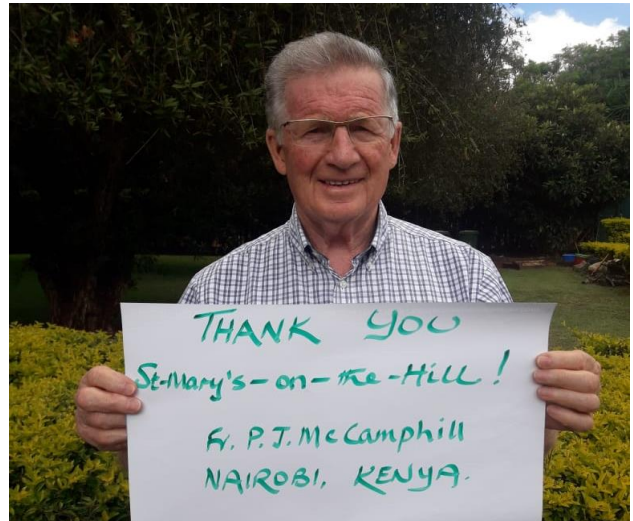


'Thank You'

from St Mary's on the Hill Parish
Developing World Group

Annual Report 2024
for the Period Jan-Dec 2023



Standing orders and donations from parishioners help us support children in need in Africa, making Jesus real to them. Our thanks and prayers go to you all. Each time we send money, it met a real need.

Some examples follow of how we distributed £13,025.00 in 2023.

Please contact us (through the Parish Office) if you would like to know more.

In Zambia our Parish supports:

Sr. Rita in Lusaka, our contact for the 'Footprints' team. The number of Street Children is increasing despite the Zambian government's efforts. Regular Footprints outreach visits include counselling, befriending, games, HIV awareness, education and medical care for street children and 49 children were restored back to their families. Sadly, Footprints was called upon for burial support for 8 youths in this year.



In 2023 with your help we sent £3225.00 to Sr Rita

In Kenya our Parish supports:



Fr PJ McCamphill, has many strands of work: we mainly support a free nursery school (Frankie's Nursery). Fr PJ decided in 2023 to come home permanently. He is still able to run his projects as he has over many years cultivated trusted Kenyan lay people to take over and we will continue to support him.

In 2023 with your help we sent £3100.00 to Fr PJ.

Fr Conor Donnelly also helps street children. You provided food and treats for youngsters who have very little. As you can see they are delighted with the simplest of 'treats' – bread.



In 2023 with your help we sent £3100.00 to Fr Conor.

In South Africa our Parish supports:

the Enkuthazweni Special Needs Centre, through our contact Sr. Mary who visited St Bernard's in 2022. The Special Needs Centre teachers often depend on your donations to pay their salaries to look after these special children.

In 2023 with your help we sent £3100.00 to Sr. Mary.

A new project: Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan



Through contact from a parishioner whose sister is a Loreto nun we were introduced to Loreto Rumbek, a primary school, a secondary school and a Primary Health Care unit in South Sudan. The school first opened in 2008 and provides a much needed place of education for girls aged 5-20. Sr. Orla from

Bray, Ireland, has been with the Loreto Ireland Mission in South Sudan since its inception in 2006 and in 2019 was honoured with an International Women of Courage Award for her work there. Female children in South Sudan face extreme adversity in the pursuit of education. South Sudan has been ranked as one of the world's most difficult nations for girls to receive a basic education.



Sr. Orla and some of the Loreto Rumbek primary school children
In 2023 with your help we sent £500.00 to Sr. Orla (with more in 2024) to go towards school scholarships.

Thank you all for all your prayers and financial support.

**We especially remember with gratitude Fr Brendan, RIP,
who was a kind and generous supporter of the Developing World.**

If you are wondering ‘how can I help?’

- Why not join the Developing World Group

OR

- register your name as a helper
with our fund raising events

We always need help
with making St Brigid’s crosses in February
our annual table quiz in Fortwilliam Golf Club
and our cake sales during the year

Please email the Parish Office and leave your details
FAO the Developing World Group.