

October Newsletter



Mums In May – '21 in 21' Walks

June Butler will complete her third **7km** walk in our diocese on **Tuesday October 26th** starting at **11.30am** in the **Railway Walk Carpark** in **Tinahely, Co. Wicklow**.

(To reach the carpark turn at the petrol station/main entrance to Kilcommon Church, 50mts on the left)



Mums' Marvellous Meals

As part of the 'Mums in May' fundraising effort the cookbook '**Mums Marvellous Meals**' was launched during the summer. As your branches begin to meet again, please let me know how many copies you require to sell to both members and those within your communities.

The Annual Gathering

The **Annual Gathering** took place over 2 sessions via YouTube on the 25th of September. The Worldwide President **Sheran Harper** gave an uplifting and encouraging speech, the MSH staff updated us on many issues, including the financial state of the central charity, and members around the world informed us of the work and projects they were undertaking. In **2022** the Annual Gathering will be held in **Belfast** on **September 23rd and 24th**.

- Session 1 can be viewed on: <https://youtu.be/LMU-yzYwUPI>
- Session 2 can be viewed on: https://youtu.be/am-_XEMhBIQ

Connected Magazine

The Autumn edition of 'Connected' will be posted directly to everyone registered on our diocesan database.

This edition will also include 3 bookmarks and a prayer diary for use during the 16 Days of Activism.

There will be a few spare copies available so please let me know if you need any.



Elections

For those entitled to vote please note that nomination papers are due to be returned to **Joan Blake** by **October 15th**.

The vacant positions on the Trustees Board are:

- Unit Co-ordinator for Action and Outreach
- Worldwide Representative
- Honorary Treasurer



Autumn Council

Autumn Council will take place on **Wednesday November 17th** commencing at **10.30am** with a Service of Holy Communion, followed by our meeting. The venue is yet to be confirmed, and details will be sent to officers as soon as possible.

If your branch has had a change of officer(s) during our enforced closure due to COVID-19, please let myself and Margaret Jacob know, so that we can ensure you are kept up-to-date with all things MU.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence



- The **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence** runs from the **25th of November** (The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) until the **10th of December** (Human Rights Day).
- This year the Mothers' Union **Global Day of Action** will be held on **Saturday November 27th**.
- The theme for this year is once again '**No more 1 in 3**' referring to the number of women affected by domestic abuse.
- We will hold a service on the **Global Day of Action (27th)** 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 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** in our diocese: toys, toiletries, bedding, clothing, non-perishable foods, 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.

Mothers' Union Theme for 2021: 'The time for transformation is now'

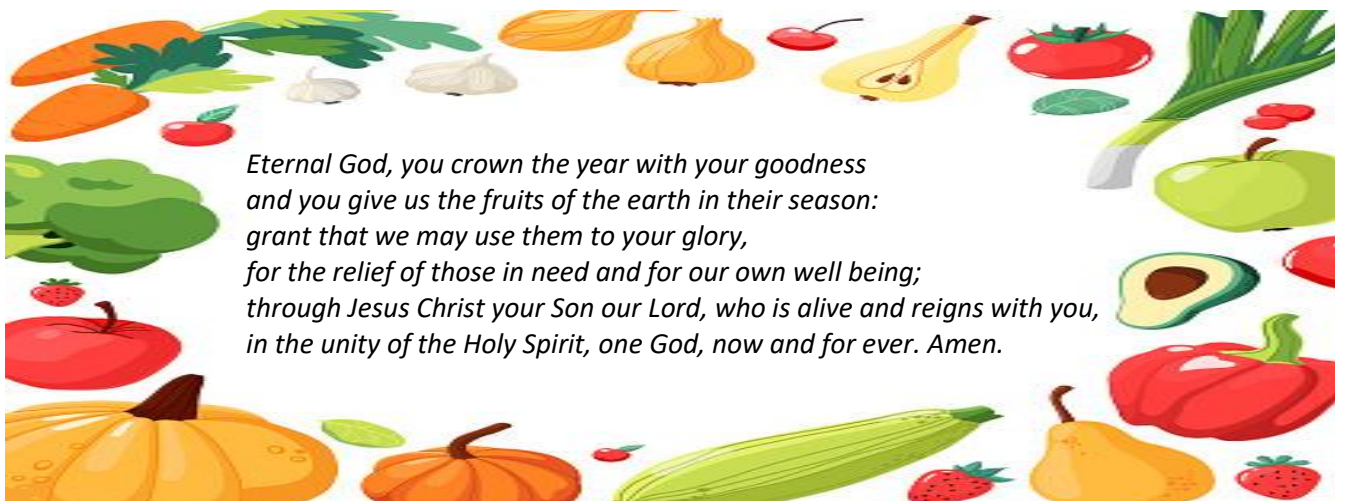
The MSH website says of next year's theme, 'Our evolving response to the effects of a global pandemic combined with the start of a new triennium presents an opportunity to look to the future with fresh vision as we adapt and learn to thrive in these changing times'.

In 2020/21, Mothers' Union members showed amazing resilience, responsiveness and adaptability. Now is the time to build on this experience to:

- Transform ourselves, personally and spiritually, to live out our faith.
- Transform the churches and communities we work with and of which we are a part to reflect Christ's kingdom.
- Transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life.

It is hoped that the theme resources which are now available on the MSH website will provide a starting point for this transformation.

Harvest Collect



*Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*