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### **Visit to St Peter's Parish, Jangbunu**

**Since we last reported on above project, Iris Byrne, the Chairperson of the Twinning Committee went to Nigeria at the invitation of Bishop Stephen to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Yola. She spent two weeks in Yola (at her own expense) and while there the Bishop brought her to our 'adopted parish', Jangbunu, to see things for herself. The access road was even worse than she had imagined from Bishop Stephen's earlier description.**

**The €4,000 sent for the Jangbunu water borehole project had only arrived with the Bishop in Yola shortly before Iris arrived. Since her return home he sent an e-mail (on display in the Twinning Corner of our Church) explaining that the drilling machine for the borehole failed to get through on the bad road due to the rainy season, which had, in fact, started while Iris was there. If the rains subside they will try again. If not, it will be postponed until November when the rains stop. Meanwhile, as the Bishop said 'the Lord provides through the rains, the streams are full but it is not safe for drinking. Since the desirable is not available, the available becomes desirable.'**

**The Parish Priest of Jangbunu, Fr. Joseph Kofa, is overjoyed at the twinning of our parishes. Iris was very pleased to see that the Twinning banner sent out was hanging in the church. She asked Fr. Joseph what their greatest current need is and after consulting with his parishioners he said that it is a nursery school for the children aged between 4 and 6. Bishop Stephen is examining this and is very likely to recommend it as the next project (after the borehole) for which our financial support would be welcome.**

**In his e-mail Bishop Stephen asks for prayers for him and his diocese which is under curfew from 6pm to 6 am, with military presence everywhere, due to the threat from the Boko Haram Islamist movement. Before his recent return to Nigeria, after a holiday in Ireland, Fr. Anthony Wolfu (previously in Meadowbrook) spoke to us at a Monday morning Mass of the danger to churchgoers while also encouraging us in our support for our brothers and sisters in Jangbunu.**

**Many thanks to parishioners for their great support to date.**

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