



Eulogy for Brother Peter Gerald Burke, QLD

*The souls of the just are in the hands of God
And no torment can touch them
they are at peace
their hope was rich with immortality
great will their blessings be.*

Wisdom 3:1-4

Peter (to his family), Gerry (to the Brothers) was a just man. We have been blessed that he walked among us. He is at peace whilst we are left to grieve. A just man is someone who is good and seeks to do good. That is the Gerry Burke I knew.

I have known Gerry Burke for 44 years. He taught me as a boy and knew my family. I lived with him on two occasions, firstly when he was the Brother Superior at the old St Columban's Albion Heights and then latterly at his last mission, from 2005-2010, as Vice Rector Administration at St Leo's Catholic Men's Residential College within the University of Queensland.

Vince Skelly cfc

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Necrology

Readers who knew or lived or worked with Gerry are invited to send their reminiscences to Nev Thornton at ntthornton@edmundrice.org who will write his life for the Christian Brothers Necrology. Any recollections will be gratefully received.

Nev Thornton

Being Sexual, Celibate and Intimate: The Challenge of Authenticity

Presented by LYNN LEVO csj, QLD

Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, Ph.D., a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is a licensed psychologist, consultant and lecturer.

Lynn consults with religious congregations of women and men, and dioceses on mutuality, transitions and stress, anger, managing conflict and healthy personal, sexual and spiritual development across the life span.

Lynn has presented nationally and internationally to women and men religious and intercommunity novitiates and seminaries, on fostering healthy integrated sexuality, celibacy, relationships, intimacy, mutuality in community, and emotional intelligence, and on the Internet and Cybersex.



Further details of date, location and registration [here](#)

Development Officer Edmund Rice Camps, VIC



Marketing/Fundraising
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Edmund Rice Camps Vic. Inc. is a major provider of camps and recreational programs for disadvantage children and families. The camps provide opportunities for growth and enjoyment in an atmosphere of fun and acceptance.

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For a Job Description please contact the Edmund Rice Camps office on (03) 9439 6142. For further queries about the job please contact Mark Smith on batsmith@iprimus.com.au or 0438055764. Applications close Friday 26 Nov. 2010

Mark Monahan

Pasifika cosmetics sweep enterprise awards, NZ



Left to right: Mathew Elia, 17, Charlie Latulipe, 16, Thomas Scott, 18, Caleb Reweti, 18, and Jordan Koloamatangi, 17, the St Thomas of Canterbury College's Ocean Fusion Young Enterprise Team, who won the national competition.

Sonny Bill Williams may not necessarily class himself metrosexual, but the award-winning high school students behind a new organic cosmetic company think he just might use a snazzy new soap they've created.

The company, Oceanic Fusion, which was set up by five students from Christchurch's St Thomas of Canterbury College, this week became the first Pasifika company to win the national Young Enterprise Trust's supreme award, the 2010 company of the year.

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From the Edmund Rice International Community, Waterford, IRELAND

Dear Brothers and Friends in the Edmund Rice Network,

We send you fraternal greetings from the Edmund Rice Brothers at Mount Sion, a community of Christian Brothers and Presentation Brothers who staff the Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre at Mount Sion in Waterford. This special place, the “cradle” of our beginnings with Edmund continues to develop and expand in new and exciting ways. The purpose of our writing to you is to keep you informed of some of these events and programs in Mount Sion.

The Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel is the centrepiece of our life here at Mount Sion. Each day many visitors stop in for moment of prayer at the tomb of Edmund or just spend some quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Various prayer groups from in and around Waterford have made the chapel their gathering space.

Each Friday the parishioners of the local parish conduct a Holy Hour. On the first Friday of each month, the community hosts the ecumenical “Taize Prayer around the Cross”. Once a month the Brazilian community comes together to celebrate the Eucharist in their native language and customs on a Saturday evening, and once a month the African Catholic community gathers on a Sunday afternoon to celebrate the Eucharist, also reflecting their cultural heritage. Families and friends from Waterford regularly schedule anniversary and “Month’s Mind” Masses in the chapel. Often these local people display an extraordinary devotion to Blessed Edmund.



The Heritage Centre, home to the museum in honour of the life and times of Blessed Edmund continues to be a source of pride for us Brothers and a place of inspiration for our visitors from around the world. With the economy being the way it is at this time, the numbers of visitors are not what we would like to see, but it is wonderful to host recent visitors like the student groups from Sydney and South America who were visibly moved as they gathered around the tomb of Blessed Edmund following their tour of the museum.

While the Heritage Centre focuses on our history and development, the programs in the Conference Centre speak of today and the future. Recently the Heads of School and Board Chairs from our schools in England under the auspices our Education Office in Manchester spent a day of in-service and reflection with us. For many it was a first visit to Mount Sion, which they found very accessible and visitor friendly and they hope to return again in the future. The Edmund Rice Schools Trust in Ireland is exploring ways to resource with Mount Sion regarding Spiritual Leadership in our schools. The National Catholic Schools Week in Ireland will be launched from the Centre on 24 January, 2011. This will provide a national venue for us!

The Integration and Support Unit (ISU), whose main function is to provide information and support to refugees, asylum seekers and other non-Irish Nationals continues to thrive. Over 200 persons per week are receiving English language instruction at various levels from a group of 22 volunteers. Additional support is being given to students in need of better English skills in the Mount Sion schools. Each week support groups for men and women are held, especially for vulnerable immigrants who otherwise would find themselves isolated and without resources. Teenage Integration or the International Teens Program assists young people in their efforts to integrate themselves into the life of the local schools and the Irish community. 8 volunteers form the core team for these groups. Programs to invite inter-faith dialogue are being inaugurated. In addition, the ISU staff is developing ways to “re-frame” the Edmund Rice story in light of the present day circumstances so that Edmund too can be a model for these new arrivals, most of whom know nothing of the story of Edmund Rice and his legacy.

The community is seeking ways to be of further service and life to our local community here in Waterford, as well as the local Church. Models for Adult Faith Formation programs are being explored, including opportunities for studies in Cosmology and related fields, Reflection evenings such as the upcoming Advent Series are being offered. Studies into the Spirituality of Edmund Rice for today are being explored, along with ways to work with our neighbouring communities in Callan and Carrick.



Hospitality and welcome are central elements of our mission statement here at Mount Sion. In that spirit, we want our Brothers to know that you are always most welcome and are a vital part of this Heritage Centre. We all share in the same beginnings and this is our “Motherhouse”. While our accommodations for overnight visits are limited, we always seem to have enough room if planned well in advance. We enjoy the company! In fact, if someone would be interested in making a private retreat or a directed retreat here at Mount Sion, that can be arranged.

In the future, we hope to keep you updated through the various news outlets in the Provinces around our Congregations, as well as the International Edmund Rice Website (www.edmundrice.net) and our own website (www.edmundrice.ie), which we invite you to visit and take a tour of the Chapel, Heritage Centre museum and Conference Centre.

Kind regards and blessings to you from all of us here the “Motherhouse”!

The Edmund Rice Brothers – Mount Sion Community

Peadar Gleeson, cfc
Stephen Hale, cfc
Peter Hardiman, cfc
Pat Madigan, cfc
Kevin Mascarenhas, fpm
Phil Ryan, cfc
Andrew Saul, fpm (novice)

De La Salle Superior General visits PNG

Just when I thought I had hung up my quill for the year, along comes a celebration and many great photos. The occasion was last Saturday, the visit of the superior general of the de la Salle Brothers. Bernie

Cooper, our principal, is a de la Salle brother. Br Alvaro is from Puerto Rica. He was accompanied by Br David Hawke, provincial.

Our visitors were garlanded in leis when they arrived. There were welcomes in different languages (PNG has over 700), a group of Mekeo dancers dressed in their finery to lead the visiting party into the hall, dances and songs performed not only by our teachers' college students but by visiting groups from local de la Salle schools. There was even a group from Inauabui Primary, where I supervised ten of our students on practice teaching. The Lasallian network is alive and well here in the Papuan region.



The college had a real facelift for the occasion. Our library has never looked neater - the grounds were cleaned up too. We have much grass that has to be cut with grass knives. Bernie remarked that we need our celebrations to galvanise everyone into activity.



The cultural groups were just wonderful. Mattson Abari from Western Province did a very creditable imitation of a cassowary, decked out in a cassowary headdress, leading his group. Two groups had dancers that jumped between two long poles of bamboo that were being clinked together - a kind of hopscotch dance. Another group moved in twirling their grass skirts to a haunting melody sung in language by a solo singer. Students prepared a special meal and brought around drinks. Five provincial flags were strung from flagpoles specially hacked from the forest for the day. Speeches were short. It was just the best day.

Blessings,

Gerry Buzolic

Formation News from EAST AFRICA DISTRICT

The last weeks have been very busy for the Formation Committee and the District Leadership Team as they deliberated over a number of applications for entrance to the novitiate in 2011, First Profession later this month and renewal of vows sometime in December.

It is with joy that I can announce that all five postulants were recommended and accepted for entrance to the novitiate. Martin Khaemba and James Mwenda will be going to Cape Town in early February. Amos Kutwa, Elly Sakwa and Romano Rumba will be going to Tamale at the same time.

I can also announce with joy that the five second year novices in Tamale will be making their first profession on Saturday November 27th and thereafter coming back to Kenya for some home leave before returning to Nairobi with some members of their family for the Reception Day with the District on Saturday December 11th. The names of our newly professed brothers are Constantine Sunday, Paul Mutuku, Nicholas Odhiambo, Chrispinus Munialo and David Oyugi.

Inter-faith Calendar, WORLD

November	21	Christ the King	Christian
		Birthday of Guru Nanak	Sikh
	25	Thanksgiving	USA Inter-faith
	26	Day of Covenant	Baha'i
	28	First Sunday of Advent	Christian
	30	Feast of Saint Andrew	Christian

Edmund Rice International visits, SOUTHERN AFRICA DISTRICT

Two members of the ERI Team, Kevin Cawley and Brian Bond have just completed a visit to the Southern Africa District in order to raise awareness about the work of ERI at the UN and to encourage a greater involvement of the District in advocacy.

Presentations were made to the group of novices in Cape Town, to staff and student groups in schools in Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Mariasdal, Welkom, Pretoria, Springs, Boksburg and Bulawayo (Zimbabwe), as well as to a meeting of school principals in Welkom, a gathering of the Brothers in Johannesburg and to gatherings of the Edmund Rice Network in Cape Town and Bloemfontein.



Brian Bond addressing Edmund Rice Society at Veritas College, Springs, RSA

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OPEN INVITATION TO A CELEBRATION, QLD

To commemorate the International Day
for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2010
and launch



'Flying with Two Wings'

A Multi-Faith Toolkit

designed to unite faith communities

in addressing violence against women



Date: Saturday 27 November

Venue: Multi-Faith Centre, Building N35

Griffith University, Nathan Campus

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm (arrival from 1.30pm)

The program will include

prayer/reflection

an introduction to the 'Flying with Two Wings' project

a creative presentation of the toolkit

dramatic & musical performances

It will conclude with afternoon tea.

ENQUIRIES & RSVP

Wendy Flannery, BWCP Coordinator

Tel: 3350 5802 Email: info@believingwomen.org.au



[For parking, see map at www.griffith.edu.au/ofm/parking/]

Edmund Rice Centre Lions Event, W.A.

THE EDMUND RICE CENTRE LIONS MULTICULTURAL AFL TEAM INVITE YOU TO ATTEND...



Lions Awards Night Fundraiser 2010

Come and celebrate the Lions Journey of 2010 with a special DVD presentation, awards, guest speakers, special performances and an African buffet dinner, beer, wine and soft-drinks

Date: Saturday 20th November

Time: 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Place: Sportsman's Bar, Herb
Graham Recreation Centre

Dress: Formal Wear

Cost: \$50 per person (all proceeds go to help
the Lions in 2011)

For more information and tickets contact Joe on
0417 923 873 or Chris on 9440 0625



From Edmund Rice Refugee Services, St Albans, VIC

In January 2011, South Sudan will go to a referendum to decide if it will become an independent country. Australian South Sudanese people will be able to vote in this election.

Read [more](#)

Changes for Mulgoa, N.S.W.

On Friday 12 November at Mulgoa, there were about 40+ gathered to celebrate the life and the influence of the YAT-ERFS teams who for many years have worked out of Mulgoa.

Peter Hancock and Graham English were among the pioneers in that venture, and the 2010 group of Jenny Scally, and David Curtin was present and honoured.

Many thousands of young men and women came under the influence of the Teams, and praise and thanks to God and for the labours of the members of the Teams, plus the roadies, the managers, and the supportive staffs. Next year will see plans afoot for Mulgoa. Prayers for the thinkers and planners please. All agreed that Mulgoa is a Sacred Site for us.

Patrick White

Rubies beyond comprehension, OLT

A wise and resilient Jewish rabbi led a community of Jewish mystics during a time of great persecution and vilification. Yet their way of life excluded those who were not of their faith and who did not share their rigorous daily spiritual practice. An interested and daring disciple who wanted to join the group had a problem and asked: 'Is there not beauty and value outside the narrow walls in which your community live?'

Peter Harney

Read [more](#)

Oceania Updates

Please send any information or news items for Oceania Updates to the Province Publications Coordinator, Brother Nev Thornton, Email: ntthornton@edmundrice.org

I am particularly interested in receiving any good quality images of people, places, sights and faces throughout Oceania.

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