

Mission Together—the children’s branch of Missio

Mission Together helps children around the world to grow in love of Christ and love of neighbour. In England and Wales, Mission Together’s aim is twofold: to support essential children’s projects in places of poverty and turmoil, and to support the mission of Catholic education through the creation of free catechetical classroom resources. Please visit & share the Mission Together website with your parish catechetical team and local Catholic schools: **missiontogether.org.uk**



Local Secretaries’ guide and webpage

We have been busy updating the Local Secretaries’ handbook that is sent out to new Local Secretaries when they are appointed. You can download the new Local Secretaries handbook from our new look page for Local Secretaries: **missio.org.uk/LS**

Local Secretary training 2024

We are hosting further online training sessions for Local Secretaries in 2024. The training is particularly relevant for those of you new to the role, but it is open to all. It is an opportunity to meet other Local Secretaries, discuss Mission, share your thoughts, and pick up new ideas. Each session lasts no more than 90 minutes. Please choose whichever **one** date suits you best. To register, please email **redbox@missio.org.uk**

Tuesdays are at 10:30am and Wednesdays are at 6:30pm
23 or 24 April; 25 or 26 June;
24 or 25 September; 12 or 13 November

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Local Secretaries Southern Newsletter Spring 2024



Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoyed a happy and peaceful Christmas. A big thank you for sending in your Annual Returns that enable us to allocate the Red Box donations to your parish. It is great to see how your fundraising efforts are being rewarded.

In this newsletter you’ll find news about some exciting Red Box research we are undertaking that we need your help with. We have also included details of the Mill Hill Missionary Novena to St Joseph that we are all invited to join in prayer. There are details of some Mission Masses and gatherings for the Spring and Summer months and we’d be delighted to see many of you at these important gatherings.

Thank you for all your efforts in the parishes. We look forward to seeing you at a gathering during the year.

Dave Wheat, Regional Community Fundraiser

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Mission Today

We hope you and your parish community enjoy the Spring edition of *Mission Today*. We have a particular focus on the support of tomorrow's generation of Priests and Sisters. The uplifting account of Fr Vincent's journey



of faith to become the National Director of Missio in Malawi shows how important the prayerful support of the Catholic community in England & Wales is to seminarians around the world.

Could your parish support a seminarian through prayer and donations? Our new dedicated page on the Missio website has details of how parish communities or individuals can sponsor seminarians. Take a look so, as Local Secretary, you can encourage support: missio.org.uk/sponsor

Red Box research - We need your help!

We are undertaking some exciting research into the Red Box to explore the Red Box communities' understanding of where their donation goes and who it supports. We'd also like to discover the motivations behind their giving (whether they give through their Red Box or directly). We all know that people are using less cash these days, so we also want to make sure people feel part of the Red Box community, even if they now give more directly than putting cash into their box.

In the coming weeks, we will be appealing for people to take part in some interviews. You will receive emails about it, so please look out for them. If you are not on email and want to be kept informed, please let Dave or Theresa know. Details on the front of this newsletter.

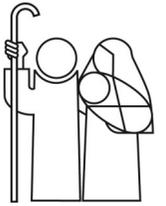
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Novena to St Joseph

We invite you and your Red Box supporters to join the Mill Hill Missionaries in prayer during their Novena to St Joseph **10–18 March**. The daily reflections and prayer to St Joseph can be downloaded and requested by visiting the Novena webpage: millhillmissionaries.com/novena.



This page will also host the livestream Masses from St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead during the Novena week.

Mission Masses

It will be great to see you and your Red Box holders at one of our Mission Masses in 2024. Keep an eye out for more events in your Diocese by visiting missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events

Archdiocese of Cardiff:

Saturday 18 May Mass at 11am celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole at the Cathedral of St David, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF, followed by refreshments.

Diocese of Shrewsbury:

Saturday 1 June Mass 11 am celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies at St Michael & All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE, followed by refreshments.

Diocese of Portsmouth:

Wednesday 8 May Mass at 7pm, St Theresa's Church Beaumont Road, Totton. SO40 3AL.

Tuesday 4 June Mass at 7pm, Christ the King Church, Northumberland Ave, Reading RG2 8NR.

Tuesday 18 June Mass at 7pm, St Laurence Church, Station Road, Petersfield GU32 2ED.

Further Masses and events will be announced when finalised.



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