

## Fr Michael MHM in Malaysia

Recently we were privileged to be joined online by Fr Michael, a Mill Hill Missionary currently ministering in Malaysia. You can watch the question and answer session again at [missio.org.uk/LS](http://missio.org.uk/LS) where you will also find other resources to support you in your role.

## Paying-in books and Post Office cards

We continue to have problems receiving the cards and paying-in books from Barclays. We apologise for any inconvenience it is causing you. We are chasing the bank about it. As soon as we receive the paying-in cards (needed to pay money into the Post Office) and paying-in books, we will send them to those of you awaiting them.

## 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](http://missio.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph)

## Advent reflections

We are hoping to gather again online each week in Advent to hear from missionaries and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. If you have any ideas for the reflections, please contact Theresa.

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# Missionaries Together

## Local Secretaries Northern Newsletter Autumn 2021



Dear Friends,

We are approaching **World Mission Sunday (WMS)** on 24th October. Not only does it provide an opportunity to deepen our understanding of our own Missionary calling, it is also a chance to help our parishes to do the same. Please consider some of the following points so you might share Sr Veronica's story with the wider parish community:

- Place an item in the parish Newsletter and online each Sunday in October so that the parish are aware that WMS is approaching.
- Talk to people about what you understand about Mission & Missio.
- Encourage your Parish Priest to make use of the resources.
- Create a display at the back of church during October about Mission using copies of *Mission Today* and the WMS poster.
- Could you hold a fundraising 'coffee and cake' after Mass on WMS? Or hold a Mission prayer group (in person or virtually) in October?

All your efforts over the past months are greatly appreciated. We wish you a very happy World Mission Sunday!

**Joanne, Lorraine, Peter, Siobhan, Stephen & Theresa**

If you have any queries or need any help or advice, please don't hesitate to contact the Freshfield Office, or Theresa by email or phone.

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Don't forget that there are materials to help you in your role at

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

## ***Mission Today: World Mission Sunday***

The Autumn *Mission Today* focuses on **World Mission Sunday (WMS)**. This year we are focussing on Nigeria and the work of Sisters building peace across communities and faith groups.

The magazine includes information about the Sisters and their work, daily reflections for October, and an update from last year's WMS.

With the gradual easing of restrictions, we have sent all Local Secretaries your usual quantity of magazines. If you are unable to deliver or hand out the magazines, you should be able to leave them at the back of church for people to collect. As they focus on WMS, they are relevant until the end of October, so there is plenty of time to encourage people to have a read.

You should also have received copies of the **WMS prayer card** to give out to Red Box holders. Please get in touch if you would like any more.

*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.*

## **World Mission Sunday: 24 October 2021**

You will receive more information about World Mission Sunday in the week beginning 16 September. This will include an information booklet, a sample poster, and a sample Gift Aid envelope.

There will also be a sample 'short talk' which could be read at the end of Mass around World Mission Sunday. You may want to think about who might be able to read this—a Promoter or other volunteer, or maybe members of the Confirmation group.

The following week, your parish priest will receive all of this information, along with Gift Aid envelopes for the parish.

## **Mission Masses**

Many dioceses are celebrating Mission Month with a Mass. Join us if you can. More details at: [missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/](https://missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/)  
**Leeds Diocese:** 12.45pm on Saturday, 25 September at St Joseph's, Batley Carr

**Hallam Diocese:** 12noon on Saturday, 16 October at St Peter in Chains, Doncaster. Mass will hopefully also be live-streamed.

**Portsmouth Diocese:** 12.15pm Tuesday, 19 October at Portsmouth Cathedral with Bishop Egan

**Arundel and Brighton Diocese:** 3pm on Sunday, 24 October at Augustinian Friary, Crawley with Bishop Moth

**Westminster Diocese:** 12noon on Saturday, 30 October at St Joan of Arc, London with Bishop Paul McAleenan (**New date and time**)

## **Local Secretary Consultation 2021**

Following the first part of the consultation, there are four working groups looking at specific areas of the Red Box: cashless giving, the role of the Local Secretary, resources, and training. We will continue to share information from the consultation. You can find some initial findings on the LS page of the Missio website: [missio.org.uk/LS](https://missio.org.uk/LS)

## **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 4 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**

9 & 10 September; 11 & 12 November