



God of unchanging power, your Holy Spirit enables us to proclaim your love in challenging times and places. Give to all members of Mothers' Union steadfastness, fresh understanding, and a clear vision, that together, we may continue the mission to which we are called. Amen.



**Service of Remembrance**  
 for all who are bereaved in  
**St. John's Church, Kilkenny** at  
**4.30pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

While everyone is welcome to attend the service, please confirm if you will be joining us afterwards in **Langton's Hotel** for supper. Contact Lesley by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** on 085 8890029



Join us at 8pm on:  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Zoom link available on request



## CHARITY VEHICLE RUN



In aid of *Mums in May* and the grant funds



**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST @ 3pm**  
**LITTLEWOOD HALL (R93 FC78)**

Registration and Assembly from 2.30pm

**Cost €25 per vehicle**  
 including **SUPPER** for **DRIVER**

Enquiries to:  
 087 6233912  
 085 8890029

All are welcome for supper  
 @ €10 per person

Certificate of  
 Participation  
 Awarded  
 Raffle Prizes

Revenue Commissioner Number 5161  
 Registered Charity Number 20007331



*Mums in May* Fundraising  
**BIG HYMN SING Concert**

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August – Christ Church, Gorey at 7.30pm



With special guests:

**Arklow Shipping Silver Band**  
**Lir Female Ensemble**

Ticket Price €10 including entry into Raffle  
 Doors open at 7pm (Bring a Cushion)  
 MUE Stall selling cards, books, etc.

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## Mothers' Union Enterprise

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





Mothers' Union are equipping communities to **RISE UP** and address domestic abuse. Will you join the challenge? This month we feature a different type of abuse – one which often goes unnoticed, but effects 1 in 6 people – Elder Abuse.  
Written by Jacqui Armstrong

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** occurs on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June each year and is recognised as a United Nations Day by the General Assembly. The World Health Organisation estimates that almost 141 million people globally suffer from elder abuse.

Elder abuse and neglect are one of the most underrepresented and underreported violations of human rights so it can be assumed that the real figure is much higher. So, what exactly is it? The WHO defines "elder abuse" or "abuse of older people" as a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship in which there is expectation of trust that causes harm or distress to an older person. **Statistically, 1 in 6 people, over the age of 60, in Ireland are victims of abuse.** (World Health Organisation)

This is a truly damning indictment of how our society views and values older people. Sadly, the abuse of older people is not a new issue, but one that has now reached a critical threshold that can no longer be ignored, nor tolerated.

Examples of elder abuse include: Neglect and acts of omission, domestic abuse, coercive control, scams, fraud, physical abuse, sexual abuse and financial abuse.

If you or someone you know is affected by this issue, you can contact the HSE Information Line on **1800 700 700** - Monday to Saturday, 8am to 8pm. The HSE booklet, 'Open Your Eyes: Protect yourself from Elder Abuse' developed primarily for older people to assist them to plan safely for their future contains information that family members, friends, neighbours, carers, and the general public may find useful. Download at 2024 HSE protect yourself from Elder Abuse.pdf. Further information can be found at 'All you need to know about Elder Abuse | Age Action.'

We can create and influence policy that changes lives and ways of thinking by bringing this to the attention of politicians on the doorstep. Check in with an elder person today.... Be aware of Elder Abuse.....

## Physical Signs of Elder Abuse



Dehydration or unusual weight loss



Missing daily living aids



Unexplained injuries, bruises, cuts, or sores



Unsanitary living conditions and poor hygiene



Unattended medical needs