



MU Prayer Diary Monthly Prayer - January

Almighty Lord, thank you that we are joined together in unity through the love of Christ. Strengthen our bonds of worship and service that together we may share your love with those you bring into our lives. Amen.

The War in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, send your blessing on the people of Ukraine. Sustain them in their courage, hold them in their fear, protect them from all danger and be for them the hope they desire and deserve; we ask this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



Services for January via Zoom

*Friday 6th
*Monday 9th
Tuesday 17th, 24th and 31st

**JOIN US FOR
CHURCH ONLINE**

All services are at 8pm.

Knitting

If anyone would like to knit **Trauma Teddies** for the Midlands Prison or the hospitals in our region, please let me know, so that I can order the **CE approved wool** in bulk.



Also hats, scarves, gloves and jumpers are needed by the **Seafarers Mission**, and as always prem baby items for the hospitals. **New patterns** are now available on the **website** for **baby cribs** and **angle pockets**.

Peter McVerry Trust

Mothers' Union in our diocese has agreed to partner with the Peter McVerry Trust to supply baby products for people living in their hubs, including: bottles, bottle warmers, blankets, nappies, etc.

If any branches or individual members would like to get involved with this project, please contact myself or Valerie Power (Unit Co-ordinator for Action + Outreach) for more details.



'Walk a Mile in My Shoes'



This exhibition is available to branches and/or parishes who would like to use it to highlight the scourge, that is gender-based violence, within all our communities.

Please contact me if you would like to host the exhibition.

Subscriptions for 2023

Subscriptions are **now due** and this year costs **€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.

The Vision of Mothers' Union **is of a world where everyone prospers**, and we actively pursue this vision through prayer and action, helping to build confident people and resilient communities. And our **Mission is to show our Christian faith** by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide.

Membership can be paid via 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/Mothers' Union Friend** forms can be obtained by contacting me on 085 8890029 or cfodpmothersunion@yahoo.com.

Trustee Board for Triennium 2023 -2025

Diocesan President – Lesley Bayley (2023-24)
Diocesan Secretary – Cecily Jones
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Festival Service and Worldwide Event

On **Friday the 24th of February** we will be joined in Kilkenny by **June Butler** (All-Ireland President) and **Iris Suitor** (Zonal Trustee) for a **Worldwide Event**. Our **Festival Service** will be held in St. Canice's Cathedral that evening, during which our **new Trustee Board** will be commissioned.

Further information will be sent out later this month, when all details have been finalised.

INSURANCE

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

Contemporary Version of the Lord's Prayer by Dallas Willard

**Dear Father, always near us, may your name be treasured and loved,
may your rule be completed in us,
may your will be done here on earth, in just the way it is done in heaven.
Give us today the things we need today, and forgive us our sins and impositions on you,
as we forgive all who in any way offend us.
Please do not put us through trials, but deliver us from everything bad.
Because you are the one in charge, and you have all the power,
and the glory too is all yours, forever, which is just the way we want it. Amen.**