

St Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church Old Coulsdon



Mission also known as APF

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists every one of the Catholic Church's 1,069 mission dioceses in providing pastoral care and preaching the Gospel effectively.

It was founded in 1822 by Pauline-Marie Jaricot, a young woman in Lyons, France. She persuaded local working people to give a farthing a week in support of overseas mission. A century later, the organisation was established in almost every country in the world. Pope Pius XI made it the official mission-funding society for the Catholic Church.



In England and Wales, we collect funds for overseas mission through the famous **Red Boxes**.

You can **give directly** to the Red Box online, or set up a Direct Debit.

In this parish the Mission is organised by Mr John Amoah

CAFOD

Catholic Fund for Overseas Development. This Charity helps with disasters, and with long-term self-help projects all over the world. As well as 2 collections a year, people donate to CAFOD via the Wall Box in the Porch, or via a CAFOD envelope in the Sunday collections.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

We meet every twice a year in the Priest's House. Its major concerns are to oversee the charitable giving in the parish via collections and the parish alms giving; as well as to organise talks, petitions and letters to MPs. New Members welcome.

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S.V.P. (St Vincent de Paul Society)

This group meets for an hour on a Monday evening at 8pm in the priest's house. The members meet to co-ordinate the support and visiting of people who are in need. They raise funds for the group by providing Tea and coffee after Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month. New members welcome.