

Frequently asked questions & parish newsletter inserts

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2017: Frequently Asked Questions

1) **Where do I send the Mission Sunday collection to?**

Please consider sending your donation electronically – details for electronic transfers are included separately in this pack. If you choose to donate in this way, please ensure that your organisation is referenced when arranging this credit transfer. If a credit transfer is not possible, donations can be sent directly to World Missions Ireland, 64 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Alternatively, donations (including those from parishioners) can be arranged through your diocesan office or representative.

2) **Why do parishes support the Mission Sunday collection?**

Mission Sunday is a Papal collection taken at Mass on the second last Sunday in October. It supports 1,069 dioceses in 157 countries around the world where the Universal Church is too new, young or poor to survive without our help. All parishes throughout the world celebrate Mission Sunday because it is vital to the growth of the Church in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools, to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. The support from World Missions Ireland transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow: spreading the Good News of the Gospel, ministering to the faithful and delivering essential services in health and education. 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.

3) **How can we continue supporting World Missions Ireland after Mission Sunday?**

World Missions Ireland raises funds for the overseas mission of the Church throughout the year. Other ways of supporting the mission of the Church include: praying for the work of missionaries, becoming a regular donor, or remembering World Missions Ireland when making your will. You can also support overseas mission by sending Mass stipends to overseas priests via World Missions Ireland. An overseas priest can say Mass for your intentions and at the same time receive much-needed financial support. For more information, please call the office: +353 (0) 1 4972035 or visit our website: www.wmi.ie. You may prefer to email us on: director@wmi.ie.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2017: Information for your Parish Newsletter:

➤ **Sunday, 1st October 2017: Mission Month of October 2017**

Today marks the first day of the Mission Month of October. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. A calendar of events has been put in place by World Missions Ireland throughout the month of October, details of which can be found on our website (www.wmi.ie).

➤ **Sunday, 8th October 2017: World Mission Sunday is in two weeks' time!**

Please remember that in two weeks' time, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection, the Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. All of the Mission Sunday materials are available on World Missions Ireland's website – www.wmi.ie.

➤ **Sunday, 15th October 2017: next Sunday is World Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection. Every person in every parish in every country where the Church is present will be celebrating together and sharing what they have, no matter how little. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world, ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. Thank You.

➤ **Sunday 22nd October 2017: today is World Mission Sunday**

Today is Mission Sunday and the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection. Every person in every parish in every country where the Church is present will be celebrating together and sharing what they have, no matter how little. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. Thank You.

➤ **Sunday 29th October 2017- Thank you**

Thank you so much for your contribution to last week's Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world to share the Gospel with those in need, and help to build a worldwide Church. Those who have never heard the message of Jesus are given the chance to experience the love of Christ and to know the support of our Church family. Please pray for the work of World Missions Ireland 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 go to **www.wmi.ie** or call +353 (0) 1 4972035 for further information.

Website Version: www.wmi.ie

All of the Mission Sunday materials are available on World Missions Ireland's website. This will make it easier for those who wish to copy and paste directly into your own materials, for example, your parish newsletter. Here is a list of the available material:

- ✓ FAQs and information for Parish Newsletters
- ✓ Mission Sunday poster
- ✓ Holy Father's message and Prayer Intentions
- ✓ Suggested Homily for World Mission Sunday
- ✓ Children's Liturgy for World Mission Sunday
- ✓ Miles for Mission poster

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