

## November Newsletter



## Autumn Council

Autumn Council will take place on **Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup>** commencing at **10.30am** with a Service of Morning Prayer followed by our meeting. As you will know by now it was felt it would be better to hold the meeting **via Zoom** and the link and joining details will be sent by email on **Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## What is Mothers' Union?

**Mothers' Union** is an **International Christian organisation** that has been supporting families worldwide for **over 140 years**, with **over 4 million members** in **84 countries**, who work tirelessly to serve their communities whilst offering Christian care for families, regardless of faith or background. And despite our name we are an **inclusive** organisation, and are very proud to have a growing number of men who have joined us.

As a Christian membership charity, we demonstrate **our faith in action**, as we work towards stopping poverty, stopping inequality and stopping injustice. Our members **work at grassroots level** around the world, **bringing hope and practical support** every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

At the heart of what we do is **prayer**, and our members come together every day at **midday** to pray for their communities, fellow members and for those in need.

*Ending violence, ending poverty, ending injustice. We are a truly worldwide Christian movement.*

## Elections

Nominations were held recently for vacant positions on the Diocesan Trustee board. As no opposition was recorded the following people have been elected:

- Unit Co-ordinator for Action and Outreach:  
**Valerie Power** (Bunclody Branch)
- Worldwide Representative:  
**William Bayley** (Diocesan Member)
- Honorary Treasurer:  
Vacant (to be discussed at Autumn Council)

## '21 in 21' Walk

June completed her third walk with us on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October on the **'Railway Walk'** in Tinahely. This was also her final walk overall. A big thank you to all those who came out on the day to support her.

If any members/branches have any money for the 'Mums in May' fund would you please send it to Joan Blake as soon as possible or by EFT to:  
IBAN: IE49 AIBK 9336 4315 4830 63  
(please write branch name and MIM in narrative space)



## Mums' Marvellous Meals - €5

As part of the 'Mums in May' fundraising effort the cookbook **'Mums Marvellous Meals'** was launched during the summer. Sales of the cookbook will continue into the future – if your branch members or those in the wider community would like a copy please let me know.



## Connected Magazine

Hopefully by now you have all received your Autumn edition of 'Connected' magazine, which was posted directly from MSH. If your name is on the database and you haven't yet received it let me know, as I have some spare copies.



**'Forever lost, forever changed.  
We care, so we remember'.**



## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence



- The **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** runs from the **25th of November** until the **10th of December** and there will be a **Zoom Service** on both evenings at 7pm.
- The **Global Day of Action** will be held on **Saturday November 27th** and the theme for this year once again is **'No more 1 in 3'** referring to the number of women affected by domestic abuse worldwide.
- We will mark the day with a **'Service of Contemplation and Prayer'** in **St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny** commencing at **12.45pm**.
- At **1.03pm** a **3-minute silence** will take place along with a **'No more 1 in 3'** visual display.
- **Purple ribbons** will be provided for everyone in the cathedral on the day.
- The service will be recorded and will be available to watch on our own diocesan website and also the MU All-Ireland YouTube channel.
- A **collection** will take place for the **women's refuges** within our diocese: toys, toiletries, bedding, clothing, non-perishable foods, etc. The **Amber Refuge** is currently in temporary premises and would appreciate vouchers for Aldi, Tesco, Dunnes Store, etc.
- **Purple scarves** with the '1 in 3' logo are available to buy from the MUE shop at a cost of approximately €5 including postage.
- **The Thursday service** at 11.15am in **Christ Church, Dublin** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> of December** will focus on 'No more 1 in 3' and all are welcome to attend. If attending you are asked to **please wear black clothing** in order to highlight our participation in the **'Thursday in Black'** campaign which hopes to bring an end to rape and violence worldwide.

### Christmas Appeal

The Mary Sumner House **Christmas Appeal** will be launching towards the end of November, and like last year match funding has been secured. This means that all donations made between noon on the **30<sup>th</sup> of November** and noon on the **7<sup>th</sup> of December** will be doubled.

All monies raised will be used to support projects focused on helping survivors of gender-based violence and women at risk.

### Mothers' Union Worldwide Reach

Globally the Mothers' Union focuses its efforts on:

- Creating a **peaceful and safe** environment for all.
- Fighting for **gender justice**.
- Building individuals' **self-reliance**.



### In Flanders Fields *By John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
between the crosses, row on row,  
that mark our place; and in the sky  
the larks, still bravely singing, fly  
scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
in Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
to you from failing hands we throw  
the torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
we shall not sleep,  
though poppies grow  
in Flanders fields.



# Happy Thanksgiving

