

2017

**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**

## Newsletter Inserts & Your Questions Answered

### Inserts for your Parish Newsletter

#### Sunday 15 October 2017 – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. **Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world.** Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

#### Sunday 22 October 2017 – Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. **Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world.** Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

#### Sunday 29 October 2017 – Thank you

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year please go to **missio.org.uk** or call **020 7821 9755**.

## Online

[missio.org.uk/wms](http://missio.org.uk/wms)

All of the World Mission Sunday materials are available on Missio's website.

This will make it easier for those who wish to copy and paste directly into your own materials, for example, your parish newsletter. Here is a list of the available material:

- Newsletter Inserts & Your Questions Answered
- World Mission Sunday poster
- The Holy Father's Message & Prayer Intentions
- Suggested Homily & Intercessions
- Notes for Children's Liturgy
- Social Media images



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[#WorldMissionSunday](https://twitter.com/MissioUK)



*A young mother and child in a refugee camp in South Sudan. They fled in search of safety, after learning the fighting and violence was approaching their village.*

## Your Questions Answered

### Q. Where do I send the World Mission Sunday collection to?

A. Please send donations and all completed Gift Aid envelopes from your parish directly to Missio in the Freepost envelope provided inside this pack. Cheques from parishioners, made out to World Mission Sunday or Missio, can be sent directly to us together with the parish collection. We will only be able to claim the Gift Aid on your parish or community donations if you send the money collected and any Gift Aid envelopes directly to us. **Please do not send to your diocesan offices.**

### Q. Why are all parishes asked to support World Mission Sunday?

A. All parishes throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday because it is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. **The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools, to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries.**

Requested by the local community, the support from Missio transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow: spreading the Good News of the Gospel, ministering to the faithful and delivering essential services in health and education. **World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections** and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father as the means by which we share what we have with our brothers and sisters in need.

### Q. How can we continue supporting Missio after World Mission Sunday?

A. Missio raises funds for the overseas mission of the Church through the APF-Mill Hill Red Boxes which are in around 200,000 Catholic homes.

Throughout the year, Missio works in partnership with the Mill Hill Missionaries to raise funds and awareness for overseas mission through the Red Box. If your parish doesn't already promote the Red Box, please consider an appeal after World Mission Sunday. Other ways of supporting the mission of the Church include praying for the work of missionaries and volunteering for Missio.

You can also support overseas mission by sending Mass stipends to priests overseas via Missio. A priest can say Mass for your intentions and at the same time receive much-needed financial support.

**For more information, please call: 020 7821 9755 or visit our website: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)**

## Q. What is the difference between World Mission Sunday and Home Mission?

Q. World Mission Sunday is a Papal collection taken at Mass on the penultimate Sunday in October. It goes to support the 1,069 dioceses in 157 countries around the world where the Universal Church is too new, young or poor to survive without our help. Home Mission is the collection for evangelisation and outreach in England and Wales only.

## Q. How can I donate online?

Q. Individual supporters can give directly through our secure website. Simply visit [www.missio.org.uk/wms2017](http://www.missio.org.uk/wms2017) to help bring peace to South Sudan and around the world.

## Gift Aid Envelopes

We would be grateful if you could announce the availability of Gift Aid envelopes at Mass. Gift Aid envelopes allow tax payers to make a donation from which Missio can claim an extra 25% at no cost to the supporter.

### For extra Gift Aid envelopes:

Telephone: **020 7821 9755**

Email: [worldmissionsunday@missio.org.uk](mailto:worldmissionsunday@missio.org.uk)

**Those not able to Gift Aid can simply donate to the World Mission Sunday collection at Mass.**

**Please thank the parish counters for all their help.**

Guidelines are enclosed in this pack for them.

**Thank you!**

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