

Do check the Mothers' Union Website regularly

for the latest news both local and overseas.

There is much to encourage us in our thinking about what MU is involved in. On the Australian site www.muaustralia.org.au — there is the **Thought for the Week**, and you can also access the latest Mia Mia online.

Use all the tools available to help promote and further AMUA!!

If you didn't receive the latest Prayer Diary - download it from the website—www.mumelbourne.org.au. You can still stay in touch. Stay up to date with what is happening.

Things to do...

Knitting/crocheting rugs and beanies for premies and stillborn babies [these go to the Royal Women's Hospital and Geelong Hospital.]

[baby clothes are also acceptable]

Making fiddle rugs for aged care facilities

Making gifts for Mothers' Day

Have a guided tour of the Cathedral

Use the Count Your Blessings diary during Lent

The theme for 2023/24

"Transformation—NOW!"

To survive, Mothers' Union need to be transformed into a more vibrant organization - reaching out to those who need to hear that there is hope in these troubled times. Let's work together on how to achieve this.

Thank you to Kaylene for helping put together our 2023/4 logo. Please use it as you see fit for publicity.



**Melbourne Diocesan Newsletter
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From the President

Hello MU Members,

Well, its been a busy couple of months for me, "finding my feet"!

As incoming President, I am endeavouring to visit as many branches as possible, to introduce myself, to meet members, and learn more about their branches.

I have been concentrating on branches in the Southern Region at the moment, having already visited a number, and plan to extend my visits to the Northern/Western and Eastern Regions later this year and next.

I look forward to attending the Lady Day Services at Ringwood and Geelong, as well as the Cathedral, and my "official" Commissioning.

A most heartfelt thank you to everyone for welcoming me, and my husband Martin, so warmly. I enjoyed very much being able to share who I am, and be part of your meetings.

Sharing
Christ's
love
by
encouraging,
strengthening
and
supporting
marriage
and
family
life

I am also keen to broaden the reach of our MU as much as possible, and hope, through an introduction via our branches, to be able to speak to as many Churches as I can, to introduce/reintroduce MU, give an overview of our history, and to promote MU. I have already spoken at my own Church, St Nicholas Mordialloc where 4 of our parishioners subscribed!

Chairing the Exec Meeting in February, we also addressed the situation that the 3 regions, Northern/Western, Eastern and Southern do not have an appointed co-ordinator as yet. One thought was to create “clusters” within different areas, with a key person to act as the contact person to the President.

I am also endeavouring to include ZOOM in our meetings for members who would like to attend, both Exec and Diocesan Council, but find they are unable to, for various reasons.

I look forward to working with the Exec Committee, and the past regional co-ordinators, to work out the best way of continuing MU communication at the moment, and what our best way forward will be in the future.

Please feel welcome to contact me to share any ideas that you may have, to make a positive and forward step for MU.

Peace and Blessings,

Karen.

For your Diary

Lady Day Service will be held at St Paul's Cathedral

4.00pm Sunday 26th March—this will be streamed on the Cathedral website and available on Monday 27th. Karen will be commissioned as MU President at this service.

**There will also be a
Lady Day Service at St Paul's Ringwood
on Thursday 23rd March at 1.30pm. You are welcome to attend.**

**Geelong Lady Day service will be at St Andrew's Corio
on 1st April at 11am. Bring your banners!**

Mothers' Union Quiet Day

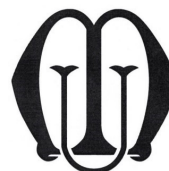
10.00am—2.00pm Wednesday 17th May

St Mary's Sunbury led by Rev. Dr Kathleen Alleaume-Ross

Project for 2023 – the Overseas Project Target Fund
Theme: Disaster & Climate Change Management in the Pacific
Project: Church & Community Disaster Resilience in Tonga and Fiji.
Check the website for details.

****If you require items from the Bookshop**, please contact Helen or Margaret Dunbar

****A message from Kaylene — Website co-ordinator.**
Kaylene would welcome photos/stories of what branches are doing, as well as advance notice of events coming up. [It pays to advertise!]



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The Placing of MU logo on Memorial Plaques MU members may not be aware that it is possible to have a MU emblem placed on a Memorial Plaque.. ArrowBronze (Dandenong South) do have a jpeg of the MU emblem recorded on their database.. St Paul's Frankston have two plaques in their Memorial Garden with the MU emblem .