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Newsletter ~ March 2025



As we begin a new Triennium we are delighted to welcome Linda Ward as our new Diocesan President. Linda comes from Castlecomer Branch.

Congratulations to all of the newly elected Trustee Board and we wish them every blessing in their new roles.

Our grateful thanks to Lesley Bayley, outgoing Diocesan President, and all of the outgoing Trustees for their dedication to Cashel, Ferns & Ossory Mothers' Union.

A Message from Our Diocesan President

I really am surprised and humbled by the amount of good wishes and support given to me since my appointment as DP. Thank you to you all.

The Trustee board met on Saturday 22nd Feb and although we have a lot of work to do, there was a great buzz of excitement as we got to know each other and plan for the year ahead. We have so many gifted and talented people in Mothers union and I look forward to working with all of you as we look at ways to support each other and the work of MU at home and abroad. Thank you to Margaret our PRO for this informative newsletter. I hope to meet many of you at council on Fri 11th March.

As we enter March and enjoy the longer days and spring flowers we also begin the season of Lent. I paraphrase the monthly prayer for March in our Prayer diary -

'May we reflect Christ's love in all we do. Help us to be people showing love for others through inclusion, forgiveness, compassion and social justice. Amen

With love, Linda

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St. Mary's Church Bunclody ~ Wednesday Services

We are very grateful that Revd. Canon Trevor Sargent has given us the zoom link to his Wednesday morning service which takes place at 10.15. We hope that many members will be able to join this service online or they are very welcome to attend in person.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84132006958?pwd=V1lHV2V2OFBlcU5OS05HYndWckZlQQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 3200 6958

Passcode: 700678 (This is a recurring link)



A Gentle Reminder...



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

secretarymucfo@gmail.com

MU Enterprise



Unfortunately Naomi Besanson has had to step down as MUE Rep. but we are very grateful to Elizabeth Johnston for taking over from her.

Elizabeth can be contacted on:

elizabethjohnston58@gmail.com

Trustee Meeting

The first Trustee Meeting of the new Board took place on Saturday 22nd February. We held a very constructive meeting during which all of the Units planned for the future of Mothers' Union in the Diocese. The day began with a very meaningful Communion Service led by our Diocesan Chaplain, Revd. Ger James, and midday prayers were led by Revd. Canon Trevor Sargent. We are very grateful to the ladies from Castlecomer Branch for the lovely refreshments they provided and to Frances Bradley for her entertaining piece about Mothers' Union.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Tuesday 25th March ~ The Feast of the Annunciation ~** Service in St. Mary's Church Enniscorthy @ 7.30pm to celebrate 120th Anniversary of the Mothers' Union Branch. The special preacher is The Right Revd. Adrian Wilkinson, Bishop of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory ~ The service will be live streamed: St. Mary's Church, Enniscorthy – www.churchmedia.ie
- **Friday 11th April ~ 10.00a.m – 3.00p.m ~** CFO Spring Council ~ The Woodford Dolmen Hotel in Carlow
- **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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