

Website Version

www.missio.org.uk/worldmissionsunday2014

All of the World Mission Sunday materials are available on Missio's website. This will make it easier for those who wish to copy and paste directly on to newsletters, etc. You may also wish to download the Children's Liturgy.

Frequently Asked Questions & Parish Newsletter Inserts

Where do I send the World Mission Sunday collection to?

Please send donations and all completed Gift Aid envelopes from your parish directly to Missio in the Freepost envelope provided inside this pack. Cheques from parishioners made out to World Mission Sunday or Missio, can be sent directly to us together with the parish collection. We will only be able to claim the Gift Aid on your parish or community donations if you send the money collected and any Gift Aid envelopes directly to us. **Please do not send to your diocesan offices.**

Why do all parishes support World Mission Sunday?

All parishes are obliged to celebrate World Mission Sunday because it is so crucial for the growth of the Church overseas and for all those living in poverty who rely on the love and care of the Catholic Church.

World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father as the means by which we share what we have with our brothers and sisters in need.

How can we continue supporting Missio after World Mission Sunday?

Missio raises funds for the overseas mission of the Church through the APF-Mill Hill Red Boxes which are in 200,000 Catholic homes. If your parish doesn't already promote the Red Box, please consider an appeal after World Mission Sunday. Other ways of supporting the mission of the Church include praying for the work of missionaries and volunteering for Missio. You can also support overseas mission by sending Mass stipends to

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overseas priests via Missio. An overseas priest can say Mass for your intentions and at the same time receive much-needed financial support. For more information please visit Missio's website or call the office on 020 7821 9755.

What is the difference between World Mission Sunday and Home Mission?

World Mission Sunday is a Papal collection taken at Mass on the penultimate Sunday in October. It goes to support the 1,069 mission dioceses overseas that are too poor to support themselves. Home Mission is the collection for evangelisation and outreach in England and Wales.

Gift Aid Envelopes

We would be grateful if you could announce the availability of Gift Aid envelopes at Mass. Gift Aid envelopes allow tax payers to make a donation from which Missio can claim an extra 25% at no cost to the supporter.

For extra Gift Aid envelopes:

Telephone: **020 7821 9755**

Email: **worldmissionsunday@missio.org.uk**

Those not able to Gift Aid can simply donate to the World Mission Sunday collection at Mass.

Please thank the parish counters for all their help.

Guidelines are enclosed in this pack for them.

Thank you!

Information for your Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12 October 2014 – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Thanks to the sacrifice and witness of missionaries, the Catholic Church is growing and many Churches can now take care of themselves. However, four out of every ten parishes worldwide still need your help to survive. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping over 1,000 dioceses bring hope and new life to people yearning to hear of God's love for them. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

Sunday 19 October 2014 – Today is World Mission Sunday

Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries and young churches as they share faith, build churches and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances overseas. The World Mission Sunday collection will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Every gift makes a real difference to people living in poverty who are yearning to hear the Good News of God's love for them.

Sunday 26 October 2014 – Thank you

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please contact Missio directly on **020 7821 9755**.