

Poor Clare Newsletter



A warm welcome from your Poor Clare Sisters in Bulwell, Nottingham as we contact you to bring you up to date with the 'Mission' to raise funds to support the rebuild of our Monastery. (Convent)

As you all are well aware, our Monastery has been deemed not 'fit for purpose', and we are experiencing many problems as the building deteriorates. It has been accepted that we should have a rebuild and so that is why and when we started our fundraising campaign back in May 2021.

We continue to work with the Diocese and their architects are currently drawing up plans. We hope to receive them soon and that will give us a clearer picture of our next stages for development. A topographical survey has now been completed costing £1600.

One thing for sure is that we are continuing to seek support and are planning lots of future projects that will help us with this mammoth rebuild journey

When we were about to first arrive here two years ago, we appointed a builder to action work for the arrival of the sisters. Unfortunately, the workmanship was very poor and the company went into liquidation and therefore we have had little comeback. Many of our current problems are as a result of this below standard work.

Currently, accommodation is being sought within the Diocese for us to stay during the rebuild and as winter approaches. We will not all be able to stay together, but we have to proceed with this plan for the good and safety of all. Please pray that suitable places can be found.

Of course - We will be back!!!!

So let's bring you up to date with our Fundraising Campaign.

Thanks to the amazing publicity and support from so many, we are moving forward. To rebuild we need £3.5 million.

Through amazing donations, a generous legacy, sponsorship, runs, cake sales in school, the following has been raised to date:
May £46,000
June £30,500
July. £4,000
Legacy £30,000

Our own funds towards the build
£900,000 from the sale of Hawarden Convent.

Bringing to date a total of £1,035,000 achieved towards our rebuild!

We are overwhelmed by the continued financial and prayerful support that we are receiving. May God Reward so many of you for everything you are doing to help us.

A list of all donors so far has been kept and all will be transcribed into a book for future records in thanksgiving for such generosity.

So where do we go from here? Still a long way to go

Our next venture is to complete another virtual walk from Rome to Assisi in the footsteps of St Francis.



We started our walk on 11th August - the Feast day of St Clare, the patroness of our religious order and hope to complete the miles covered by October 4th - the Feast day of St Francis of Assisi.

We are aiming to walk 6400 steps per day each and covering 178 miles in the grounds of our monastery.

St Francis rebuilt the Church in San Damiano near Assisi for St Clare in the 12th Century after feeling he received a message to do so. This was where the first Community of Poor Clare sisters was established.

So just imagine nine centuries later, your own sisters in little Bulwell are attempting to do the very same and working so hard to rebuild our home of prayer and spirituality with so much help from so many.

In the convent, we have produced a large mural of the Church of San Damiano and are asking friends to 'buy a brick' that will in turn support the rebuilding of the Monastery (convent) here in Bulwell.

From this starting point.



Donations of £5 per brick (or more) are being gratefully received and donor names are being written on the mural.

A lot of people have already donated in memory of loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for the support the Poor Clare sisters have given to them, or just because they want to help.

It's a wonderful and easy way to help - a great sense of feeling you are doing a little bit to add 'another brick in the wall'.

So how can you donate?

Just Giving Page

Bank transfer - details in nottsnuns.co.uk

Cash donations via the convent

Check out our Facebook page

Poor Clare Colettines

which will link you to our YouTube news of the walk and give you all up to date information.

We will be keeping our Buy a brick campaign as an ongoing project.

Also on September 18th we will be hosting a Sale of our Work in the Parish Centre and grounds from midday to 2.00pm. We are busy preparing lots of goods that can be used as gifts in the future using all of our gifts and talents. Spread the news to family and friends.

Thank you to you all for taking time to read about how things are going.

We hope this note has given you an idea of where we are at and where we need to get to.

We will keep you in our prayers and hope that you will support us in whatever way you can.

God reward you for your love, care and support.

Your Poor Clare Sisters in Bulwell.

**To this401 bricks sold to date.....
Thank you so much!!!!**

