



MISSION *matters*

MISSION MONTH NEWSLETTER



We are living through the most challenging days. Indeed for many of us, this is the world's most difficult hour. As I write, more of Ireland is entering into semi-lockdown. This makes me all the more conscious of the fragility of all our situations as we battle to live our faith, while also trying to help those most in need. But however we may struggle, during Mission Month and on World Mission Sunday, our Holy Father asks us to spare a thought and prayer for our brothers and sisters overseas who suffer even more.

This weekend parishes worldwide will celebrate World Mission Sunday. The day offers a life-line to some of the most marginalised communities in the world by helping them to build Church centred infrastructures, such as schools, clinics, parish halls and churches. While also preparing future Church leaders and carers by supporting the training of sisters, priests and catechists. Over the coming months, it will help fund the incredible work of missionaries worldwide, missionaries like Sister Marie Catherine below.

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
**18th October
2020**



*In times of
crisis, together
we can do more*

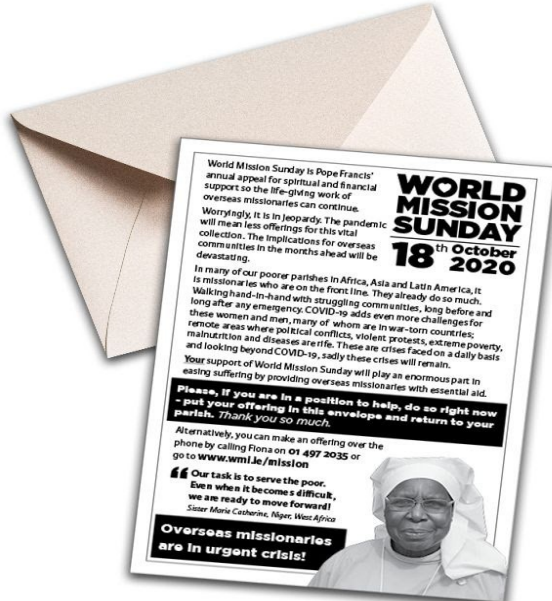
In 2006, Sister Marie Catherine Kingbo, founded the 'Servants of Christ', on the edge of the desert in one of the poorest countries in the world, Niger, West Africa. Sister Marie is but one of the hundreds of thousands of overseas missionaries who rely on World Mission Sunday to continue to reach those on the margins. [Learn more about her work](#)



For our supporters and friends in Ireland, World Mission Sunday Mass will be televised at 11am on Sunday, from the RTÉ studios. We are honoured to invite His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, as celebrant.

To help congregations safely support the World Mission Sunday collection we supplied over 1,500 parishes across Ireland with World Mission Sunday envelopes - have you noticed them in your parish?

However, please remember, that World Mission Sunday is more than an appeal for financial support. Pope Francis is also asking for spiritual help. If you are not in a position to give financially, you can still support missionaries by keeping them in your prayers and by bringing the meaning of World Mission Sunday to others. With that in mind, I invite you to join me and our Church family in prayer, as together we say,



God our Father

we pray for those who are suffering,
for those who are grieving,
for those who are anxious,
and for those who are working
tirelessly to care for the sick.

By the power of your Spirit,
help us to strive together as one
family of many nations to help
those in greatest need during this crisis.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

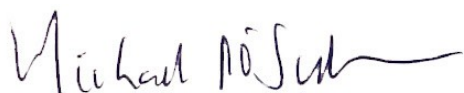
God our Father, your Son Jesus
Christ came into our world to heal us from division
and to bring us life in abundance.

Amen

Thank you for making the work of overseas missionaries possible and for your continued support of World Mission Sunday during these challenging times.

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Together we are helping the Church to survive and grow - together we can do more!



Fr Michael P. O'Sullivan
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**If you can, please support World Mission Sunday and
the life-giving work of our overseas missionaries**

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