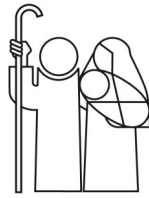


## Join us in Prayer: Mill Hill Missionaries Novena 2021

The annual Novena leading up to the feast day of St Joseph, patron of the Mill Hill Missionaries, is from 10-18 March. You should have received some information in the post from them about it already.



In this 'Year of St Joseph', you can also join the daily Novena Mass online at [millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://millhillmissionaries.com/novena) where you can find daily reflections. More information on p19 of *Mission Today*.

If you would like to receive a daily email with a Reflection and Prayer for the nine days of the Novena, please complete the form at the back of *Mission Today* or email: [info@missio.org.uk](mailto:info@missio.org.uk)

## With a Father's Heart: St Joseph and Mission

Join Fr Kevin Hughes MHM to reflect on the Pope's document for this **Year of St Joseph** and its missionary inspiration at 6pm on Thursday, 18 March. Email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) to register for the Zoom event.

## Lenten Reflections

Join us in prayer online each Friday of Lent with a reflection from Mill Hill Missionaries and members of the Missio family.

**10.30am: 19 & 26 February, 5, 12, 19, 26 March, 2 & 4 April**

Local Secretaries are welcome to stay online to chat together after the prayer.

To register email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or call **020 7821 9755**.

All reflections will also be available on [YouTube.com/MissioUK](https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK) both live and afterwards to watch again or share with others.



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# Missionaries Together

## Local Secretaries Southern Newsletter Spring 2021



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of a new newsletter for Local Secretaries.

Communication is absolutely key, especially during these challenging times, and we hope that this newsletter creates opportunities for us to support you in your role.

It complements the Local Secretary e-newsletter, and helps us to reach those of you who are not online. If you do not already receive the e-newsletter and want to, please email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk)

Missio is keen to provide opportunities for us to gather to share ideas, support, and pray together. Read on to hear about upcoming training sessions and Lent reflections. If you have any questions or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us (see below).

On behalf of the whole Missio team, a big **Thank You**. We know that you are doing all that you can to keep in touch with your Red Box holders and, where possible, to deposit money despite the difficulties we are all facing. We really appreciate whatever you are able to do.

**Dave Wheat**, *Regional Community Fundraiser*

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## ***Mission Today***

We hope that you enjoy the latest edition of *Mission Today*. If you asked not to receive your usual bulk copies due to COVID restrictions, we have done our best to post them directly to your Red Box holders. For those of you still wishing to distribute *Mission Today*, please only do so when restrictions allow, maintaining social distancing.

For your information, we have included a copy of the letter from Fr Tony plus donation form, which is included when the magazine is sent directly to supporters.

## **Annual Returns**

Thank you to all of you who have sent in your End of Year forms. Although income in 2020 was down, people continued to be incredibly generous to support the Catholic community throughout the world. Next month, once the auditors have verified the accounts, we will send out a letter and information on how much your parish has raised (both through any donations you have banked, and any donations given directly via the office).

## **Resources**

If you require any resources please email us on [redbox@missio.org](mailto:redbox@missio.org), call the office on: **020 7821 9755** or order directly from the Local Secretaries webpage at [missio.org.uk/LS](http://missio.org.uk/LS)

If you asked for any resources on your End of Year Forms, they should now have been sent to you. If you have not received them, please do get in touch using the details above.

## **Local Secretaries Facebook group**

If you haven't already joined us in our Local Secretaries Facebook group, please visit [www.facebook.com/groups/RedBoxLS](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RedBoxLS) and join the conversation!

## **Local Secretary Consultation 2021**

Over the next few months we are looking at the role of the Local Secretary, how it might develop in the years to come given the changes in banking and an ever more 'cashless society', and how we can better resource and support you, our incredible volunteers.

There is a short online survey you can take to let us know your thoughts at [www.missio.org.uk/LS](http://www.missio.org.uk/LS) Or you can call Dave or Theresa if you cannot go online.

## **Local Secretary – Online training**

We are holding online training and formation sessions throughout the year. They are an opportunity to meet other Local Secretaries, discuss Mission, share your thoughts and pick up new ideas. Each session will last no more than 90 minutes. The sessions are particularly relevant for new Local Secretaries but are open to all. Email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) to register. Later in the year we hope to hold some training 'in person'.

**Thursdays are at 6.30pm and Fridays are at 10.30am**

**29 & 30 April; 24 & 25 June; 9 & 10 September; 11 & 12 November**

## **COVID-19 Pandemic – Staying connected**

We have been so pleased to hear some of you have been receiving your vaccinations. We hope that soon we will all be protected from the virus. We hold in prayer all those working tirelessly to care for the sick and those we have lost during these challenging times. Below are a couple of ways you can keep connected whilst we are still in lockdown:

- Give your Red Box holders a call to check on them and reassure them that collections will take place when they can.
- If you, or your family, use Social Media please do follow and share **@MissioUK** on Facebook and Twitter and **@Missio\_UK** on Instagram. It is a great way of promoting Mission.