



St Peter's Life-Line

Dear faithful Donors to St Peter's Life-Line,

It is my sad task (I am aware that many of you already know) to inform you that our beloved Fr Joe died tragically as a result of a car accident on the morning of Thursday 18th August. He was on his own, heading for Nairobi, and was involved in a collision with a lorry. As far as we know there were no other serious casualties. He was aged 39.

I probably don't need to say much about the loss this will be to the community at Kajuki, and also how much he was loved and respected for his humility and selflessness. All that he did was directed entirely for the benefit of his parishioners and the staff and children at St Peter's, who absolutely adored him. To many, particularly the orphans at the school, he was their father. One of my friends commented that he achieved in his ten short years as a priest, twice as much more than any other man in their lifetime. He truly changed lives.

Of course, uncertain times may lie ahead for our charity, and it is obviously too early even to speculate about the future. What we are very clear about, though, is that Fr Joe left a priceless and unique legacy, and we have the strong desire to continue building upon it with your continuing help. We place our utter trust in the Lord to achieve this.

His funeral is being held at 1000 Kenya time (+ 2 hrs) on Friday 26th August at his family's parish church at Igoji, after which he will be interred in the Diocesan cemetery at Meru. This will be preceded by his coffin lying in his own parish church of St Peter's, Kajuki, overnight 24/25th August, where his parishioners will maintain a night vigil and pay their respects, followed by Mass at St Peter's at 1000 on Thursday 25th.

If you do have access to facebook, I would recommend finding our St Peter's Life-Line Page, on which up-to-date news is posted. You can also see the many condolences that have come in. Otherwise our website – www.stpeterslifeline.org.uk - will give more general updates.

I will endeavour to keep you all posted. If you do have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours in sorrow, David & Susie