

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 where you will also find other resources to support you in your role.

Paying in money at the Post Office

To pay money in at the Post Office, you now need a paying-in slip which includes a barcode. If your paying-in book does not have a barcode on each page, and you use the Post Office to pay in Red Box money, please email redbox@missio.org.uk or call **020 7821 9755**.

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

Advent reflections

Many of us joined together for online reflections in Advent and Lent, hearing from missionaries and reflecting on the upcoming Sunday gospel. We are thinking about offering the reflections again this Advent. If you are interested, or have any ideas about what we could include, please get in touch by emailing redbox@missio.org.uk or calling Dave or Theresa.

Missionaries Together

Local Secretaries Southern 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. I wish you a very happy World Mission Sunday!

Dave Wheat

Your Regional Community Fundraisers

Dave Wheat: dave@missio.org.uk Phone: 07593 544622

Arundel & Brighton, Birmingham, Brentwood, Cardiff, Clifton, East Anglia, Menevia, Northampton, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southwark and Westminster.

Theresa Codd: theresa@missio.org.uk Phone: 07593 544625

Hallam, Hexham & Newcastle, Lancaster, Leeds, Liverpool, Middlesbrough, Nottingham, Salford, Shrewsbury & Wrexham.

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/

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

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 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