



MU Prayer Diary Monthly Prayer - October

Lord, let us not avert our gaze from the challenging issues in life, but offer your love in tangible ways.

May Christ be our inspiration and guide as we seek to act with insight and integrity, to make a difference in our world. Amen.

A Prayer on the Death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II

Loving God of all, we give thanks for the long life of Her Majesty the Queen; for her wisdom and dignity; for her faithfulness to her vows; for her dedication to public service; for her Christian faith and joyful witness. May she rest in peace and enjoy the gift of everlasting life. We entrust Queen Elizabeth to your eternal love, and pray for The King and all the Royal family at this sad time. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Diocesan Tour Luncheon

The luncheon will take place on **Monday October 10th at 12.30pm** in the **Hotel Kilkenny**.

Names please to **Phyllis Foot** at **087 6318711**

'Thursdays in Black'

If you would like to be involved then please send me a photo and short piece about why you wear Black on Thursdays. As part of our on-going advocacy these will feature in the Diocesan magazine, and on our Facebook page.

Date for your Diary

Autumn Council will take place on **Tuesday November 22nd** in the **Hoban Hotel Kilkenny** from 10am. **All members welcome!**

The War in Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, and for all the world. Amen.

A Prayer for Harvest Time

For food in a world where many walk in hunger;
for faith in a world where many walk in fear;
and for friends in a world where many walk alone;
we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.



Tuesday Services via ZOOM

Weekly **zoom services** continue every **Tuesday at 8pm**.

4th – St. Francis of Assisi

11th – Harvest Festival

18th – Prisons Week

25th – Saint Raphael the Archangel



The Midlands Prison Portlaoise

After a recent visit to the **Midlands Prison**, I am delighted that we have re-established our link with them and look forward to offering support and help as it is needed. To begin the process a grant has been obtained from our AFIA Reimagined fund. This has been used to buy stationery and craft products for the children's area of the Visitor's Centre, as well as providing release kits for the prisoners, including a gym bag and basic toiletries. We hope in the future to also provide vouchers for McDonalds and Supermac's.

I would hope that branches will become involved in this project and perhaps could help us supply selection boxes for Santa's visit to the Visitor's Centre in December. The ones suggested by staff are the '3 for €5' size (with no nut products) so preferably the ones made by Cadbury. If any branch or member would like to help out with this then please bring them along to **Autumn Council**, where we will have a drop-off box available.

As this is a renewed link, we thought perhaps we should also have a **new name** for the project – so, if anyone has any suggestions, please send them to me.

Prisons Week takes place in **October** and our **Tuesday Service** on the **18th** will include the prayer below and the 7 daily prayers for the week, which can be found on www.prisonsworld.org.

The Prisons Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together

with Christ in his strength, and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

16 Days of Activism – 16 Days 365

The **Tuesday** service on **Zoom** at **8pm** on the **22nd of November** will focus on the **16 Days of Activism Against GBV**. We will also have a **central service** on the evening of **Saturday the 26th of November** to mark the **Global Day of Action** (all are invited to attend) – **All Saint's, Carnew** at **7pm**.

'Walk a Mile in My Shoes'

As part of our ongoing campaigning against Domestic Violence, we would like to have **our own exhibition** based on the 'Soles of our Shoes' one which All-Ireland has available to anyone to use, but for which there is always a waiting list. If you have an old pair of shoes you would like to donate to our **'Walk a Mile in My Shoes'** exhibition, then please bring them with you to the **Autumn Council** meeting, where we will have a drop-off box available. This exhibition will be displayed at our **Global Day** service and will then be available for any branch who wishes to use it in their parish/area.

Items for Refuges

As always, we will be collecting **toiletry/clothing items and vouchers** for the **refuges** in the diocese, of which there are now **7**, at the **Global Day** service, but we will also have a drop-off box available at the **Autumn Council** meeting earlier that week, if you would like to bring your donations there instead.