

### MU Prayer Diary Monthly Prayer – May 2023

We come before God in faith, with thankfulness for Christ who taught us to pray. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. The kingdom, the power, and the glory are your now and for ever. Amen.



### The War in Ukraine

Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We pray for the children and the elderly; those who have been left homeless, or without water and electricity; those who have had to flee to safety and those left behind to fight; and we pray for all who have died and those who mourn. Jesus, Prince of Peace, **hear our prayer, and answer. Amen.**



### Services for May via Zoom

8pm Tuesdays  
9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
and Monday 15<sup>th</sup>



### Mary Sumner Day 2023

This year's event will take place in the Marquee at Bunclody Rectory. It will begin with a prayer service followed by a **bake-off competition**.

### Victoria Sponge with a TWIST!

All entries must be baked at home and must have a **TWIST** that makes it **more** than just a **Victoria sponge**.

*Special guest judges.  
An afternoon of fun and food.  
More details next month.*



## Mothers' Union Enterprise

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

**Naomi is happy to travel to branch meetings or events. Payment for cards ordered over the phone or via email and text can now be paid for by Credit Card.**

### INSURANCE

Please continue to let myself and Cecily 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 us at least one month in advance of it taking place, in case extra insurance is required or an extra cost incurred.

### International Widows Day

**IWD** takes place on **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June** and this year we will mark it with a service in St. Mary's Church, Carlow at 11.30am, led by our Diocesan Chaplain Revd. Ger James. Afterwards all are invited to join us for a light lunch in a nearby hotel.



I will need to have numbers for the hotel by June 16<sup>th</sup>, so please contact me on 085 8890029 or cfodpmothersunion@yahoo.com.



Application forms for any of the **3 grant schemes** can be obtained from **cfomothersuniongrants@gmail.com**

## Changing The Story #NoMore1in3

To celebrate the launch of the Gender Justice programme, 'Equipping the Church To Take Action and End Domestic Abuse' and the formation of the 'Survivors Changing the Story' support group, MU are delighted to host two 1-day conferences on

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September in Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown, BT63 5HS

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September in Kiltarnan Parish Centre, Dublin, D18 ET99

Please spread the word widely and place a date in your diary.

Contact: [muchangingthestory@gmail.com](mailto:muchangingthestory@gmail.com)

Tickets from  
**eventbrite**

### 'Survivors Changing the Story'

- A space to share together and to support each other on our journey of wholeness and healing
- please contact: [muchangingthestory@gmail.com](mailto:muchangingthestory@gmail.com)

1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced domestic or sexual abuse



Mothers UNION  
**#NoMore1in3**  
End abuse and violence now



### Helpline Numbers:

Garda Síochána: 999/112

Women's Aid 24hr: 1800 341 900

Rape Crisis Centre: 1800 778 888

### Dates for your Diary

General Synod - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> + Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

International Widows Day - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Mary Sumner Day - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

NPA - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> +

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Annual Gathering York - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Women's Getaway - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> + Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Autumn Council - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

16 Days of Activism - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Global Day of Action - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

# Show Time

**Gorey Show - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tinahely Show - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**Tullow Show - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**MU CFO will be there!**

### Peter McVerry Trust - Baby Bundles

Valerie Power (Unit Co-ordinator for Action + Outreach) is looking for members and/or branches to help supply 'Baby Bundles' for families living in Peter McVerry Trust houses and hubs.



Hats, gloves, jumpers, coats, sleeping bags, etc are also needed for the homeless people they help.

### 'Walk a Mile in My Shoes'

The 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.



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*Our deepest sympathies are extended to all members and branches who have been bereaved in recent months.*

