

Our global family

The World Mission Map

Celebrate our global family in your Parish

In our increasingly global community, we all have personal connections with countries overseas – whether that's through family, travel, or prayer. Missio supports the Church in 157 countries around the world.

Your local world map

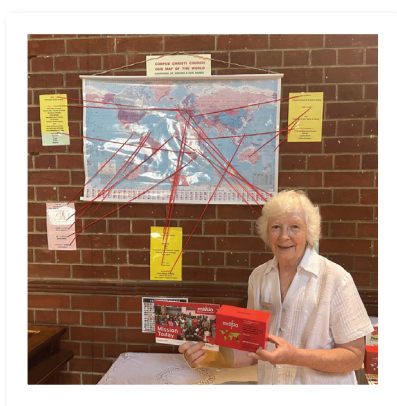
Terry, a Red Box Local Secretary from Portsmouth, shared the world map she had put up in her parish. Terry invited her fellow parishioners to add their personal connections to communities and countries overseas to the map, to show the truly global nature of their local parish family. What a beautiful way to celebrate our connections with our sisters and brothers overseas!

What can you do?

This Mission Month, you could set up a similar map display in your parish, and invite your parish family to add their personal connections, prayers and messages to the map. We've created a printable map, which you are welcome to download and use, or you can use or create your own. Find printable resources at missio.org.uk/wms

Let us know

We always love hearing from you and seeing how you're supporting Missio and each other as God's global family. Please do share your photos and news with us on our social media channels (find all our links on the back page) or by contacting us at info@missio.org.uk



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Mission Month for Parishes & Communities

Q What is World Mission Sunday?

A World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the global Catholic community prays for and supports the missionary activity of the Church. On this special day, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support the work of Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love – news which has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

Q What is Mission month?

A During October, we encourage you to join us in prayer and fundraising for global mission. Help us raise awareness of missionaries around the world, pray with and for them, and support their vital work.

Q What can you do?

A During October, we are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet', and share the gift of Christ's Resurrection with the entire world. Your parish can stand alongside every Catholic parish across the world this month in these simple ways:

1. Come together for a **parish meal or coffee morning**, to connect with others and support world mission
2. Take part in a **Parish Walk** to pray and raise funds for world mission
3. Highlight your own community's global connections with a **world map**

Break bread The Community Meal

'Behold, I have prepared my banquet... everything is ready; come to the feast.'
Matthew 22:4

Everyone is welcome at God's table—to experience God's love, grace, and forgiveness, and be part of a faith community that is global and local. God calls us to make everyone welcome and share our gifts for the good of all.

Coming together for a meal is a wonderful way to celebrate that we are one family in Christ. It can be simple or elaborate; the key is to bring everyone to the table!

Ideas to try:

Coffee Morning – bring your parish together and get baking for mission! Ask for donations or place collection plates on each table.

Running Dinner – great for parishes with more than one church! Host each course of the meal at a new venue. Participants pay for a ticket and travel from one stop to another, enjoying coming together as a parish family. You could combine this event with a Parish Walk.

International Evening – celebrate all the cultures and heritages in your parish with an evening of food and/or music from around the world.

Invite them to the banquet!

A parish meal is an opportunity to invite others in your community to meet your church family. Can you think of anyone who is curious about the Good News of Christ, or simply in need of a warm welcome? Bring them along!

Need more inspiration?

Find great resources and prayers for your event at missio.org.uk/wmsresources



Sharing faith and joy The Parish Walk

This Mission Month activity is designed to bring parishes together, celebrating our local community while raising much needed funds for our sisters and brothers around the world.

Inspired by the Road to Emmaus, which is central to the Holy Father's teaching about mission, we have added ways to make a sponsored walk a mindful and prayerful family event.

Parish Walk

Walking is one of the simplest ways to bring the community together to fundraise for Missio. This can also be a parish event. If there is more than one church in your parish, you could even plan a walk that takes you to each of them, stopping to pray and refresh at each.

Ask parishioners to get sponsored to join the walk, or you could set up a parish Just Giving page to maximise fundraising.

Keep the prayer focus by stopping on the way to pray, using our Mission Month prayers to guide your journey. Download them at missio.org.uk/wms

Make your event inclusive: *Is the route wheelchair and pushchair friendly?*
Could you create a shorter route to ensure everyone's included?
Are there places to stop and refresh?

We can help!

More active parishioners can plan a sponsored walk or fun run to raise money for Missio. Our sponsor forms, posters and other free resources can help you maximise the success of your fundraising. Visit missio.org.uk/wms

'So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find.'

Matthew 22:10

