

## CAFOD/Missio Webinar: 27 May, 12 noon

Join us online on 27 May for a webinar alongside CAFOD sharing examples of how all of our work builds up local faith communities, who in turn reach out to the wider community. To register, visit: [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks](https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks)

## Year of St Joseph

We are still in this special year dedicated to St Joseph, which Pope Francis initiated in December 2020. As patron of the Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph is a particularly important saint for us all. Please continue to ask St Joseph to guide all missionaries. Visit our dedicated page for more: [missio.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph](https://missio.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph)

## Walk with Missionaries this May

May is National Walking Month. We've put together some routes across England & Wales with a link to our Christian heritage, which you may want to walk. As you follow a pilgrim trail, please pray for our missionaries around the world. More information at [missio.org.uk/walk](https://missio.org.uk/walk).

## Beatification of Pauline Marie Jaricot

We are delighted to announce that the founder of the APF, of which the Red Box is part, is to be officially recognised as 'Blessed' next year. It is the final step towards her being recognised as a saint. The celebration will take place in May 2022 in Lyon, France. We look forward to celebrating this special moment here in England and Wales, too.



# Missionaries Together

## Local Secretaries Southern Newsletter Summer 2021



Dear Friends,

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter for Local Secretaries.

It has been great to speak to many of you recently, especially those of you who are new to the role and those who I have been in touch with regarding our Local Secretaries consultation (more about this inside).

After a challenging time for all, we can see some light appearing as many of you are vaccinated and life slowly returns to 'normal'. It has been heartening to see and hear of your dedication and hard work in keeping the Red Box visible in your parishes. As always, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

This edition contains information on an opportunity to learn more about our complementary work with CAFOD, Mission Masses, and the lead up to World Mission Sunday on 24 October.

As ever, please do get in touch if you have any questions or if you need any support in your role as Local Secretary.

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

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## ***Mission Today: Impact Report***

The Summer edition of *Mission Today* is our Impact Report, showing what has been achieved thanks to you and the Red Box holders in your parish. Thank you!

There is a postcard included with the magazines. We are encouraging people to place the card next to their Red Box or somewhere prominent as a reminder to pray for those communities they are supporting. It features Fr Michael, a Mill Hill Missionary.

Throughout the year you can find out more about Fr Michael and his community at [missio.org.uk/FrMichael](http://missio.org.uk/FrMichael) This page will be updated regularly with stories from Fr Michael, so please do encourage people to keep going back to the page.

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 able to distribute *Mission Today*, please be mindful of COVID-19 safety guidance.

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.

## **Resources**

If you require any resources please email us on [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk), 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)

## **Local Secretaries' Facebook group**

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

## **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. Please choose whichever one date suits you best (it is the same session, run 6 times over the year) and 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  
24 & 25 June; 9 & 10 September; 11 & 12 November**

## **Mission Masses**

There are several diocesan-based Mission Masses planned. Please join us if you can. We hope to gather in-person at **Salford Cathedral** on 19 June at 3pm. For World Mission Month in October, there will be Mass at St Joseph's, Batley Carr, **Leeds Diocese** on 2 October and Bishop Richard Moth (**Arundel & Brighton**) will celebrate Mass at the Augustinian Friary, Crawley on 24 October. Keep an eye out for details.

**World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on 24 October.**

**How might your parish mark this great day within the Church's year, celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world?**

## **Local Secretary Consultation 2021**

It has been really fruitful speaking to, and hearing from, so many of you about the challenges you face as a Local Secretary, and the creative ways you find to carry out your role. We are bringing together all the information we have gleaned in this process, and will share what we learn in the coming months.