



# Appeal Guide



## 2026 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

**Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world with your parishioners.**

As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission works to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

Thanks to the generosity of Australians like you, last year we were able to support life-giving programs in Zambia including the Maize Mill and Women's Cooperative, and Chilonga Mission Hospital. Through your contributions, we were able to provide 450 farming women and their families with maize seeds and fertiliser in time for the upcoming farming season, alongside training that improved preparedness and capacity for productive farming.

But there is still work to be done in many other places of need around the world.

This year, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be *"One in Christ, United in Mission"*, to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in love. In this spirit, we invite parishioners to support children to access education through the work of Fr Matthew Semba at St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School in the diocese of Chikwawa in Malawi.

Many children have to walk long distances to access education, and with many families struggling to even provide basic food, the trip to school can feel impossible to make. For children like Yamikani\*, this trip is only made harder by his physical disability. Through the work of Fr Matthew and the Church in Malawi, they have hopes to build a school close to home, to not only provide access to education, but essential school supplies for effective learning, and nutritious and hearty meals for students so they can focus on their studies.

**We invite you and your parish to partner with us to support this crucial work.**

\*Name protected for privacy

# Running a Church Appeal for Catholic Mission

Below is a guideline to help your parish run a successful Catholic Mission Church Appeal.











## Parish Resources

You can find and download all the following resources to help your parish run a successful Catholic Mission Church Appeal at [catholicmission.org.au/parishes](http://catholicmission.org.au/parishes).

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THE RESOURCES



	<b>Appeal Guide</b>	An easy guide to help you run a successful appeal in your parish
	<b>Parish Video</b>	A powerful story of the missionary work of the Church reaching out to those in need in Malawi. We encourage you to play this for your parishioners at each Mass.
	<b>Speakers' Notes</b>	To assist you with key themes and messages.
	<b>Parish Bulletins</b>	To be placed in your parish newsletter and on social media in the weeks before, during, and after the appeal.
	<b>Homily Notes and Prayers for Mass</b>	Notes to assist with the homily and prayers for Mass.
	<b>PowerPoint Presentation</b>	To assist speakers that may be sharing the appeal at your parish.
	<b>Children's Worksheet</b>	A resource for liturgy and schools, to help engage children in the work of the Church and what mission looks like in action.
	<b>Summary Form</b>	For parish staff to fill out and return to your local Catholic Mission Diocesan Director after the collection.