

YOUR GUIDE TO

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

18 October 2020

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Q Why are all parishes throughout the world asked to support World Mission Sunday?

A World Mission Sunday is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominately 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. World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world.

Q Where do I send the World Mission Sunday collection?

A Please send donations from your parish directly to Missio in the Freepost envelope provided. Cheques from parishioners, made out to World Mission Sunday or Missio, can be sent directly to us together with the parish collections. Please do not send to your diocesan offices.

Q How can I donate online?

A Individual supporters can give directly through our secure website. Simply visit **missio.org.uk/donate** and select 'World Mission Sunday' to help build a future of hope around the world. For more answers to questions, including the difference between World Mission Sunday and Home Mission, and how you can support Missio throughout the year, please visit **missio.org.uk**, call **020 7821 9755** during office hours, or email **info@missio.org.uk**

Q Where can I find more information about World Mission Sunday?

A Please give us a call during office hours on **020 7821 9755**, email us at **info@missio.org.uk** or visit our website: **missio.org.uk**

Homily notes & intercessions

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First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus is once again in conflict with the Pharisees. They cannot see who Jesus is, nor can they hear and understand His teaching about the Kingdom of God. Jesus deals with them with open honesty and gentle firmness. He stuns them with the challenge to think deeply about what in truth belongs to God. We are urged to return to the world all that belongs to the world: our deep-seated prejudices, false assumptions and irrational fears, our worship of society's current 'idols', along with unhealthy desires and cravings for all that is passing and ultimately meaningless; and to give to God our unconditional commitment to do His Will. When we have 'given back to Caesar' can we say, 'Here I am, send me!' and mean it from the depths of our being.

This is a summary of the Homily notes. For the complete version, please go to missio.org.uk/wms

Reflection

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It provides us with a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

On this day through prayer, reflection and material help we express our support of missionaries from all continents who are striving to preach and live the Gospel among those have yet to receive it.

Sister Nilcéia is a Brazilian missionary working in a health clinic in a remote area of Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. She has responded to God's call by devoting her life to the practical care and spiritual nourishment of the most vulnerable.

Please read more about her work on pages 12-13 and 16-17 of *Mission Today*. She says: 'Our small clinic is an oasis of hope. Despite the challenges, we persevere in this work because we love God and we love his people. I believe in the goodness of God and we serve as Jesus did. But sometimes, the darkness seems very dark. We share all that we have but sometimes it is not enough to save a sick child. The need here in Malawi is great but the Lord is faithful, and we continue to serve. We take courage from knowing you are with us in this mission. Together we are one family, one faith, one Church, and together we share love through good actions.'



In the Holy Father's message for World Mission Sunday, he says: 'The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures'.

Missio, the Holy Father's charity for world mission, helps Churches too poor or too young to support themselves. What you donate today will make a difference to struggling communities throughout the world.

'God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil' (Pope Francis).

This World Mission Sunday, how will we share God's love with those near and far?

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: *On this World Mission Sunday, we unite with the whole Catholic Church in praying for the coming of God's Kingdom.*

- **For Pope Francis, our Bishop... and all the leaders of the Church:** may they continue to lead us in our response to God's call to mission.
- **For all missionaries, men and women dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus with those who have not yet received it:** may they be given the strength and courage to persevere in their mission.
- **For those who have not yet received the Good News of Jesus Christ:** may we obey his call to go forth in order to reach all those in need of the light of the Gospel.
- **For young and growing Catholic communities across the world, especially the Church in Malawi:** may our prayers and charity give them courage to persevere in their mission of proclaiming the Gospel.
- **For those who live in areas of war, poverty and injustice:** may we help to heal wounds, build bridges, strengthen relationships and bear one another's burdens.
- **For those who are suffering, grieving, and anxious:** help us to strive together as one family of many nations to help those in greatest need.

Celebrant: *God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ calls us to be missionary disciples. May your Church so abound in love and compassion that the joy of the Gospel will fill the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. We ask all this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Inserts for your Parish Newsletter

'Here I am, send me!' We are all called to share God's love

Sunday 11 October 2020 – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people – 'Here I am, send me!'. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk

Sunday 18 October 2020 – Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk

Sunday 25 October 2020 – Thank you

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. 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 mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call **020 7821 9755** (office hours).

Your guide to online

World Mission Sunday materials are available on Missio's website: missio.org.uk

This will make it easier for you to copy and paste directly into your own materials, for example, your parish newsletter.

Here is a list of the available material:

World Mission Sunday – missio.org.uk/wms

- The Holy Father's Message
- Homily Notes & Intercessions
- Newsletter Inserts & FAQs
- World Mission Sunday poster
- Children's Activity Sheets (only online)

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