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ABOUT JESUIT MISSIONS

Jesuit Missions works with Jesuit partner organisations to empower local communities to build a more just and sustainable future.

We raise awareness of the impact of climate change on poor and vulnerable people, champion the rights of all, including Indigenous groups, and highlight the plight of refugees in some of the world's most challenging places.

We strive for a world in which the dignity of all people, especially the poor and marginalised, is defended; and where generosity of spirit, compassionate service and justice are proclaimed in witness to the Christian faith.

Passion. Generosity. Hope.



Paul Chitnis
Director, Jesuit Missions

"We must not despair. We must do something."

So Fr Victor-Luke Odhiambo SJ told me before we parted in South Sudan in 2018.

One week later he was murdered; the 57th Jesuit to be killed working for justice and reconciliation since 1969.

His words echo those of Pope Leo XIV: "To hope is to take a stand, like Jesus, with Jesus. His fire is our fire."

For many decades, Jesuit Missions has stood with the poor and the marginalised. While the ways in which we do this have evolved, our purpose has not.

Inspired by the Jesuits' commitment at General Congregation 32, we continue to strive for a "faith that does justice".

From supporting marginalised people in India, Myanmar and South Sudan, to campaigning on climate change and debt, we seek to live out that call. Pope Leo XIV tells us that: "The peace Jesus brings is like a fire, and it asks a lot of us. It asks us, first of all, to take a stand."

And like Fr Victor-Luke and his fellow Jesuit martyrs, we must.

This year, it has been deeply encouraging to meet so many who stand alongside

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Jesuit Missions: school students fired with a passion for social justice; long-standing supporters whose generosity is rooted in faith; Jesuits who live with repression and risk as they accompany their people.

After Easter 2026, I will step down from being Director after nearly 14 years.

It has been a profound privilege to work alongside so many extraordinary Jesuits in Britain and around the world.

My admiration for their vocation, and my gratitude for their friendship, is unbounded.

So too is my gratitude to you, our supporters, without whom none of this is possible.

St Ignatius spoke of setting the world alight. May the Lord set our hearts on fire as we work and pray for the peace that never ends.

OUR IMPACT



12

Projects supported in
12 countries across
the world

1,840

Direct beneficiaries of
Indian human rights group
Lok Manch



400

Women in South Sudan
received agricultural
training



127,000

People from Ukraine supported
by the Xavier Network, of
which JM is part



Image: Sergi Camara

"Behind Jesuit Missions, there is a group of very generous friends and benefactors that has made our friendship and fruitful companionship possible."

- *Fr Fernando Azpiroz, Director, Ricci Social Services, Macau*

"We are very grateful to JM's support, which brings stability, dignity, and hope to South Sudan."

- *Caroline Sanga, Programmes Officer, Jesuits East Africa*

"Together, we've translated constitutional promises into lived reality for India's most vulnerable."

- *Fr Roy Sebastian SJ, National Director, Lok Manch (People's Forum)*



Patricia Tahirindray, Programme Coordinator at our partner organisation the Centre Arrupe Madagascar, and her colleague, Efa Ravelonantoandro, attended the COP30 climate conference in Brazil.

WHERE WE WORK



"Go, set the world on fire!"

- *St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits*

OUR PARTNERS ON THE GROUND

We support Jesuit-run projects in some of the world's most forgotten places, covering areas such as education, climate change and human rights.



SOUTH SUDAN

- Refugee support programme
- Vocational training centres

Beneficiaries: 7,380



MYANMAR

- Leadership and education courses

Beneficiaries: 378



INDIA

- Human rights organisation working across the country

Beneficiaries: 313,054



CHINA

- Assistance for those affected by leprosy and HIV

Beneficiaries: 4,250



SOUTHERN AFRICA

- School materials and fees
- Teacher training

Beneficiaries: 9,040



GUYANA

- Indigenous bilingual programme

Beneficiaries: 300



Image: Iván Benítez

LEBANON & SYRIA

- Response to emergencies
- Female support network

Beneficiaries: 8,650



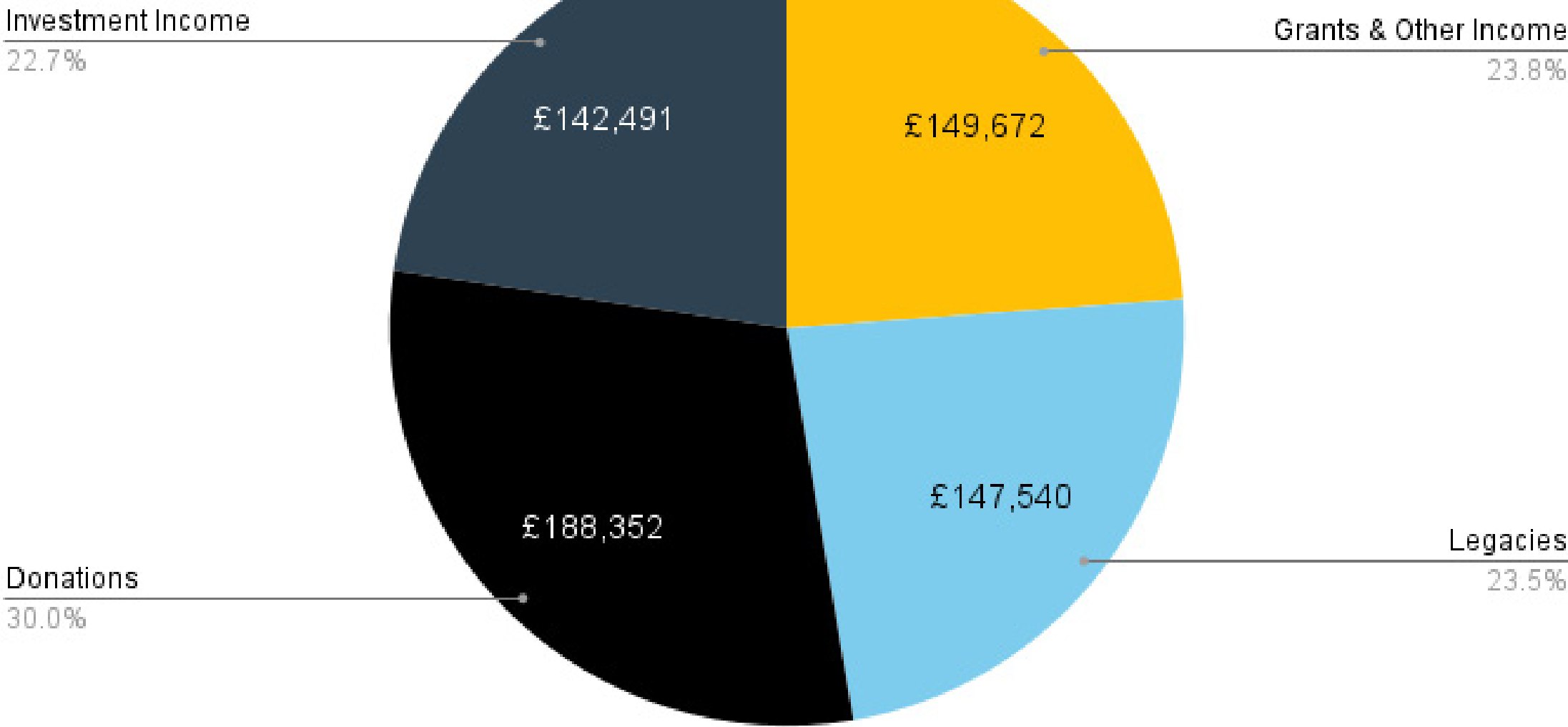
MADAGASCAR

- Environment and climate education courses
- Funding for COP

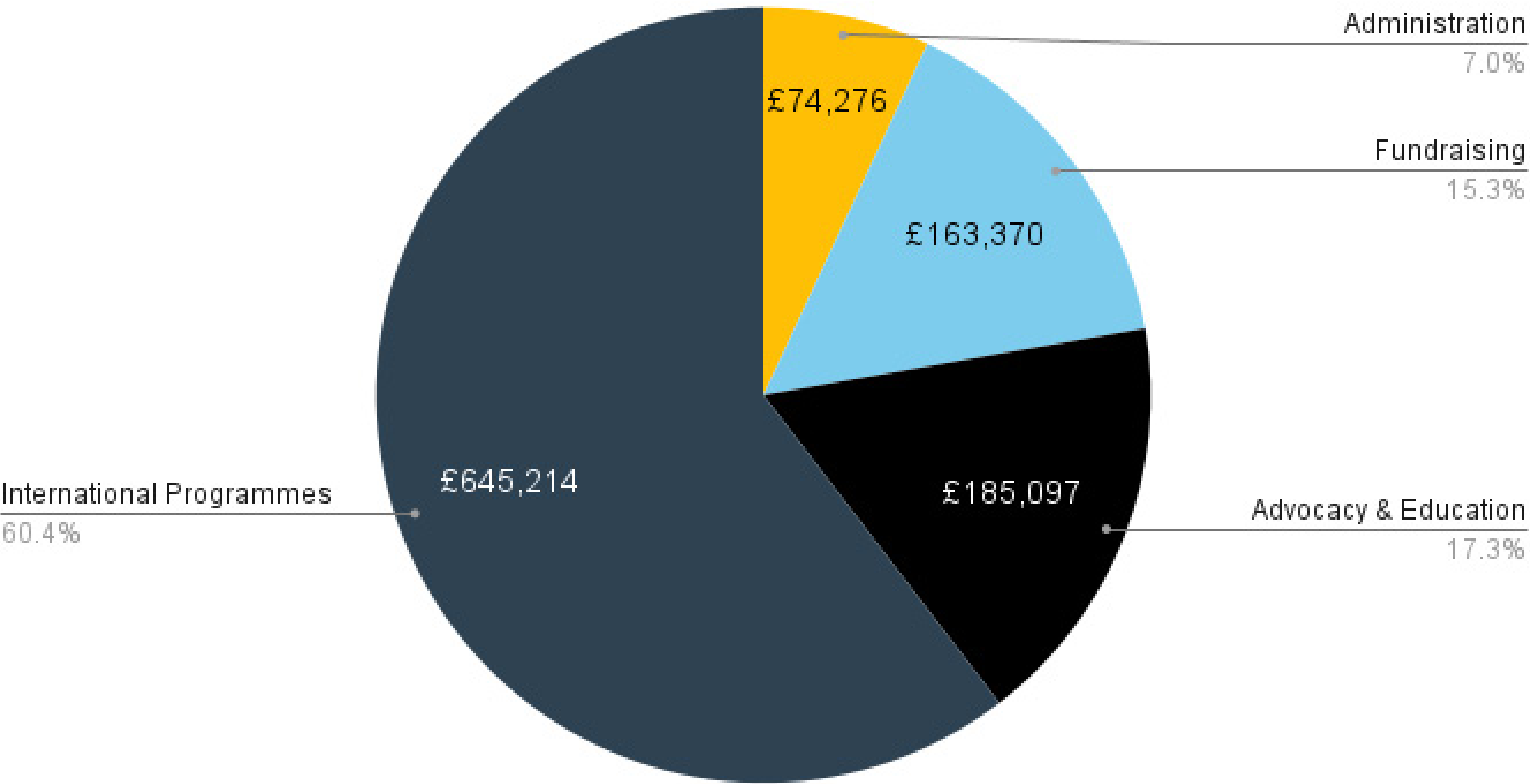
Beneficiaries: 300

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income



Expenditure



Tackling climate change

Jesuit Missions played a key role in worldwide Jesuit action on the United Nations' climate talks in Bonn, Germany, in June and in Belém, Brazil, in November. We provided on the ground reports from both gatherings. We enabled school students to participate in a worldwide 'Letters to the Earth' campaign and a 'Fridays for the Future' climate vigil in Whitehall in the run-up to the COP30 talks in Brazil as well as encouraging supporters to contact their MPs. We funded colleagues from Arrupe Centre, Madagascar, to attend the COP30 talks and provided two daily summaries, published on the Ecojesuit and Jesuit Missions websites as part of the communications work of Jesuits for Climate Justice.



Standing with others

To mark the Church's Jubilee Year, Jesuit Missions called on supporters to send an email to the UK Prime Minister on or around Ash Wednesday. Supporters asked the UK Government to cancel unjust and unsustainable debts, support a debt justice law to make private lenders take part in debt relief, and prevent future debt crises by establishing a new, binding, comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations. Together with over 80 faith leaders and faith-based organisations across the world, Jesuit Missions endorsed a document calling for international action on debt to enable indebted countries to act on climate change.



Demanding justice

Fr Stan Swamy SJ was unjustly accused of terrorism offences for his non-violent work in support of Adivasi (tribal) and Dalit (low social status) people in India. He died in pre-trial custody in July 2021. Jesuit Missions continued calling on the Indian Government to clear his name. We held a vigil outside the Indian High Commission in London on 11 July. Students at Jesuit schools and parishioners in Jesuit parishes had written hundreds of 'in memoriam' cards which we tried to hand in. The High Commission refused to accept them, so we sent them in the post, recorded delivery. We ensured that questions were raised in Parliament too.



CAMPAIGNS OF HOPE

WORKING WITH SCHOOLS & PARISHES



In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Jesuit Missions has witnessed a vibrant tapestry of community engagement across schools and parishes, responding to global challenges with faith, creativity, and solidarity.

Amid the pressing realities of war, poverty, and climate change, communities have found renewed hope through action and reflection.

Lenten reflections from Jesuit colleagues across the UK and beyond explored themes of reconciliation, with God, one another, and creation; offering spiritual depth to the year's journey.

In a powerful expression of solidarity, Jesuit Missions joined Donhead and Wimbledon College for a Pilgrimage of Hope walk, culminating in a joyful Mass.

Campaigns for justice also took centre stage. Schools rallied behind the Fr Stan Swamy campaign, sending heartfelt cards to the Indian High Commission to advocate for his legacy.

In July, Jules Gibson joined Jesuit Missions as Community Engagement Manager, quickly building connections with schools, parishes, and young adult groups.

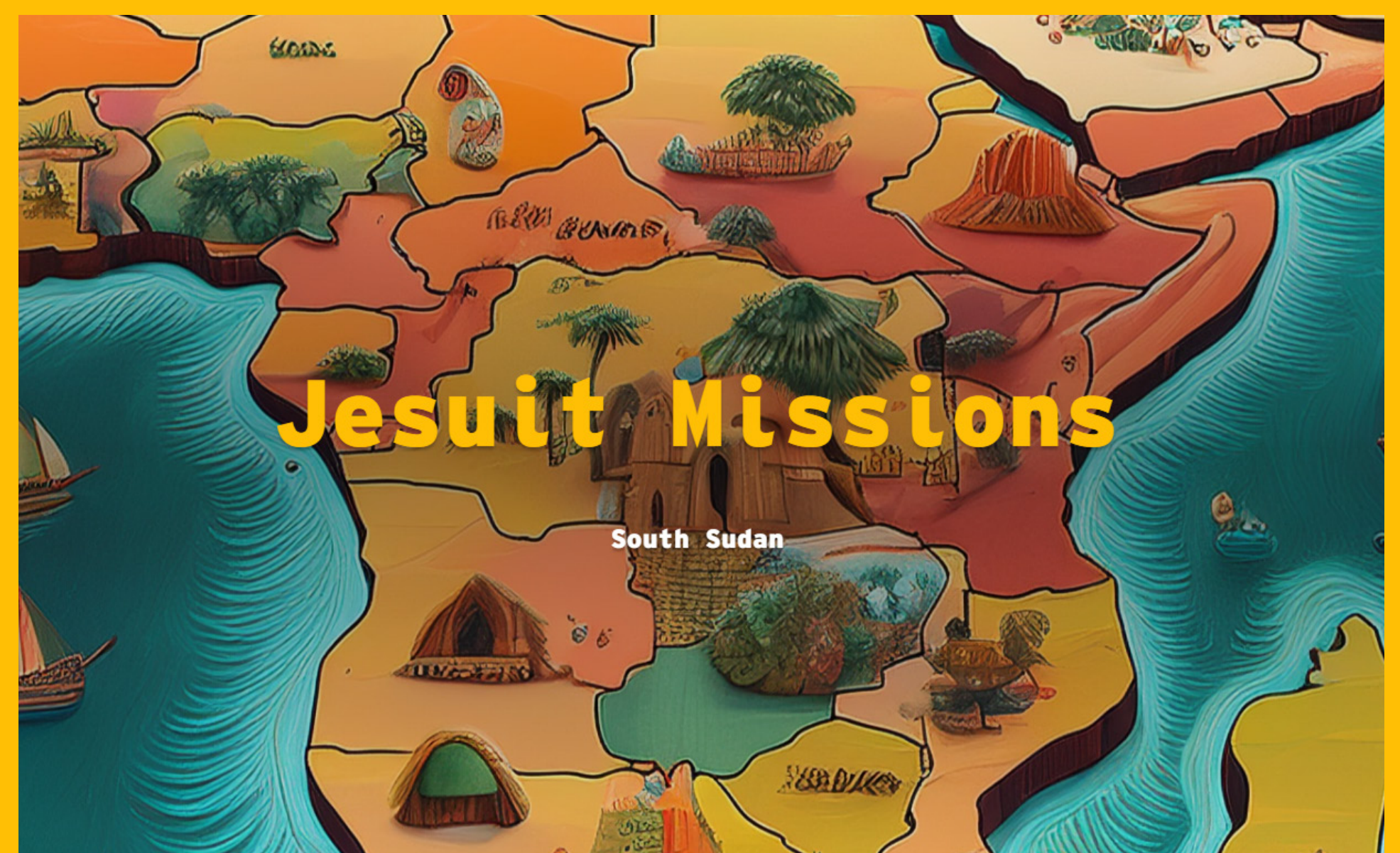
Innovative tools like Padlet and a new interactive newsletter (*pictured right*) have been launched for communities to share their engagement and learn how their

support impacts projects in the Global South, with a highlight on South Sudan in October and India and Myanmar in December.

September saw St Aloysius parish host a Sustainability Picnic, sparking dialogue on climate justice. Students embraced the Season of Creation, writing letters of hope ahead of COP30 in Belém. St Joseph's Primary shared a touching video, while Wimbledon College posted over 500 letters to the Prime Minister. Further action saw students from St Ignatius College hold a climate vigil opposite Downing Street (*pictured left*), amplifying youth voices about climate justice.

In October, Jules visited Glasgow to deepen engagement with projects in Myanmar and Madagascar at St Aloysius Junior and Senior schools and parish masses, whilst also meeting with the young adults for an introduction about Jesuit Missions, highlighting that Ignatian spirituality calls us to faith in action and solidarity with the vulnerable.

This past year has been a powerful testament to the spirit of hope and action within the Jesuit Missions community. From climate vigils and justice campaigns to creative school initiatives and parish reflections, each event has shown how faith can inspire meaningful engagement with the world's most pressing challenges.



WHY I AM LEAVING A LEGACY TO JESUIT MISSIONS

"I first encountered the Jesuits at school and, on leaving, was dispatched to what is now Zimbabwe to do a year's volunteer teaching. I was so impressed by the Jesuits that I joined up, leaving some 10 years later to marry and start a family.

"I have been involved with Jesuit Missions for 50 years and know that it is not only an example of the Jesuit vocation in practice, but that its funds have enabled the Society to start new enterprises with marginalised people, nurture their growth and help to give them voice in some of the world's harshest environments. When I end my time in this world, I will draw immense comfort from knowing that my legacy will help support the work of Jesuit Missions well after I'm gone."

- *Mr Roger Riddell*



WHY I GIVE A REGULAR GIFT TO JESUIT MISSIONS



"My three brothers were educated by the Jesuits, and one became a missionary in Brazil in 1973. He served in various parishes until his passing in July 2024. From childhood, we were taught to support Jesuit Missions through prayer and giving, and so it has always felt natural to me to continue that support."

- *Mrs Maria White*

Thank you for your support!



*Prayer attributed to St Ignatius
of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits*

**Lord, teach me to
be generous,
to serve you as you
deserve,
to give and not to
count the cost,
to fight and not to
heed the wounds,
to toil and not to
seek for rest,
to labour and not
to look for any
reward,
save that of
knowing that I do
your holy will.**

WAYS TO DONATE

Below are ways in which you can support our work:

ONE-OFF GIFTS: These can be made online or by post. Cheques made payable to Jesuit Missions can be posted to our office at Jesuit Missions, 11 Edge Hill, London, SW19 4LR.

REGULAR GIFTS: Supporters who make consistent gifts provide a dependable base of regular support, year on year, for Jesuit Missions.

LEGACY GIFTS: We hope you might consider Jesuit Missions in your financial plans. Legacy gifts contribute to the future security of Jesuit Missions.

Visit jesuitmissions.org.uk/donate for more information