

Information for your Parish Website

World Mission Sunday – 21 October 2012 – is a day when Catholics all over the world join together to pray, celebrate and care for the whole family of the Church.

A large and important part of our Church (40%) is still regarded as 'missionary' and needs our help to survive and grow to self-sufficiency. Even more challenging is the fact that more than 50% of the world's population has never heard of Jesus and doesn't know that they are loved unconditionally by God.

World Mission Sunday is important. Our prayers and our donations mean that we share in the mission of Jesus by supporting the thousands of missionaries who put their lives at the service of God's people. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided.

You can follow Missio on Facebook: search for *MissioUK*

www.missio.org.uk

Newsletter Inserts

- Mission enables us to share the gift of faith so that all God's children may experience the fullness of life made possible by Christ
- Through the Holy Spirit we are participants and partners with God in mission
- Christ has asked us to proclaim and show the love of God to all peoples and nations

You can copy and paste this information from

www.missio.org.uk/missionsunday.php

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND PARISH INSERTS

For your celebration of World Mission Sunday

Some suggestions on how to involve your parish/community in the celebration of World Mission Sunday

- Use the suggested inserts in your parish newsletter and/or parish website
- Put up the poster and refer to it if possible
- Involve the local school or youth/parish group in creating a display on the Church around the world (the outside folder may be helpful, and further information can be downloaded from our website)
- Create a multi-lingual welcome for World Mission Sunday Mass. Ask members of the various nationalities to greet the congregation in their own languages or write the bidding prayers
- Involve parishioners of different nationalities to take an active part in the liturgy and music
- Invite APF members of the parish/community to create a display

Gift Aid

Last year Gift Aid increased our donations by £20,000. We would like to increase this – it could make a huge difference to the support we can provide to mission projects. The newsletter inserts mention the Gift Aid envelopes and where the money will go. Will you please announce this at Mass and thank the parish counters for all their help. We can only claim Gift Aid if the monies and Gift Aid envelopes are sent directly to Missio.

To avoid waste we have sent you a limited number of envelopes; however, please let us know if you need extra Gift Aid envelopes. Telephone: **020 7821 9755**
Email: **missionsunday@missio.org.uk**

Those not wishing to Gift Aid do not need to use the envelopes to make their donation.

Guidelines are enclosed in this pack for the parish counters.

Website version www.missio.org.uk/missionsunday.php

All of these materials are available on our website. This will make it easier for those who wish to copy directly on to newsletters etc. You may also wish to download the Children's Liturgy.

Where to send the collection money

Please do not send to your diocesan offices.

Please send the money directly to Missio. We will only be able to reclaim the Gift Aid on your parish or community donations if you send the money collected directly to us.

Cheques from parishioners made out to World Mission Sunday, or Missio can be sent directly to us together with the parish collection.

Please send a cheque for the money collected and any completed Gift Aid envelopes in the Freepost envelope provided or to:

World Mission Sunday
23 Eccleston Square
London SW1V 1NU

Thank you!

MASS STIPENDS

A lifeline for those working among the poor

Many local diocesan priests and missionaries in Africa and Asia are totally dependent on Mass stipends for their income and sustenance. Please accept Mass offerings from those who wish to offer them and send any you can spare to:

Mgr Canon James Cronin, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU

Please make cheques payable to: **Missio Mass A/C**

We will make sure they are distributed fairly to priests and bishops working in areas of greatest hardship.

Information for your Parish Newsletter

Sunday 14 October 2012 – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the family of the Church. Thanks to the sacrifice and witness of missionaries the Catholic Church is growing; many Churches can now take care of themselves. However over 40% of the Church in the world is still 'missionary' and needs our help. By supporting Missio you will be directly helping over 1,000 dioceses in these young Churches, bringing hope and new life to people thirsting to hear of God's love for them. Through Missio, the Holy Father invites every Catholic in the world to contribute to a special collection next Sunday. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided.

Sunday 21 October 2012 – Today is World Mission Sunday

Today, World Mission Sunday is our chance to be united with Catholics all over the world in prayer, friendship and support. We share in the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they, inspired by their faith, build schools, provide healthcare and build the Church, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Through Missio, Catholics are able to actively share in the mission of Jesus: proclaiming the boundless love of God to all peoples and pursuing a life of dignity for all.

The money collected today will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide. Please give what you can; every gift makes a difference and, if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

Sunday 28 October 2012 – Thank you

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and kindness will help missionaries across the world continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that they may remain strong in their witness to Christ's love for all peoples.