



Corpus Christi Africa Fund (CCAF)

Corpus Christi Africa Fund 2024 Appeal

Thanks to everyone, both Parishioners and Friends of CCAF, for the fantastic response to our appeal throughout 2023. As a result we have been able to send **£22,000** in January 2024 to Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School, in Nairobi, to assist towards funding their 2024 Uji porridge programme, as well as making some much needed improvements to the Uji kitchens. OLN currently provide Uji for 2,600 pupils, but this will increase shortly to 3,000 pupils as the school expands to reflect changes to the Primary Education system in Kenya.

The South Berkshire Singers held their annual Christmas concert at Corpus Christi in December 2023 and this resulted in £3,000 being raised. Our thanks to them, and all who supported the concert.

OLN Update from Jeremy Best/Nick Gorton

Jeremy has still not been able to personally visit Kenya since 2019, but he continues to keep in close contact with the Marianists and the school. He hopes very much to visit sometime during 2024. Fellow Committee Member Nick Gorton made his second visit to OLN during 2023 and was able to see how much our contribution for Uji is being appreciated.

Nick said, 'it was great to be able to revisit OLN a year after my first visit, the school was thriving and growing, having expanded to incorporate the first two years of secondary school. I met with Fr Gabriel, Madam Eunice (Head Teacher) and Florence, and was also fortunate to meet with Fr Martin. It was clear how the Uji programme support from Corpus Christi's parishioners continues to be very much appreciated by all at OLN.'



The financing of the Uji porridge, which we have assisted with over many years, remains one of the biggest challenges for the Marianists in Nairobi. We shall continue to make the provision of Uji the main purpose of our fundraising in 2024, to help cover the overall Uji costs for 2025. We feel that we should be looking at again providing at least **£20,000, but hopefully much more** to cover our contribution to the overall costs **The cost per child continues to be just £11 per year in 2024 but this is more than likely increase due to inflation.**

Several Parishioners have made individual donations to the Special Needs Unit, which continues to provide education and care to children with disabilities. A number of parishioners have also very generously given funds to support some of the former OLN children go on to secondary education. We are very grateful for their support. The cost is roughly **£2,000 before Gift Aid** for four years. This does not need to be donated in one amount and can be paid at the start of each academic year which runs from January. Should you wish to consider this for an OLN child, please contact Jeremy.

As ever, the pupils and their teachers at OLN, together with the Marianists are extremely grateful for your generosity. However much you give, large or small, all makes a huge difference.

Our Africa Fund Commitment

The Africa Fund is run by a small committee. We continue to have very direct contact with OLN which means you can be assured that every penny donated is used as intended.

Thanks to your generosity, in the 19 years that the Corpus Christi Africa Fund has existed, over **£500,000** has been raised.