the outdoor mass. Just enough to keep the dust away.



The celebration which was supposed to start with Mass at 10.30 am was however delayed for over two hours because we had not been aware that the Safari Rally, which takes place in stages each year in Kenya, was having its' Ewuaso Stage on this very day resulting in closure of roads from early morning. Many of the people from different parts of the parish and even the Bishop were held up by this and no amount of cajoling would get the officials to allow them to pass.

The Mass eventually began around 1 pm and was celebrated by the Bishop of Ngong, John Oballa Owaa (centre in photo below) and concelebrated by Fr. General James Flynn (right) and the Provincial Superior of the East African Province, Fr. Firmati Tarimo (left) along with over 20 priests, many of them Rosminian Priests from Tanzania.



The event was also attended by many people from the area of the parish, many local government officials

including our local MP (member of parliament) and pastors from the other Christian denominations of the area.



Some of the priests who concelebrated



Newly married, my cousin Dermot and Lynda McCarthy, who began their honeymoon in Kenya with a visit to Ewuaso and celebrated the feast with us.

Below are some photos of the day with brief explanations.



Some of the young dancers of Ewuaso in the entrance procession of the mass



The children from our Kindergarten School who also attended



Some had seats.....



Some had seats and shade.....



Some had to stand.....



Some didn't have to stand but did.....

BUT ALL ENJOYED THE DAY...



Even though Some were overcome with tiredness...



After the mass there were speeches of congratulations and thanks to the Rosminians for the Jubilee of their presence in Kenya and for the work they have done.



This was followed by some entertainment



many photos....



.....gifts for some

and an all round good day despite the hiccups at the start.

More photos will be posted on our Facebook page: **Ewuaso Kedong Catholic Mission**

The next edition of the Newsletter will be out within the next three weeks with news of the developments in the parish over the last 6 months.



As always donations are always needed and can be sent in the usual way. If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact me at the address at the bottom of page

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