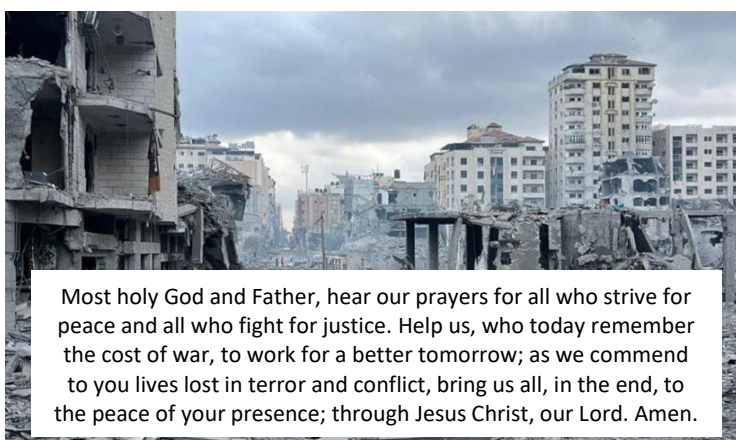
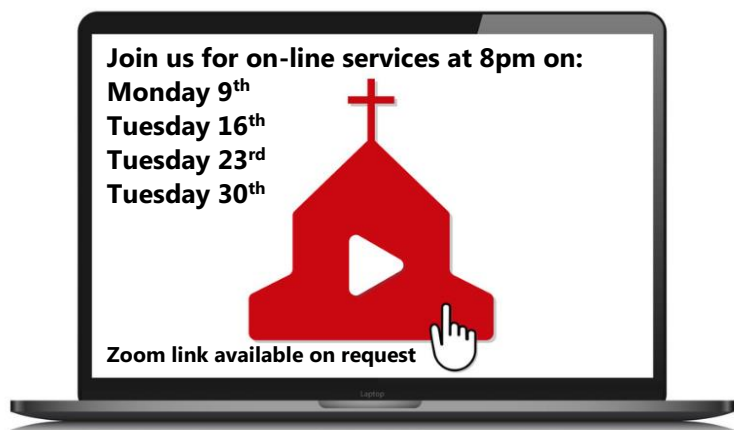




Loving Lord, our faith is in you. We place our future in your hands as we follow where you lead. Inspire us with your vision and empower us with your Spirit, that we may walk forward together, knowing you are our guide and companion. Amen.



Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Mothers' Union Enterprise

For all your cards, gifts, MU badges, and lots, lots more, please contact **Naomi** on **087 7674447** or **cfomuenterprise@gmail.com**

Naomi is happy to travel to branch meetings or events, but a contribution towards her petrol costs would be appreciated.

Cards ordered over the phone or via email and text can now be paid for by Credit Card.

Friday 17th – Saturday 18th of May

@ The Hotel Minella, Clonmel



Break-Away Retreat of Relaxation, Spirituality, Mindfulness, Arts & Crafts, Fun and Friendship.

€250 pp sharing

(twin rooms only - 1 night B+B, dinner & lunch, including full use of leisure facilities)



€100 deposit due at time of booking to secure your place, with balance due by Friday the 26th of April. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended. For further details or to book your place contact Lesley on 085 8890029 or cfodpmothersunion@yahoo.com

A Prayer for the New year

Lord, as we embark on a new year, we lift up to you, our loved ones, our communities, and the world.

May your peace reign in our minds and your love fill our hearts.

Bringing healing where there is brokenness, and reconciliation where there is division. As we face both the known and unknown challenges of the coming year, grant us the strength and courage to face whatever is ahead.

Help us to rely on your mighty power and to find our refuge in you.

And may we always be steadfast in our faith, knowing that you are our rock and our fortress.

In your name we pray. Amen.

Dates for your Diary 2024

Annabella Hayes Day + Festival Service - February 7th in Kiltegan at 7pm
All Ireland Big Hymn Sing - March 2nd St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 2pm
Lady Day - March 25th on-line service at 8pm
Spring Council - April 27th in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow at 10.30am
Retreat/Break-Away - May 17th- 18th Hotel Minella, Clonmel
International Widow's Day - June 23rd service and supper Kilkenny
Mary Sumner Day - August 9th Diocesan 'Big Hymn Sing' for Mum's in May
Autumn Council - October 26th in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow at 10.30am
CFO Diocesan Holy Communion Service - November 7th in St. Mary's, Carlow at 11.30am

Subscriptions for 2024

Subscriptions are **now due** and this year the cost remains at **€40** per membership. Without your contribution, physical, financial, and prayerful, we cannot survive and we cannot carry out the work we are to do in Christ's name.

Membership can be paid through your **branch**, through **Electronic Fund Transfer** (please write your name and the word 'sub' in the narrative – **IBAN: IE49 AIBK 9336 4315 4830 63**), or via **Sum-Up Credit Card Payment** (please contact me directly if you would like to pay in this way).

If you know anyone who would like to become a member, or to support us in our work, please **encourage** them to do so. **Diocesan Membership** forms can be obtained by contacting me on 085 8890029 or cfodpmothersunion@yahoo.com.

INSURANCE

Please continue to let Cecily know about your planned meetings and events, so that she can make sure the insurance is in place. And if you are holding a **special** meeting or event, please inform her at least **one month** in advance of it taking place, in case **any extra** cover is required.

Annual Festival Service

Wednesday 7th February @ 7pm
St. Peter's Church, Kiltegan



Preacher - Canon Máirt Hanley

Refreshments afterwards in the parish hall,
please bring biscuits or tray-bakes.

Write a Prayer for Annabella Hayes Day

Members are invited to write a prayer in honour of our founder in Ireland, **Annabella Hayes**, who we now celebrate on the 7th of February each year.

The winner will say their prayer for the first time at our Festival Service in Kiltegan, and will also be presented with a prize.



Entries should be sent to William Bayley, Unit Coordinator for Fundraising and Communication no later than Friday the 19th of January including your name and details.

Please send entries to: william.bayley@ymail.com

Happy New Year 2024