

JUNE 1998

Eastern Africa Province

Mon	1	*Adélit Rukomangana
Fri	5	*François de Paule Andriamanalina, Gerald Rebello
Sat	6	*Yvon Elenga, +Bartholomew Murphy
Sun	7	*Parfait Randrianandrasana
Tue	9	<i>Bl. Joseph de Anchieta - Optional</i> Theodore Toppo, John Austin Miranda †1988
Wed	10	*Samuel Ebale, Elias N. Mokuu
Thu	11	Jacob Okumu, William Picardo †1985
Fri	12	+Hans Putman
Mon	15	+Daniel J. Kenney, *Martin Mudendeli
Wed	17	Godfrey Kayemba
Sat	20	*Hyacinthe Ratsimiato
Sun	21	St. Aloysius Gonzaga - Memorial
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YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

- For Bishop Paul Lungu, Bishop of Monze, Zambia, who died in a car accident at the end of April.

Novitiate. I have never met him as a bishop, only talked to him on the phone, and his words communicated to me his deep concern for the poor of his diocese and those at their service.

There is a lot one could say about Paul: I can say this for certain. There were times during our formation when our African Jesuit life seemed sad and prone to problems. With his positive thinking and personality he often brought a happy and dynamic interpretation, injecting his hope and courage into the group or the meeting

or the Jesuit he would be talking to. He was a great wise man without appearing to be so, and very free to imagine reconciliation where there was an impasse.

I shall miss him very much, and in the coming days I shall think and pray for all his family and friends in your Province. May God give you the peace to carry through these hard times, only about eight months after Joachim's death. May you find consolation in what has been accomplished through Paul. Peace. Yours in Christ, Groum.



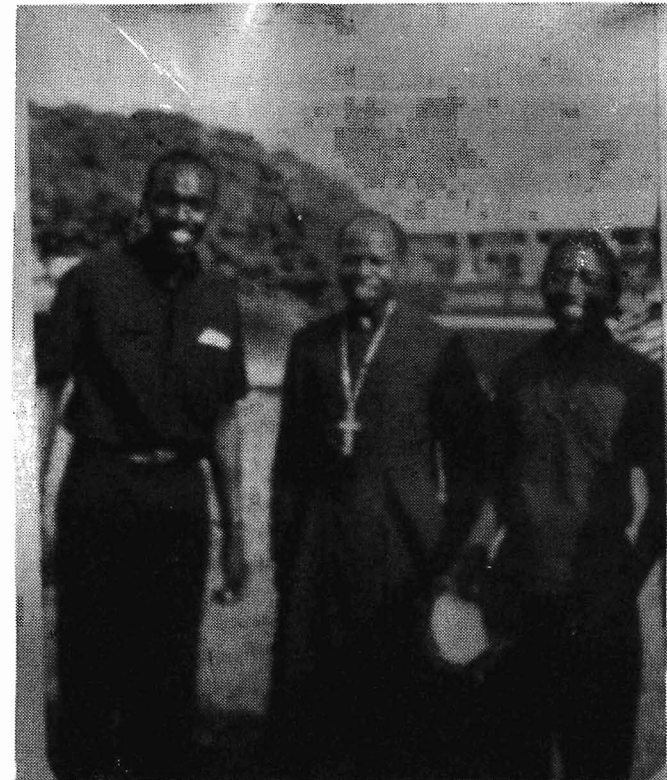
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Rev. Charles Onyango, S.J. with the late Bishop PAUL LUNGU, S.J and Rev. Sydney Lulanga, S.J. of Zambia-Malawi Province

FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

On behalf of the entire Province let me offer our heartfelt thanks to Fr Rodrigo Mejia for his generous and loving service to all of us for the past three years and promise our prayers for much success in his new assignment in Ethiopia.

*Fratern Masawe, S.J.
Provincial*

From the Provincial's Socius, Dublin, Ireland: "I am pleased to announce that Father General has appointed Fr. Gerard O'Hanlon (51) as the next Provincial of the Irish Province (HIB). He will suc-

ceed the present Provincial, Fr. Laurence J. Murphy, on the 31st of July 1998. Fr. O'Hanlon lectured in Theology at the Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Dublin".

Correction: On p. 2 of the April issue, the second item of news from Rome should have read as follows: Fr. Lisbert D'Souza, formerly Provincial of the Bombay Province, will take office on May 24th as Provincial of India.

New E-mail number for JRS Ngara:
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MEETING OF JESUIT HOPEFULS

Twenty-nine participants at our recent Ngong Retreat and Workshop (27th April - 3rd May) had lots of praise and thanks for the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers who came to speak to them and share their wisdom and experience with them. First off the mark was Fr. EDDIE MURPHY, of Hekima College, who really set the tone for their week together. He was followed by no less than the other two MURPHYs in our Province - Fr. CHARLIE, who shared with them his expertise on prayer, and Fr. BART, of Hekima College, who let them know a great deal more of the early history of the Society of Jesus. And yet another from Hekima was there - Fr. PETER EDMONDS, our Scripture scholar, who helped so much "to open their eyes" to a better understanding of the Easter story. We managed to get Fr. MANI NEDUMATAM, Chaplain and lecturer at the Catholic University, to speak so well on the needs of

Africa and Kenya. Fr. GERRY WHELAN, of Hekima, on his first visit to one of our Retreats and Workshops, helped them considerably to understand the apostolic charism of the Society of Jesus.

The Saturday was reserved, as usual, for our young Jesuits to speak of their training and experiences. Our Jesuit Brothers of Loyola Studies Community, ELIAS MOKUA NYATETE and JAMES WABWIRE, did that so well and were much appreciated. Unfortunately our friends from Hekima College had a problem with their car and didn't manage to reach Ngong. But thank you, JOSEPH ODUOR AFULO and companions. The Saturday sharing with our young Jesuits is a very important part of the Workshop at Ngong, always looked forward to, and gives a lot of satisfaction.

Bishop Colin Davies, the Ngong Diocese Bishop, was the main celebrant at the Saturday liturgy and was, as usual, his own

we reached into deep water the canoe was dragged under. I swam to the nearest tree and climbed it. Interestingly enough, when I climbed the tree I still had my specks on, and my hat on my hairless nut. My slippers were floating on the water, but one of my catechists caught them. Another catechist jumped into the water and came to my rescue at the tree. I gave him my pair of specks and my hat to take to dry land, and I jumped into the water to reach the dry area, with the watch I had been given by Fr. D'Agostino, S.J., M.D. He had told me it was a good watch for a bushman, and that it could go into the water

for 50 metres. This proved to be true! Interestingly enough, I lost nothing in that accident.

In Goa, in my home parish of Sant' Inez (St. Agnes), the Portugese brought "Nossa Senhora de Porto Seguro", Our Lady of Safe Harbour. I usually move with her holy picture in all my safaris, and have enjoyed great understanding from this Holy Mother in my 26 years in Africa. In many dangerous incidents I was brought to a safe harbour. This was one more occasion to thank Our Lady of Safe Harbour.

Salvador Ferrao, S.J.

DEATH OF BISHOP PAUL LUNGU, S.J. OF MONZE DIOCESE, ZAMBIA

The sad news of the death of Bishop Paul Lungu, S.J. reached the Province the day before the change over of Provincials. The message from Fr. Socius in Lusaka reads:

"You have all by now heard the tragic news of the death of Bishop Paul Lungu S.J., Bishop of Monze, in a road accident at Magoye, 40 kms. north of Monze. He was travelling south when a truck travelling north ploughed into his car, killing him instantly with massive injuries... " The funeral Mass and burial took place on Saturday, 2nd May, at Monze.

Bishop Paul had been ordained Bishop as recently as 1990, and prior to that had been Master of Novices in Lusaka; so, many of our younger Jesuits will have known him well. Fr. LEO AMANI MASAWA, our present Master of Novices, had been Socius to him in Lusaka.

In a letter to Fr. Ron Hidaka, S.J., Provincial of Zambia/Malawi, Fr. GROUM TESFAYE, from Milltown Park, Dublin,

Ireland, pays this tribute to Bishop Paul Lungu:

Dear Fr. Ronald Hidaka,

Peace. With the Society and the Church of Zambia, together with the family, we have lost a great African Jesuit and a brother. To those of us who shared the life of Paul Lungu at different stages of our formation, he remains the unforgettable laughing companion whose death leaves us with a tremendous absence difficult to fill. Many of us will have a hard time to accept his death.

Personally I am in a state of shock and finding it hard to believe that I won't see him and hear him preach and laugh again. I can imagine the impact his death will have in your Province, particularly on those who were not only his companions but also had him as their formator in the

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Prodigal Son about whom Jesus spoke that day. Within a week, I was back in Buhara Village to bury one of the faithful whom I had anointed earlier. The late Ernest was a widower who had faithfully been bringing up his six children. A number of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker of our Saaka community assisted at the funeral Mass. On Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, I went to Harugongo sub-parish, 11 kilometres away, fulfilling an assignment announced by Fr. Musingura in the parish programme. There was a packed church.

As usual our Saaka community shared some of the Holy Week Services with the Holy Cross Novitiate community next door. They hosted us for Maundy Thursday, we hosted them for Easter Vigil. We had our own Good Friday services before the Novices spread out to the villages for the 3 p.m. Way of the Cross.

After Easter Day Mass and breakfast, we went out for ministry. My assigned task from the P.P. was Easter Mass at Geme Village, about 5 kilometres away. Unfortunately, good-intentioned road-maintenance workers had skinned off the grass that had grown on the country road at the turn-in spur leading to Geme. Alas! Heavy rains (blame it on El Niño?) had turned the road into a mud-way in spots that prevented all but four-wheel drive vehicles from maneuvering it. Praise the Lord for good Samaritans who pushed us up, over and out of the quagmire both while going there and again coming back! Otherwise, had we been stranded, the expect-

tant Geme congregation would have been sadly disappointed if eight babies had failed to receive their Easter Baptism!

Bob Mayer, S.J.

OUR COMPANIONS IN ZAMBIA

On April 4th Fr. Salvador Ferrao wrote from Kazombo:

I have just come back last night after a long bike-safari. I had left on the 28th February with my three catechists. We have probably covered about 700 kms going up and down. We prayed with the people and instructed them in nineteen and a half Sunday assemblies in outstations. The one half means that in one of the outstations we could not make it to them, so they came to us.

We slept and ate with the people. Sometimes we had to use umbrellas to sleep, since rain water leaked through the roofs of the huts. Rats were our companions, running over our sleeping bags.

There was a lot of enthusiasm among the returnees. Some thought I had left them because they did not know that I had gone on home leave.

Many interesting events took place. Some had told me that the crocodiles don't catch children, who bewitch the crocodiles with eggs. Among other things, one morning we had to cross a river. A very small canoe made out of the bark of trees was to take me across. I entered it with the boatman, but when

gracious and welcoming self. Sister Coronata, the Administrator of Ngong Centre, was so happy to have the Jesuit hopefuls once again. And a very special word of thanks to those at Loyola House who helped so much, especially to Fr. ERIC, who made so many trips to Ngong to bring our speakers there. Again another word of thanks to Bernard Juma, our house driver, for his help in ferrying our speakers. And to Mama Domitilla, our efficient telephonist, receptionist, secretary, for passing on so many urgent messages from Ngong Pastoral Centre. Finally, thank you, Fr. MARCEL, for typing our programme once again.

Earlier in the month I travelled to Kan-

gundo, Kanzalu and Machakos (town) to visit some families and their parishes and convents. I broke new ground by travelling to Kerugoya, and followed this up by moving on to Karatina, Nyeri, Embu and Muranga towns, to meet Diocesan Youth Coordinators. In my report to our Province Consultors at the end of April, I had mentioned that we need to let our Catholics in those areas know of the Society of Jesus, and so I proposed to these Coordinators to take part in some of their Y.C.S. and other Youth rallies. And a very quick follow-up from my visit to the Diocesan youth Coordinator of Muranga is an invitation to take part in a Youth Assembly there on the 26th July.

Seán O'Connor, S.J.

NEWS FROM...

LOYOLA HOUSE

Very good news from TOM FITZPATRICK: a second bone-marrow examination on April 6 revealed no sign of lymphoma there, a very good sign. It appears a complete cure has been achieved. Many prayers said to Pedro Arrupe for this: thank you! thank you! And congratulations, TOM!

SEAN O'CONNOR completed his candidate seminar on the 3rd May. EDDIE MURPHY led off with a full-day retreat on Tuesday. Other contributors: CHARLIE MURPHY, MANI NEDUMATTAM, BART MURPHY (that makes three MURPHYs!), PETER EDMONDS, GERARD WHELAN; the young Jesuits from Loyola and from Hekima were due to have half a day each talking to the candidates (unfortunately the Hekima car broke

down; SEAN filled in with work reports from the candidates, which were very good), and, as usual, Bishop Colin Davies concelebrated a liturgy on the Saturday, with SEAN concluding on the Sunday morning with the closing liturgy. Thank you, SEAN, for your great work.

May 1st marked the installation of FRATERN MASAWA as Provincial. Fifty-five were expected to attend the Mass at 12:00 and lunch following. Thank you very much, RODRIGO; God bless you, FRATERN! Could we say for all that has been, THANK YOU; for all that will be, YES. But please, FRATERN, easy as you go, easy as you go! You'll pick up speed soon enough! Our prayers and support are with you.

JONATHAN was announced as the

pro-tem Socius. Our prayers are with you, too! Already a name(s) has been sent to Rome suggesting a permanent Socius; an answer is expected soon.

SEAN is more and more on the road making contacts, seeing parents, pastors, speaking to youth groups. DEVA comes and goes quite a bit; recently he was at Djibouti, swimming in the Red Sea, plus other activities. STEPHEN came back from Adjumani a few days ago, and is due to begin his retreat on May 5 at Mwangaza. FRANCIS RODRIGUES is in Rwanda for a meeting, from May 4 to May 8. Peter Titland, S.J., from Zambia (25 years ago from Oregon, U.S.A.) and Jack Otto, S.J., from Australia via Rome, are here for JRS.

CHARLIE has a new arrangement with Mwangaza: the previously scheduled eight retreats between now and the end of the year remain; but both TONY and I have the right to make a change and inform the other person. The reason: all of a sudden Mwangaza has gotten quite a few Jesuit priests helping out in direction.

Charlie Murphy, S.J.

LOYOLA STUDENT COMMUNITY

The House across the lane from Loyola House is alive and active as usual. We approached the climax of the Lenten Season with a break from classes and from Teaching Practice. CASPAR PEDO, GEORGE OCHIENG, JAMES WABWIRE and MATTHEW KAPUTI

were fondly referred to as "Brothers Mwalimu" in the last ten weeks. The teaching practice was a very valuable experience, they said. Hey, you missed to see GEORGE lead his school team to victory in a hockey tournament. He was the gameshead besides coaching the hockey team. Good work, GEORGE! KAPUTI, WABWIRE and PEDO were involved in assisting in spiritual matters alongside their busy schedules. They organised Eucharistic liturgies and confessions for their students. The support of Fr. JONATHAN and Fr. GAREAU for them cannot go unnoticed. To them we say: thanks a lot. The presence of the Brothers in the various schools where they taught was very edifying. The Jesuit spirit of "magis" radiated in them remarkably. Come one of these days and you will see.

Come Holy Thursday, we joined our companions in Loyola House for the Last Supper liturgy. On Good Friday we were a part of the huge crowd in Kangemi that had a two-kilometre procession. The Easter Season is truly a time for expressing our union of minds and hearts. The Brothers joined the Hekima Community for the Easter Vigil liturgy at Hekima College. The singing fittingly coloured the joyful occasion.

Back to school. ANDREW VUCIRI completed his course in CUEA at the end of April. We will surely miss his company. We wish him happiness and health in his next appointment.

Charles Karumba, S.J.

16th Fr. ED TRUDEAU left for the Province Finance Committee meeting in preparation for the installation of our new Provincial.

VISITORS: On the 13th of April Fr. Xavier Gorostiaga, S.J., from Managua, Nicaragua, former Rector of the Central American University, came for a day, after visiting with Fr. Peter Henriot, S.J., in Zambia, on his way to a meeting on African Catholic Universities.

LATE BULLETIN: Fr. PACO (FRANCISCO) ORNELAS has returned to Uganda and Rhino Camp. We are very happy to have him back with us and to be able to serve the refugees up there.

Have a Happy Easter Season filled with the consolation of our Risen Savior.

*Ken Kunert, S.J.,
Xavier House Correspondent*

FORT PORTAL REPORTING

Giving a ministerial hand:

Saaka Novitiate falls within Christ the King Parish of Fort Portal Diocese, which has been a parish since 1986. The present parish priest, Fr. John Bosco Musingura, is grateful to receive a lending hand, especially since his curate has gone for training as a medical assistant. The parish has 28 substations that run all the way up to Lake Albert. The parish priest lives 7 kilometres from Saaka, in Kitumbi, to the West. To the East, the town parish lies 7 kilometres away. The pastor there lacks a full-time curate, and encourages me to offer

assistance to our incarcerated brethren at the Fort Portal Prison, which is a couple of hills away from Saaka.

On March 15 I went to the prison for Sunday Mass. It was the first time I found the lady inmates coming to join the menfolk for the Sacred Liturgy. Credit for this goes to the Holy Cross Novice who visits there weekly. He arranged this with the Officer Commanding. The Catholic Chairman reminded me in his address that I had not come for a long time. However, he commended the little gestures I had occasionally made in the past, offering some rosaries that Fr. GENE HATTIE had so generously provided. A long bar of washing soap was always welcome as a cherished gift by them. Likewise, when the Chairman Tom Bambwale had sent an S.O.S. to me through the Holy Cross Novice not long ago, when a cholera epidemic was ravaging the prison, I responded with an offering to buy some food or medicine for the sick. Besides, I informed the parish priest about this crisis when I happened to meet him at the diocesan nerve centre. He contacted the O.C. at the prison and managed to get a bag of rice from the diocesan social service for the afflicted jailbirds.

Lenten and Easter ministry

On March 22, I celebrated Holy Mass at Buhara Village, a guff-and-a puff walking distance from Saaka through our lake-swamp and up and over a couple of hills. My novices go there every Sunday to help conduct the service. I had not been there for a rather long time, so I should have felt something like the

JACK will be preaching at the Makerere Sunday Masses, and meeting with any young men interested in the Society.

On March 14 Fr. TONY WACH attended a day for religious on Human Rights by Fr. John Mary Waliggo, Ugandan Theologian and member of the Uganda Human Rights Commission. On March 31 he drove JACK MORRIS to Nabugabo for his retreat, and then visited the Cistercian Sisters at Butende for a day. He saw Robert Esuruku, our candidate in final preparation for his visit to Nairobi, to be interviewed by the Provincial on April 1st. Robert left for Nairobi the next day. (He has been accepted to enter the Novitiate). At the beginning of Holy Week TONY gave a Faith/Justice Triduum to the Holy Cross Scholastics at Jinja. Then he finished up Holy Week giving the Holy Week Services at the Carmelite Sisters' Convent.

Fr. GENE HATTIE gave a day of recollection to Sudanese sisters in exile at Namugongo on March 26-27.

On March 4th and 18th Fr. KEN KUNERT and Joanna Teuton, a UK psychologist doing part-time teaching at Makerere Psychology Department, attended meetings arranging a work schedule at Butabika Psychiatric Hospital, in preparation to having Clinical Psychology students go there for their practicum work.

On March 23 Fr. KUNERT spent the greater part of the day there, being escorted about the hospital premises and experiencing the hospital's outpatient rounds and group session preparing pa-

tients for their release from the hospital to go home. On April 1st he went to experience inpatient rounds in the women's ward, and he interviewed four of the patients there during the rounds. Then on April 17th he went and did rounds in the male inpatient ward. On Friday mornings during the coming months he will be going there for rounds and to do some psychotherapy and meet some psychiatry clinical officers and nursing students. This is a very different experience from working in an American psychiatric setting. The patient treatment process here is primarily custodial, for the purpose of drug therapy.

On Good Friday, at Nsambya Hospital, KEN did the Good Friday outdoor Stations, where different departments carried the cross to each station. He also did the Good Friday Service. He returned on Holy Saturday to do the Easter Vigil Service at 11.30 p.m. He then did the Easter Monday Mass at the Hospital. The training nurses' choir really expressed the spirit of Christ's rising in their songs and hymns. Fr. KUNERT commented that the angels and even Jesus may have been dancing happily in Heaven to their singing, which was so lively and joyous.

On March 15 Fr. E. J. THOMAS came to Xavier House after finishing his JRS tour at Adjumani, to visit briefly and then make a two-week retreat before returning to India. On March 29 he left here for Claver House to complete his reports, then left on his way to India on April 2.

All were home for Easter. On April

MWANGAZA NEWS

The scheduled recollection days seem to attract growing numbers. On April 5th, JOE SMALL had 30 religious and 10 lay persons. April 7th to 11th, TONY SEQUEIRA preached a retreat to a full house. Each of the priests took turns leading the liturgies of the Holy Week Triduum. TONY is also guiding a De La Salle Brother through the 30-day retreat, April 2nd to May 2nd. On April 8th, VICTOR returned from his holiday at Shelley Beach, Mombasa. That evening we celebrated CAL POULIN's birthday, and bade farewell to JACK TREACY, who left that night. CAL POULIN travelled to Kisii on April 13th to guide eight Mill Hill Sisters in their annual retreat. He left on April 27th for Kigali, to spend about a month in Rwanda.

MANI NEDUMATTAM helped direct retreatants from April 15th to 24th. JOE SMALL left on April 23rd for Malawi, to guide some Sisters through the 30-day retreat there.

Dick Smith, MM, who returned to Kenya on April 16th after 14 months of medical treatment in the USA, joined us again on the 24th to help with the retreats here.

Tony Sequeira, S.J.

SUDAN

CHURCH

The Church is continuously being harassed and provoked. Very recently, in late March, the Catholic Club, facing

the airport, was summarily sequestered and the occupants turned on the street, and some young people who protested got beaten. No indemnity is given for the sequestration, even though the Catholic

Club position has been currently under discussion between Government and Church officials.

Another serious instance of harassment is a cooked-up court case against SUDANAID. The accusation is that some years back, in 1989, it bought food from

a local merchant, costing \$30,000/-, and that not all the money was paid. How on earth did such a claim surface after such a long time? The judge at the court arbitrarily fixed the sum to be repaid at \$850,000/-, something the Church is not ready to pay. In default they are threatened with having about 33 Church cars, imported through SUDANAID, confiscated and sold. There was an appeal that the Church made and won, but then another court order waived that judgment in favour of the Church, and there is no further appeal that can be made. The matter is under serious discussion with the Government and court officials.

The Salesian Fathers, who were hoping to build an extensive technical training project, had their hopes dashed as the new Governor of Khartoum, a fundamentalist, opposed an earlier agreement made with the Minister concerned.