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The National Director writes



The faithful women who were the first to visit the tomb of Jesus were told that he had risen and was going before them to Galilee. It would be there that they would see him, just as he had told them. They went with the disciples to Galilee and it was there that they met the Risen Jesus, who later said to them: *'Go to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation'*.

The great feast of Easter reminds us not only that God raised Jesus from death, but also of our mission to proclaim this good news to the world.

Christ still goes before us, calling us to meet him, as Pope Francis tells us, 'above all among the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, those who cannot repay you. Today and always, the poor are the privileged recipients of the Gospel, and the fact that it is freely preached to them is a sign of the kingdom that Jesus came to establish'.

In this edition of *Mission Today* you will see exactly what your generosity is achieving around the world, especially in many areas where the Church is young or poor. Your ongoing support of our partners, the Mill Hill Missionaries, enables the Gospel to be preached to those in need of good news.

Through your support, countless people will receive the Good News and with us, know that Christ is risen! On their behalf, thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr Anthony Tony

Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director

Morning Offering

Eternal Father, I offer you everything I do this day - my thoughts, works, joys and sufferings. Grant that, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and united to Jesus in the Eucharist, my life this day may be of service to you and to others. And with Mary and the whole Church I pray especially for the Pope's prayer intention this month. **Amen**

Be a missionary through prayer

Whoever and wherever we are, we can all be missionary: joining together in prayer with the wider Church, volunteering for Missio or giving generously through the Red Box. These are all valuable ways to further the work of mission.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



Please join Pope Francis and the whole Church in praying for these monthly prayer intentions, particularly for ten minutes on Fridays at 12.30pm

JULY

Priests and their pastoral ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

AUGUST

The treasure of families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

SEPTEMBER

Young people in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

OCTOBER

The mission of Religious men and women

That consecrated Religious men and women may actively seek to be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.



Red Box 2017



You have helped millions of people throughout the world in 2017 through your generous and prayerful support of the Red Box

When we walk past our Red Box – whether next to the phone or on the shelf in the kitchen – it can be easy to forget the impact those pennies and prayers are having in communities from Malawi to Myanmar; from the world’s newest country of South Sudan to India.

Every penny, pound and prayer with which you fill your Red Box has made a huge difference to our sisters and brothers around the world.

Your Red Box has helped to raise over £3 million in 2017. Through it, you have been helping people like Fr Henry (pictured opposite) and the community of St Thomas’s Parish in Malawi. You may have seen him on the ‘Thank You’ poster displayed in your church.

Fr Henry says, ‘The Church is a community. It is a family that has to take care of itself and reaches out to others – to the whole family of God.’

And that is just what you have been doing. Thanks to your support, Fr Henry is able to travel on makeshift roads for many hours to reach the remote villages which form the parish he ministers to.

Anne, an elderly member of the community, says, ‘The priest brings to our village Christ’s presence in Holy Communion. The presence of the priest is very important. As old people, we often miss out on going to church. It makes my heart heavy. When the priest comes, Jesus has visited us. Christ comes into our villages and our homes.’

Fr Henry and the whole community are very grateful that thousands of miles away from the parish of St Thomas, their sisters and brothers here in England and Wales are praying for and supporting them.

‘Thank you for believing in us year after year. We know that the people of England and Wales continue to pray for us daily. Please know that we, too, pray for you and thank God for the love shown to us.’



A Almost every parish in England and Wales – over 2,500 of them – has a Local Secretary – the coordinator for the Red Box collections in their parish. Most parishes also have other volunteers, including Treasurers to keep track of the finances, Promoters to help collect the money and deliver copies of *Mission Today*. To all of these thousands of volunteers who give of their time and energy so generously, we say a huge

thank you! People like Fr Henry and Anne in Malawi would not get the support they need without those wonderful volunteers. It's yet another example of people here in the UK taking up their Baptismal call to be missionaries. Next time you see your local volunteers, please do say thank you. And if you would like to help out yourself, speak to your parish priest or Local Secretary.

Income from Red Boxes 2017

Diocese	Income 2016	Income 2017	Increase/ Decrease (-)
Arundel & Brighton	£162,881	£164,287	£1,406
Birmingham	£300,143	£297,527	-£2,616
Brentwood	£85,798	£90,864	£5,066
Cardiff	£95,316	£94,768	-£548
Clifton	£123,376	£122,939	-£437
East Anglia	£49,334	£59,338	£10,004
Hallam	£46,470	£42,681	-£3,789
Hexham & Newcastle	£241,625	£233,983	-£7,642
Lancaster	£92,742	£92,901	£159
Leeds	£94,874	£93,718	-£1,156
Liverpool	£351,162	£332,340	-£18,822
Menevia	£32,047	£32,042	-£5
Middlesbrough	£75,724	£76,170	£446
Northampton	£65,508	£68,606	£3,098
Nottingham	£101,924	£105,136	£3,212
Plymouth	£104,617	£85,409	-£19,208
Portsmouth	£151,870	£152,081	£211
Salford	£271,564	£256,311	-£15,253
Shrewsbury	£129,374	£134,153	£4,779
Southwark	£204,869	£209,562	£4,693
Westminster	£219,575	£242,722	£23,147
Wrexham	£22,021	£21,794	-£227
Anonymous donations	£16,717	£19,302	£2,585
Totals	£3,039,531	£3,028,634	-£10,897

We know that the composition and geographical size of every parish and diocese is different. The table is not meant to rank dioceses against one another, but to show how much has been raised both through Red Box collections and Direct Debits.

**NB In 2016 the Plymouth Diocese total included a one-off donation of £20,000 which accounts for the total fluctuating between 2016 and 2017.*

Many people give to the Red Box regularly via Direct Debit, often as well as having a physical Red Box in their home as a reminder to pray for all missionaries. If you would like to set up a regular gift, you can fill in the Direct Debit form in the middle of this edition of *Mission Today*, or go to missio.org.uk/donate-apf

You can also give via Credit or Debit Card online or by calling 020 7821 9755 during office hours

To love and to serve



The Mill Hill Missionaries, or St Joseph's Missionary Society of Mill Hill, are an international fellowship of Catholic missionaries dedicated to announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ to people throughout the world. Founded by Cardinal Herbert Vaughan in 1866, they are the only major missionary society to have been formed in England.

Since 1936, the Mill Hill Missionaries have been working in partnership with Missio's APF through the Red Box programme, in parishes throughout England and Wales.



There are currently 215 young men studying to become Mill Hill Missionaries throughout the world. In 2017, four Members were ordained Mill Hill Missionaries – three from Kenya and one from Cameroon. We congratulate them and wish them every blessing in their ministry!

By giving through the Red Box you are supporting the work of Mill Hill Missionaries in the following areas:

Africa

Uganda: Loyoro, Panyangara, Mbikko

Kenya: Luanda, Shauri Moyo, Malindi, Nanga, Kisumu Ndogo, Witu, Kitale

Cameroon: Fundong, Ilung, Oku, Kembong, Mutengene

South Africa: Sasolburg Parish and Parys. Also helping in Viljoenskroon and the Cathedral Parish

Congo: Basankusu

South Sudan: Juba

Asia

Pakistan: Kotri, Tando Adam, Tando Allahyar, Matli, Sargodha, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Nowshera

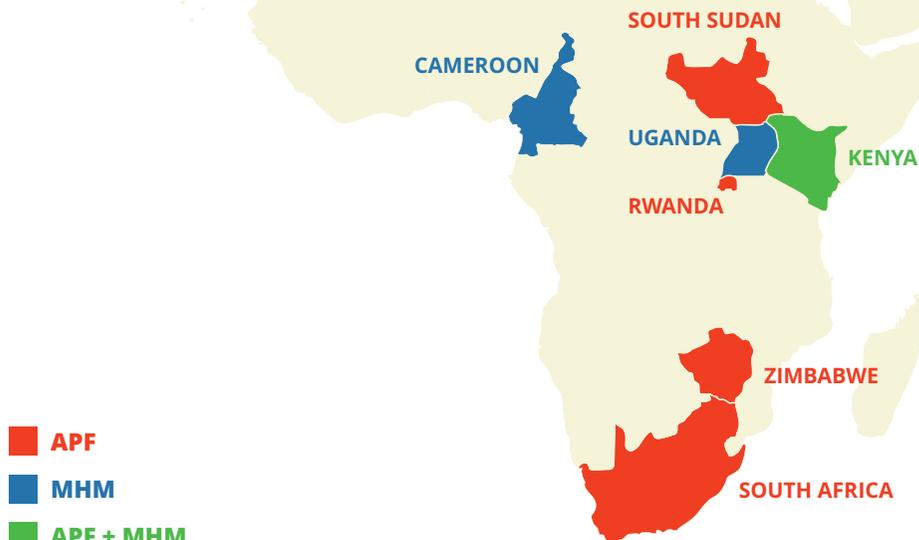
India: Pargi, Vikarabad, Nellikuduru, Baswar, Vishunpur

Philippines: Casay, Anini-y, Turda

Malaysia: Sarikei, Julau, Bintangor, Kapit, Kanowit, Lapok, Miri, Belaga

To find out more about the Mill Hill Missionaries, please visit: millhillmissionaries.org.uk

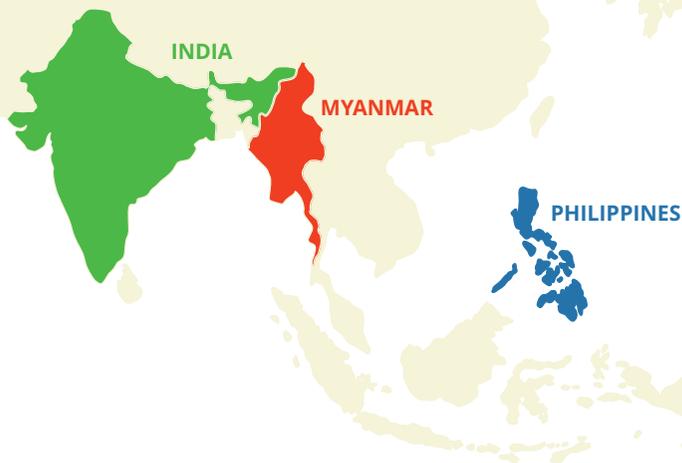
Where you've helped



This information relates to Missio's APF in England and Wales. Missio internationally supports the work of the Catholic Church in 157 countries

Missio's APF and the Mill Hill Missionaries divide all of the money collected through the Red Boxes. The APF share is distributed to build churches, train Church leaders and support communities of faith, as part of its mandate to promote the worldwide mission of the Church. The Mill Hill share supports the Mill Hill Society, enabling it to train and maintain its priests, brothers and lay associates and to support their overseas work.





Don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with the latest stories from the people you are supporting, as well as prayers and information on upcoming events for members of the Red Box family



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Facebook.com/MillHillMissionaries



Twitter.com/MissioUK

Our global family

The Church in numbers

Each year the Vatican releases the latest statistics on our global Church. In over 1,000 missionary dioceses around the world which are too young or poor to support themselves, the work of the Church continues thanks to your generosity and prayerful support



60,349,113

children and young people are being educated in:



7.6 billion

people in the world;
1 in 6 are baptised
Catholics



95,644

Catholic primary schools

47,415

Catholic secondary
schools



16,610

dispensaries
and clinics



5,319

hospitals



9,924

orphanages



604

care homes for
people living with
leprosy



16,270

homes for the
elderly, chronically
ill, or disabled



116,843

seminarians in their final
four years of study

415,656

priests



351,797

lay missionaries

3,122,653

catechists working with children,
young people and adults
to explore their faith

Source: FIDES (Catholic Church Statistics 2017)

Just one new priest can make all the difference

Hirushan was seven years old when the civil war in Sri Lanka broke out in 1983. Ethnic tensions split the blood of tens of thousands of innocent people. Over 25 years of violence followed... the physical and psychological scars remain.

Today, Hirushan is in his final year at the National Seminary of Our Lady of Lanka in Kandy, Sri Lanka. He hopes to share the gift of faith with his local community. He knows that as a priest he cannot change the world: *'but I will change my life so that others, seeing how I live, may change theirs.'*

Being a visible sign of God's love in his community is crucial.

In addition to their studies, Hirushan and his fellow seminarians go into orphanages to teach children, they visit prisons to minister to inmates and they work with the poor.

Unfortunately, the seminary cannot cover the cost of this vital seminarian training alone. With your help, Missio's Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA) ensures that no religious vocation in a mission diocese is turned away through lack of funds.

Individually or as a group, by giving £42 a month you can ensure a seminarian's place at seminary; £2,000 will pay for his final four years of training.

By sharing the gift of faith you bring a real, lasting difference to those in need, investing in the future leaders of our Church.



'The most valuable gift I have been given is my smile. May that gift help me to bring people to God!'

Read more about Hirushan and his fellow seminarians in Sri Lanka at missio.org.uk/spa

For more information about supporting a seminarian, please call 020 7821 9755, email spa@missio.org.uk or visit missio.org.uk/spa





Help Missio's APF-Mill Hill bring faith and hope to where they are most needed

Your prayers and generosity make possible the essential and life-giving mission of the Church in our world.

Red Box holders and annual members are part of Missio's APF-Mill Hill worldwide family and play a vital role in the mission of the Church, bringing God's love and renewed hope to the poorest and most in need.

Your support

To offer your support, please complete the form overleaf and return it to the address provided.

You can also call 020 7821 9755, or visit missio.org.uk



Leave a legacy of faith – care for the future of our Church

Please help us show the love of Jesus to the children of our world.

Gifts left to us in our supporters' Wills help us to reach out with God's compassion to those who live in turmoil, poverty and uncertainty throughout the world. By making a gift to Missio's APF and/or Mill Hill in your Will, you are providing the building blocks of our churches, schools, orphanages and clinics and leaving a foundation of faith for the future.

Please ask for our information brochure (see next page), which will be sent to you in confidence and without any obligation on your part.

If you would prefer to speak to someone, please call Mary Rafat, Legacy Administrator, at Missio's National Office on 020 7821 9755.

Alternatively you can email the National Director, Fr Anthony Chantry, at: director@missio.org.uk



Our Lady's Guild of the Sick

In the spirit of St Thérèse of Lisieux, members of Our Lady's Guild of the Sick offer up their prayers, their pains and suffering for the mission of the Church and its missionaries.

By becoming a member of the Guild, you will receive a quarterly newsletter and a *Mission Today* magazine. On the first Friday of each month Holy Mass is offered for your intentions in the chapel at Herbert House – the Mill Hill Missionaries' home for sick and retired missionaries.

Membership is free and you can become a member of Our Lady's Guild by ticking the box in the blue section on the page opposite. Please remember to fill out your name and address above (in the white section) and return to us.

'By making such an offering, the sick themselves become missionaries'

St John Paul II



Celebrating Mass in Palestine

Send your Mass intention to Missio

The custom of requesting a priest to offer Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be present at Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church.

The faithful usually make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention, such as an anniversary or birthday. By making this offering and by parting with something that is their own, the faithful associate themselves more intimately with Christ. The offering of a stipend is also a means for Catholics to contribute to the upkeep of the clergy.

Many priests in Africa and Asia depend entirely on Mass stipends for their income. Please help them by sending your Mass intentions to Missio and we will pass them on to a priest overseas.

Please add your Mass intentions on the form opposite



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Please fill in the form below and return to:

National Director, Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU

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***Required fields**

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Date _____ **N.B. Please ensure the box is ticked.**

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I enclose a donation of £ _____ *(please make cheques/postal orders payable to APF-Mill Hill)*. You can also give online at **missio.org.uk** or call us on 020 7821 9755 *(office hours)* or via Credit Card/Direct Debit – see over

I would like to make an **annual gift**, offering £30 or more a year

I will collect a Red Box from my parish Local Secretary or Parish Priest *(money from Red Boxes is collected by volunteers in your parish)*

I would like to become a **volunteer for the APF** in my parish

Please tick if you require a receipt

Please send me information on how to leave a **gift in my Will**

I would like to become a member of **Our Lady's Guild of the Sick**

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I would like _____ *(please state number)* **Mass/es** offered for the following intentions (please use a separate sheet if necessary):

Intentions:

I enclose £ _____ *(the recommended offering is £10 or more per Mass; please make cheques payable to Missio Mass a/c or see over to pay by card)*

Please tick if you require a receipt

Please tick if you would like to receive a Mass Card



To donate via card

Please ensure you have filled in the front of this form first!

Your details (PLEASE PRINT)

*Required fields

I would like to pay £ _____ by:

Visa/Mastercard Maestro/Delta/Visa CAF Charity Card

Name on card (PLEASE PRINT)* _____

Card No* _____

Issue No _____ Start date _____

Expiry date* _____ Security code* _____ Last three numbers on the signature strip on the back of your card

Please tick if you require a receipt

To donate via Direct Debit

I wish to pay Missio the sum of (Please tick):

£30 £50 £100 Other £ _____
 Monthly Quarterly Annually on the:
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Name and full postal address of your bank or building society

To: The Manager _____ Bank/building society _____

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Instruction to your Bank/building society: Please pay Missio Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Missio and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature of account holder _____

Date _____

Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.



Never losing hope in Nairobi



Alone and scared, countless young women around the world are vulnerable and at risk of exploitation

In many parts of Kenya, the challenging situation is made worse due to extreme poverty – a severe lack of food, shelter, education and employment. Young girls are easily trapped into prostitution and sexual exploitation in their efforts to earn a meal or a meagre living. Vulnerable and destitute, many are orphans or come from abusive relationships at home. Local social services offer little in the way of support, so it is our responsibility, as a Church, to be a voice for the voiceless.

With your support through Missio, the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi are that voice.

The Cardinal Maurice Otunga Empowerment Centre for Girls aims to rehabilitate and empower girls from the streets and slums of Nairobi. Social workers move about the community, identifying those in greatest need. These girls are then encouraged to abandon their life on the streets and offered the opportunity of an education and skills training at the Centre.

The Sisters care for up to thirty female students at a time, aged between fourteen and twenty years. Many of the girls have never been to school, so they are taught English, reading and writing. The Sisters also help them to regain their self-worth and self-respect both by nurturing them and teaching them skills such as housekeeping, nutrition, sewing and knitting.

After two years of training they are able to earn a living by using their newly acquired skills. Some go on to work in tourism, hospitality and catering while others work as seamstresses in factories or in their own small businesses.





'These girls are then encouraged to abandon their life on the streets and offered the opportunity of an education and skills training at the Centre.'

The Assumption Sisters continue to look out for the girls for two years after they have left the Centre to ensure they stay on their feet in the outside world. The hope is that through the newly acquired skills they will become economically independent and not end up back on the streets and in the slums of Nairobi.

Please keep their work in your prayers.

Find out more about how your Red Box is transforming lives by visiting [missio.org.uk/about-apf](https://www.missio.org.uk/about-apf)

Mission report: Case study

Despite working since she was 5 years old, Jinny* can recall a week when her family couldn't afford to eat

She also recalls being given clothes by families in her village, as purchasing them was impossible. Caring for a mother with a physical disability and losing her father at the age of 9 in a car accident, her prospects for the future were bleak.

Then Jinny met the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi and came to live at the Centre. Her favourite subject is dressmaking and when asked if she enjoys living at the Centre, she says: 'The Sisters have protected me. I like it so much here and I know that after one year, I will be perfect at making dresses.'

As for her future, Jinny dreams of becoming a teacher. She wants to make dresses to earn an income and with this income, she will pay for her tertiary studies.

When asked about her suffering in the past, she says 'you should never lose hope, because Jesus is there to help you.'

**Name has been changed to protect identity*



A huge thank you...

The time and dedication thousands of volunteers contribute to the work of mission is truly remarkable

Being a volunteer is not just about the money collected in Red Boxes, but about handing on the faith to new generations. Whenever we can, we try to thank our volunteers for their time and effort, their witness and for living out their missionary calling in this special way.



Fiona Pettit, her mother, Catherine Harries and friend, Betty Kamanye with Catherine's Silver Award and Certificate at St Peter's, Rushden, Northamptonshire



Deacon John Morrill, Canon Simon Blakesley and Deacon Chris Brighten presenting Carole Barlow her Bronze Award and Certificate in Newmarket, Suffolk



Patricia and Clive Townsend were unable to attend the Mass in Brandon/Mildenhall, Suffolk, where their Gold Awards and Certificate were presented, due to illness. They have been wonderful supporters of the Red Box for over 50 years!

and congratulations!

Here are some of the many inspirational volunteers who have received awards for their tireless support of our global family.

Awards are usually presented in the context of the Red Box Appeal in parishes which take place roughly every five years. People receive a certificate and unique badge to mark their service.

A Bronze Award is for between 10 and 20 years' service, and a Silver Award for over 20 years' service. We have recently introduced a Gold Award for exceptional Local Secretaries who have served for more than 45 years.

Thank you to all our Local Secretaries and Promoters!

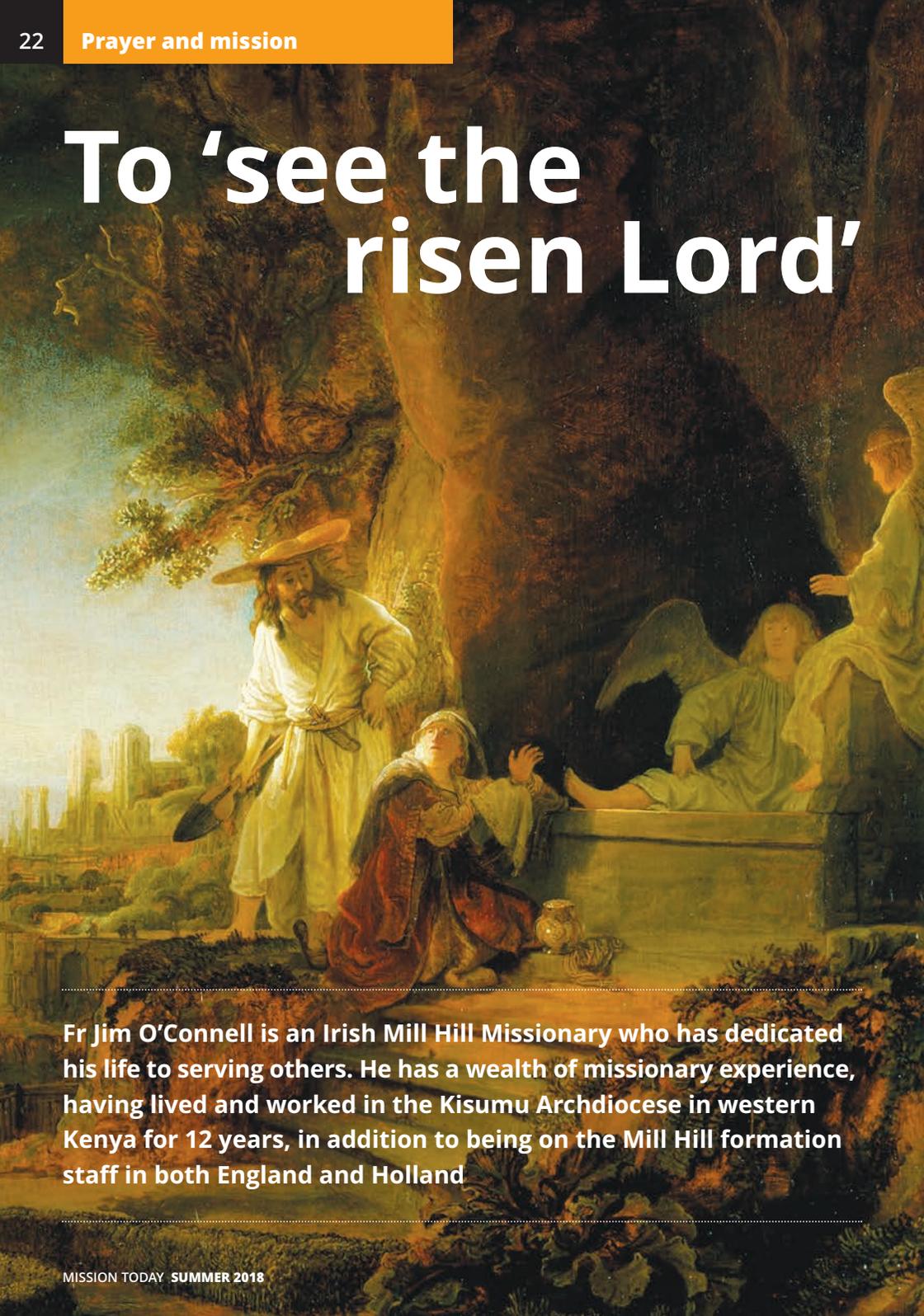


Ray Russo being presented his Bronze Award and Certificate by Lay Appealer, Eileen Tompkins, at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bethnal Green, London

Fr Jude and Fr Kevin Hughes presenting Kathy Smith with her Silver Award and Certificate at Holy Family Church in Llandudno Junction, Conwy



To 'see the risen Lord'



Fr Jim O'Connell is an Irish Mill Hill Missionary who has dedicated his life to serving others. He has a wealth of missionary experience, having lived and worked in the Kisumu Archdiocese in western Kenya for 12 years, in addition to being on the Mill Hill formation staff in both England and Holland

'Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption. With him, evil, suffering and death do not have the last word, because he gives us hope and life. He has transformed the cross from being an instrument of hate, defeat and death, to being a sign of love, victory, triumph and life.'

Pope Francis

According to St John's Gospel (John 20:11-18), Mary Magdalene was the first to 'see the Risen Lord' – though it took her a while to recognise him. As we read about what happened, we have to remember the attitude towards women in Jewish society at that time. They were oppressed and discriminated against. They were in the same category as children and shepherds and were not far removed from the level of slaves. They would not be seen as reliable witnesses.

So this makes what happened all the more remarkable; Mary Magdalene was the first to encounter the Risen Christ. She was the first to go to the tomb; she went while it was still dark. She came running to Peter to tell him what she had found: 'They have taken away my Lord, she said, and I do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and John rushed to the tomb. After they had gone into the empty tomb and seen the linen cloths, they returned home. They did not 'see the Risen Lord'.

And now comes a very interesting part, as Mary stayed there outside the tomb, weeping. She stooped down to look inside and saw two angels, who asked her why she was weeping. Suddenly, she turned

round and Jesus was standing there, but she did not recognise him. It was only when He called her name that she recognised him. Then Jesus said to her: 'Do not hold on to me... But go to the brothers and say to them "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God"' (John 20:17).

While Mary had some difficulty recognising Jesus the Risen Lord, the disciples found it even more difficult. They were full of fear and doubts and hesitation: 'they were in a state of alarm and fright, as they thought they were seeing a ghost'. They stood there dumbfounded and Jesus asked them: 'Why are you so agitated and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?' So we learn that faith in the Risen Lord did not come quickly or easily for them.

We need not be too surprised if we too have doubts and difficulties on the journey of faith; we can find ourselves groping in the dark, with fear and hesitation.

Like Mary Magdalene and the disciples, we can feel upset when we cannot 'see the Risen Lord' in our prayer, in our worship or in the experiences of daily life. But, like Mary and the disciples, we may come upon him unexpectedly and discover that he has been with us all the time, ready to bring us hope and healing, strength and courage, light and life.

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We love to hear your news and receive your comments on *Mission Today* and related topics, so please continue to fill our postbag

Dear Editor

I was saddened on hearing that Fr Frank Thompson MHM had died.

My first meeting with Fr Frank was in 2004 at St Joseph's College in Mill Hill. I was to be trained as a Lay Appeler and he was one of my teachers. He was gentle, kind and his love of mission inspired me. During the years that followed he became a good friend, one I could call on when needed.

When I go to a parish where he has been on appeals, they always ask how Fr Frank is and have such wonderful memories of him.

I was very blessed to know him. I thank God that I did.

Eileen Tompkins, Hertfordshire

Editor: Thank you for your heartfelt message, Eileen. Fr Frank was a true inspiration to many in their own faith journeys and had a deep love for mission. He lived out the love and compassion of Jesus in his life, every day. I'm sure that his legacy will live on for many years to come.

Do write to us!

Please send your thoughts and comments to:

The Editor, Mission Today,

23 Eccleston Square,

London SW1V 1NU

Or email: info@missio.org.uk

Sharing in the original Love Story

There is a beautiful sentence in one of the Prefaces of the Mass which says 'In God we live and move and have our being'. God is love and so we could just as well say 'In Love we live and move and have our being'.

The words remind us that the God of love we believe in is not remotely 'out there' in the heavens, but 'down here' with us and within us.

Love is the energy, the life-force which flows through the universe and everything in it. The created universe is love itself and the very heartbeat of God. Jesus lived and moved in love and revealed to us the very being of God and that when we love, we share in the life of Christ.

Our 'sin' is that we often allow our false self, with all its self-centredness, to hide the goodness of our true self, where we are at one with the loving personal presence of God's Being within us.

We have all heard the phrase 'a marriage made in heaven' when talking about the ideal relationship of marital love between two people. The love story between God, creation and humanity is truly 'a marriage made on earth'!

Father Peter

You can write to Fr Peter at:
**41 Victoria Road, Formby,
Liverpool L37 1LW**

All living and deceased supporters of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries are remembered at Mass in our chapel. Mill Hill priests offer Mass for deceased members in November and they are remembered at Mass every Sunday and in their Daily Office

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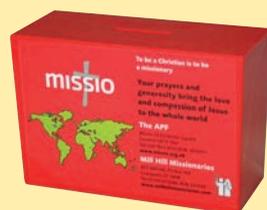


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