

Mission Together—the children’s branch of Missio

Mission Together helps children around the world to grow in love of Christ and love of neighbour. In England and Wales, Mission Together’s aim is twofold: to support essential children’s projects in places of poverty and turmoil, and to support the mission of Catholic education through the creation of free catechetical classroom resources. Please visit & share the Mission Together website with your parish catechetical team and local Catholic schools: **missiontogether.org.uk**



Monthly Coffee & Chat

If you are free on the first Friday of the month at 10.30 a.m. Then please join us for an online coffee and chat. All are welcome to attend! Email redbox@missio.org.uk to receive the Zoom link, or get it from *your* page on the Missio website: **missio.org.uk/LS**.

Local Secretary Training 2024

The training is particularly relevant for those of you new to the role, but it is open to all. It is an opportunity to meet other Local Secretaries, discuss Mission, share your thoughts, and pick up new ideas. Please choose whichever one date suits you best. Sessions last no longer than 90 mins. To register, please email **redbox@missio.org.uk**

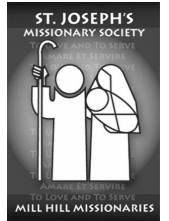
Tuesdays are at 10:30am and Wednesdays are at 6:30pm
23 or 24 April; 25 or 26 June; 24 or 25 Sept; 12 or 13 Nov

Paying in Red Box money at the Post Office

Don't forget that, to pay in **cash** at the PO you need a Barclays Deposit card. Contact Theresa, or e-mail redbox@missio.org.uk, to order one.



Missionaries Together Missio and Mill Hill Northern Newsletter Spring 2024



Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoyed a happy Christmas and that 2024 will be a fruitful and peaceful year.

Inside the pages of this newsletter you'll find news about some exciting Red Box research we are undertaking that we need your help with. We have also included details of the Mill Hill Missionary Novena to St Joseph, that we are all invited to join in prayer.

Also inside, information on the support Missio provides to Local Secretaries, including the introduction of a *Local Secretaries' Handbook*. If you have any ideas about resources/support you would like Missio to offer then please let us know.

Thank you for all your efforts in the parishes. We look forward to seeing you at a gathering during the year.

Theresa, Dave and Stephen (*The Red Box Team*)

If you have any queries, or need any help or advice, please don't hesitate to contact Theresa (who works from home).
Theresa Codd: theresa@missio.org.uk Phone: 07593 544625
Don't forget that there are resources to help you in your role at **missio.org.uk/LS**

Mission Today

The Spring edition of *Mission Today* has a focus on the support of tomorrow's generation of Priests and Sisters. The uplifting account of Fr Vincent's journey of faith to become the Missio National Director of Malawi shows how important the prayerful support of the Catholic community in England and Wales is to seminarians around the world.



Could your parish support a seminarian through prayer and donations? Our new dedicated page on the Missio website has details of how parish communities or individuals can sponsor seminarians. Take a look so, as Local Secretary, you can encourage support: missio.org.uk/sponsor

Red Box research - We need your help!

We are undertaking some exciting research into the Red Box to explore the Red Box communities' understanding of where their donation goes and who it supports. We'd also like to discover the motivations behind their giving (whether they give through their Red Box or directly). We all know that people are using less cash these days, so we also want to make sure people feel part of the Red Box community, even if they now give more directly than putting cash into their box.

In the coming weeks, we will be appealing for people to take part in some interviews. You will receive emails about it, so please look out for them. If you are not on email and want to be kept informed, please let Theresa know (details on the front of this newsletter).

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Novena to St Joseph

We invite you and your Red Box supporters to join the Mill Hill Missionaries in prayer during their Novena to St Joseph **10–18 March**. The daily reflections and prayer to St Joseph can be downloaded and requested by visiting the Novena webpage: millhillmissionaries.com/novena.



This page will also host the livestream Masses from St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead during the Novena week.

Mission Masses

Mission Masses are being planned for this year. Details will appear on the Missio website, so it is a good idea to check it regularly for any updates to avoid diary clashes: missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events. If there is a Mission Mass in your Diocese then, as Local Secretary, you will receive an invitation in the post about a month before. We'd be delighted to see you at these important gatherings.

Diocese of Salford: Saturday 15 June, 3pm

Salford Cathedral, Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LL, followed by refreshments

Archdiocese of Liverpool: Saturday 7 September, 11am

Holy Family Catholic Church, Lily Lane, Platt Bridge, Wigan WN2 5LL

Local Secretaries' Handbook and Webpage

We now have a *Local Secretaries' Handbook* that will be sent out to new Local Secretaries when they are appointed. You can download the new handbook from our new look page for Local Secretaries: missio.org.uk/LS. **If you are reading this newsletter, please download the 'Local Secretaries' NORTH Handbook 2024' version.**