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Diocese of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

From: Linda Ward, The Diocesan President:

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather with time to enjoy the longer days. Many MU branches will be having outings or day trips which is a great opportunity to invite friends, share the work of Mothers Union and encourage each other.

Congratulations to Cashel MU branch who have received their Bronze Rise Up award joining Kilkenny branch who received their award last month. I know many other branches within the diocese are doing everything needed to achieve their award too. To get the award for your branch, contact me if you have done the following –

- Put a Rise up poster raising awareness about domestic abuse in a public place such as
- churches, toilets, community halls etc.
- Commit to pray for those affected by domestic abuse
- Make a connection with your local domestic abuse support centre.

On Monday June 23rd we mark International Widow's day. This prayer remembers them.

"Loving God, we come before you on International Widows Day, to lift up widows in our hearts and minds. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones, and for those who are struggling with the many challenges that widowhood brings.

Grant them your strength and peace, that they may find comfort in your unwavering love. Give them wisdom to navigate the complexities of their new lives, and help them to find joy in the many ways you continue to provide for them.

Lord, we also pray for those who are facing discrimination and injustice. We ask for your justice and righteousness to be made known, that all widows may be treated with dignity and respect.

May your Holy Spirit fill the lives of widows with hope and resilience. May they find your presence in their lives, and may your light shine brightly upon them, even in the darkest of times.

We pray that through your love, widows may find healing and restoration, and that they may experience your peace that passes all understanding. We ask all this in Jesus name. Amen."

With love,

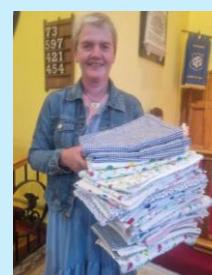
Linda

News from Branches

Castlecomer Branch:

It was a wonderful occasion for Castlecomer Branch on Tuesday 13th May when four new members were enrolled.

Also at this meeting Quilted Snugglies, which were made by members of Castlecomer MU and the parish sewing group, were presented to Jackie Neale, Young Families Representative for CFO, for distribution to neonatal units in the Diocese.



Kilkenny Branch:



Congratulations to Kilkenny MU Branch for achieving the Bronze Award in the Rise Up Campaign to raise awareness of Gender Based Violence.

Our Diocesan President, Linda Ward, presented the Branch with their award at a recent meeting. Kilkenny Branch is the first Branch in the Diocese to achieve this award.

Congratulations to Cashel MU who have now also achieved their Bronze Award

Well done to both Branches.



Tullow Branch:

Tullow Mothers' Union held an evening in Littlewood Hall on Tuesday 20th as the final celebration for 120 years of the Branch. They were delighted to have Linda Ward, Diocesan President, in attendance. It was a lovely evening of fun, worship and fellowship.

Killanne/Killegney Branch:

Killanne/Killegney Branch in conjunction with St. Colman's Church, Templeshanbo, held a very successful "Songs of Praise" in aid of parish funds and the Diocesan MU AFIA fund. The large congregation joined in gusto with the singing of the hymns and all enjoyed refreshments in the Parish hall after the service. € 400 was raised for the AFIA Fund.

The service was led by the CFO Mothers' Union Chaplain, Revd. Ger James, and the Diocesan President, Linda Ward, also attended.



Useful links and email addresses:

- Wednesday zoom service in St. Mary's Church, Bunclody @10.15a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84132006958?pwd=V1lHV2V2OFBlcU5OS05HYndWckZJQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 3200 6958 Passcode: 700678

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