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### April Newsletter

From: Linda Ward, Diocesan President

I have just returned from a three week trip to Australia, where our two daughters are presently living. It was a wonderful trip and I even managed to find and visit the Mothers union shop in Sydney where they sell MU and fairtrade products, handmade gifts, knitting etc. My niece's little girl, Mabel is now wearing one of their lovely cardigans. They are a busy branch and it was great to meet them and see how MU is as active and relevant at the other side of the world as it is here.

Since I came back I was delighted to attend two services to mark the Feast of the Annunciation on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

I joined Abbeyleix members on Tuesday morning for a service of Holy communion, enrolment and presentation of long service certificates to 5 members. That evening a large number of members and friends joined the members of Enniscorthy and Monart Union to celebrate 120 years of Mothers union there. It was a beautiful, joyful service of thanksgiving where long service certificates were also presented followed by refreshments and fellowship. It was wonderful to hear that the branch which has been dormant for a number of years plan to meet again. The work we do in and through MU is as relevant in our churches and communities as it was 120 years ago when the Enniscorthy branch was founded. Through our many projects we 'in love and service reach out as God's hands across the world'

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Diocesan council meeting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

With love,  
**Linda**



#### A Gentle Reminder...



Please remember to send Kathleen Rothwell, our new Diocesan Secretary details of your meetings for insurance purposes.

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#### MU Enterprise



Elizabeth Johnston is our new MUE Rep.

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Enniscorthy and Monart Branch of Mothers' Union held a service on the Feast of the Annunciation, 25<sup>th</sup> March, to celebrate 120 years since the foundation of the Branch. The service was conducted by the Rector, Revd. Canon Nicola Halford and the preacher was the Right Revd. Adrian Wilkinson. The Diocesan Chaplain of Mothers' Union, Revd. Ger James was also present and the Rector of Killanne/Killegney Union, Revd. Arthur Barrett. The Branch was delighted to welcome the newly appointed Diocesan President, Linda Ward. Several members were presented with long service certificates. Refreshments were served in the Church Institute after the service.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 11th April** ~ 10.00a.m – 3.00p.m ~ CFO Spring Council ~ The Woodford Dolmen Hotel in Carlow (All members welcome to attend ~ Please let Kathleen Rothwell know by 5<sup>th</sup> April if you will be attending)
- **Thursday 1st May @ 7.00p.m.** ~ Holy Communion Service in conjunction with the Festival Service and the Commissioning of new Trustees ~ St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny
- **3rd & 4th October** ~ 2025 Getaway. Venue: The Four Season Hotel & Leisure Centre, Monaghan. Booking form available on the home page of the website
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