

November

Gender justice

As a worldwide movement, we embrace our mission to champion the cause of gender justice. May the God of righteousness equip us with all we need to play our part in creating a just and equal society. Amen.

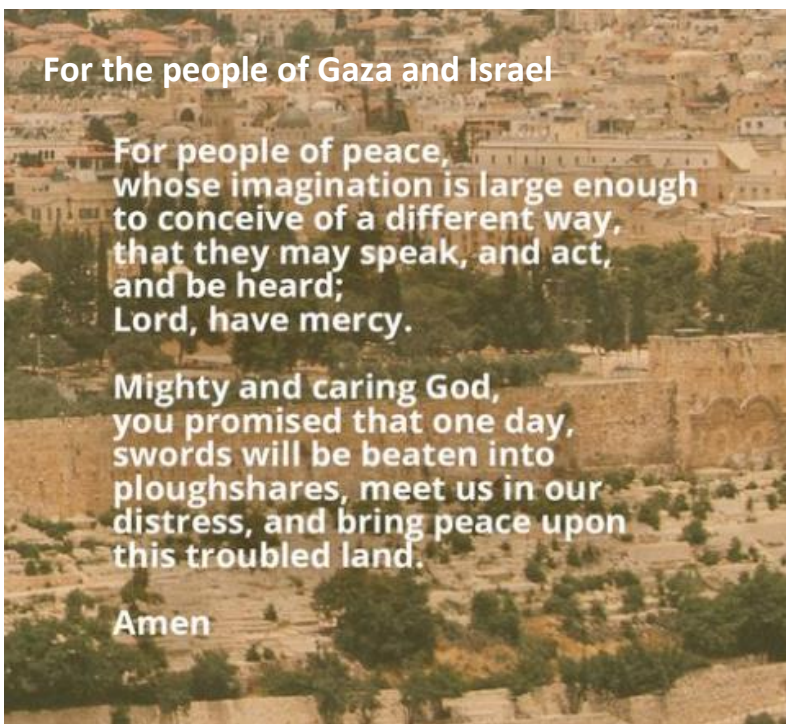


For the people of Gaza and Israel

For people of peace, whose imagination is large enough to conceive of a different way, that they may speak, and act, and be heard; Lord, have mercy.


Mighty and caring God, you promised that one day, swords will be beaten into ploughshares, meet us in our distress, and bring peace upon this troubled land.

Amen



Diocesan - Write a Prayer for Annabella Hayes Day

Members are asked to write a prayer in honour of our founder in Ireland – **Annabella Hayes**, who we now celebrate on the 7th of February each year.



The winner will say their prayer for the first time at next year's Festival Service in Kiltegan, and will also be presented with a prize.

Entries should be sent to William Bayley, Unit Coordinator for Fundraising and Communication no later than Friday the 19th of January 2024, including your name and details. Please send entries to: william.bayley@ymail.com

The War in Ukraine

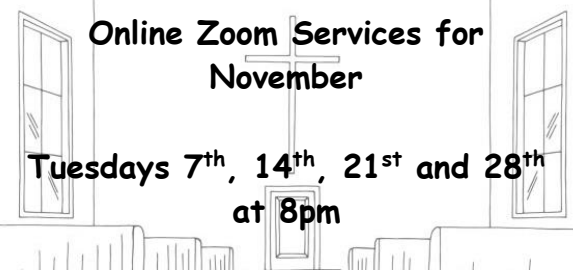
Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Lord, we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who do not know what tomorrow will bring. Lord, may your Kingdom come, and your will be done. Amen.



Online Zoom Services for November

Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 8pm

Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6851708835?pwd=T2ZZZS9wVTRRbzIqbJ4S2ZnTD BwZz09>



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. Cards ordered over the phone or via email and text can now be paid for by Credit Card.

Christmas Cards, 2024 Diaries and Calendars now available. Order while stocks last!




in Leskinfere Hall on Tuesday the 14th of November at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

Dates for your Diary

Harvest Festival Service - November 5th in St. Peter's Church, Portlaoise at 3pm

16 Days of Activism - Saturday 25th November to Sunday 10th December

Global Day of Action - Saturday 25th November service in Killeshin Church at 3pm

2024

Annabella Hayes Day + Festival Service - February 7th in Kiltegan at 7pm

All Ireland Big Hymn Sing - March 2nd St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 2pm

Lady Day - March 25th on-line service at 8pm

Spring Council - April 27th in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow at 10.30am

Retreat/Weekend away - May 17th- 19th venue to be confirmed.

International Widow's Day - June 23rd service and supper

Mary Sumner Day - August 9th Diocesan 'Big Hymn Sing' for Mum's in May

Autumn Council - October 26th in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow at 10.30am

CFO Diocesan Holy Communion Service - November 7th in St. Mary's, Carlow at 11.30am

Remembrance Day - November 11th

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. We will remember them.

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



All Ireland 'Big Hymn Sing'

Annabella Hayes



Members are asked to submit their favourite hymns (6-8) by the end of November please to Margaret Jacob. There is also a competition at All Ireland level to write a prayer in honour of Annabella Hayes. The prayer should be no longer than 100 words and should be submitted to Margaret by the end of December please. Entries for both hymns and prayers should be sent to: cfomothersunion@gmail.com

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

The Global Day of Action service takes place in Killeshin Church at 3pm on Saturday the 25th of November. All are welcome!



THE MU RISE UP CHALLENGE



- ❖ Put up a domestic abuse poster
- ❖ Commit to praying regularly
- ❖ Support local domestic abuse service
- ❖ Church works towards MU Bronze, Silver and Gold awards



Collection point for the women's refuges in our diocese on the day.

#NoMore1in3
End abuse and violence now

On-line services on the 28th of November, and the 5th and 10th of December (usual Zoom link applies).

Respond... Inform... Support... Empower... Unite... Prayer...

Mothers UNION