

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2015



2014 saw us raise a record £21,164.72.

This year we will be supporting:

**Hope Romania**, a charity that was set up in 1991 to work with orphaned and abandoned children in Romania and brings them up in a secure Christian environment. The charity has gradually moved from the care and education of children to that of teenagers and young adults including outreach work. Financial support from the Lenten project will help Hope Romania continue its important work amongst those enduring terrible poverty.

**Let the Children Live!** is a charity that works with 600 boys and girls from the streets and shanty-towns of the city of Medellín, Colombia. You may recall the visit of Fr. Peter Walters earlier in the year who explained that these children whose ages range from 6 to teenage are called 'the disposable ones'. The Lenten project is being asked to the charity financially so that they can continue to safeguard the lives of these children by giving them love, education and a future.

**The Preda Foundation** works for the implementation of laws that will empower the poor and protect their rights. This specifically includes protecting the weak and the defenceless especially children and women exploited in demeaning labour. The funds we raise will help the charity to run a new anti-trafficking scheme to save the children who in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan are trafficked from the Philippines and sold into child sex slavery.

**Rakshabhavan Charitable Society** is a home for the elderly men, the vulnerable and parents who have been abandoned by their children. This home provides shelter, food, and medical care for these people and spiritual support. They are caring for 50 people in this home. Our support will help fund construction of a hall that will house a further 15-16 people and an area where handicapped residents may relax.