

# *St Patrick's Parish Coatbridge*



**Project: to assist in  
the building and equipping  
of a rural Hospital in  
Nigeria**

We in St Patrick's have taken on a project to help complete a hospital building in Nigeria, at the request of Fr Jake Otonko who frequently visits St Patrick's.

The Hospital is in Fr Jake's native region. He was determined to provide such a facility as he had witnessed tragic loss of life that could have been avoided if hospital facilities were available.

We agreed to take this on as a project or challenge. I asked for volunteers to form a committee and the response was most encouraging. We had a very lively first meeting on Monday 3 September at which many worthwhile fundraising initiatives were agreed.

Although no definite target was set, we do hope to raise at least £25,000, but the sky is the limit! The project will last for 9 months and will finish with a Grand Finale function in the Hall at the end of June 2015.

The following fundraising functions are planned:

The Halloween Dance (Saturday 1 November)  
and the St Andrew's Night function (Saturday 29 November)  
will be targeted for the Fund;

Quiz Night—Friday 14 November

Race Night—Friday, 13 February 2015

Prize Bingo—Wednesday, 13 May 2015

We also hope to have collection boxes available to collect loose change, etc.

In addition to all this, we will resurrect the "Monthly Draw" for 9 months (October 2014—June 2015). Recruiting for this will take place next Sunday after all Masses. £5 per month (£45 in total) with Prizes of £200; £100; £50.

We plan a Grand Christmas Draw with quite substantial prizes and will be happy to receive suggestions or prize sponsors.

We encourage people to engage in private fundraising schemes, e.g. In the family or local gatherings. Already, more than £700 has been handed in as Donations or Monetary Gifts. We encourage this if anyone wishes to make a straightforward donation.

This programme will prove quite fruitful, I am certain, if we enter wholeheartedly into it—so it is best foot forward and off we go!



There is now a link to Twitter on the Home Page of our website [www.stpatrickscoatbridge.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickscoatbridge.co.uk) where we hope to keep parishioners and others up to date with the project as it develops.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eamonn', written in a cursive style.

Father Eamonn