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MU Prayer

Loving Lord

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union

as we seek to share your love

through the encouragement, strengthening

and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit,

may we be united in prayer and worship,

and in love and service

reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen



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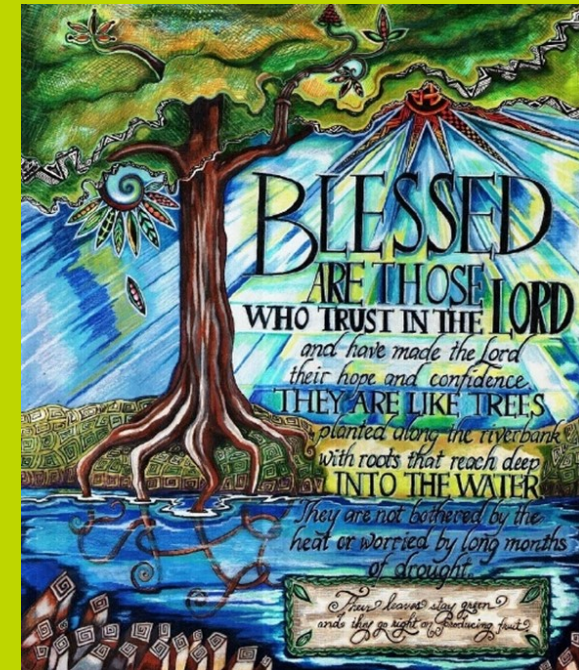
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Diocesan Events Calendar 2020



Building Hope and Confidence



Theme 2020

BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

Since its inception, Mothers' Union has placed "Building hope and confidence" at the heart of our call to support individuals and families to transform their lives. As we build our hope and confidence in God we pray that we will be inspired and equipped to build hope and confidence in others, in both local and global context. May our activities in 2020 assist us to live out our faith as we build hope and confidence in ourselves as well as those we support, and nurture our faith as we continue to walk forward in step with God

Derry & Raphoe Diocesan Outreach :

- * Prayer Circle
- * DRY—Derry Raphoe Youth
- * Comfort Teddies
- * Neo natal knits
- * Fiddle Blankets/ Muffs / Freddie Bags
- * Emergency Toiletries for Hospitals
- * Women's Refuge Requisites
- * Highlighting Domestic Abuse and Gender Based Violence



- * Supporting MU Overseas and local community projects.
- * Away From It All Breaks
- * Magilligan / Foyle Child Contact Centre
- * Triennial Family Fun Day

The success of our projects reflects the enthusiasm of our members. If you wish to take part or would like further information on any of our outreach activities,

please contact Kathleen, our Diocesan Secretary, at secretarydandrmothersunion@gmail.com

2020 DIOCESAN EVENTS

A Day of Refreshment – In Step with God, Saturday 22nd February, TBF Thompson Ministries Auditorium, Garvagh, 10.30am to 2.30pm. Speaker: Revd Katie McAteer; Diocesan Chaplain; Cost £12

Area Building Hope and Confidence 2020 Events

Derry – Wed. 18th March, An Grianán Hotel, Burt, BIG SING, 8pm

Donegal – Sat 18th April, Stranolar, GUEST TEA, 3pm

N&S Sperrin – Wed 25th March, Garvagh, THE 3 P's, 7.30pm,

Omagh – Sat 4th April, Lislimnaghan; BRUNCH; 11.30am—1.30pm

Strabane – Tues 3rd March, Strabane, PASSOVER SEDER, 7.30pm;

Branch Leaders' Forum & Branch Officer Training – Monday, 2nd March, 7.30pm; Diocesan Centre

DRY Invites—Sunday, 1st March, Praise service, St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe; 4pm

Overseas Meeting - Wednesday 22nd April, Drumachose Hall, Limavady, 8pm. Speaker: June Butler, AI President

Spring Council Meeting – Thursday 30th April 2019, Diocesan Centre, Londonderry, 7.30pm,

Summer Gatherings 2020

Raphoe— Saturday 16th May, Laghey Parish Church, 3pm,

Derry – Saturday 30th May, St Peter's Church, Londonderry, 3pm

Clonmany Show—Tuesday 4th August

Mary Sumner Day – Sunday 9th August, Celtic Prayer Garden. 3pm

Diocesan Committee Planning for 2021— Thurs 10th September, Diocesan Office, 7.30pm

Prayer Afternoon – Sunday 27th September, 2.30pm, Healing Service at 4pm. Speaker: Rev Canon David Ferry

Diocesan Festival Service – Wednesday 30th September, 8pm St Columb's Church, Omagh. Speaker: Bishop Andrew Forster

Branch Leaders' Forum— Mon 5th October, Diocesan Centre, 7.30

Women's Getaway Weekend - TBC

Autumn Council Meeting – Thursday 19th November, 7.30pm, Diocesan Centre, Londonderry

16 Days of Activism Event – 28th November 2020 TBC

(Trustee Board meets on Thursdays 5th March, 2nd April, 17th September and 15th October.)