



*“Encouraging  
Families  
through Faith  
In Action”*

## MU Newsletter April 2026

Dear MU Members,

I hope Easter Day was a Blessed celebration for you, and, as we travel through Eastertide, we can take heart from the stories of the Disciples, from their grief and confusion, to the Epiphany and revelation they gain through their faith and calling.

There are a few Lady Day celebrations I am able to mention, starting on the morning of Lady Day. Fr Gerald Loos from St Matthews Cheltenham invited me to give MU greetings at his service. Unfortunately didn't even think of taking a photo. Mullum Mullum - St Paul's Ringwood also held a Lady Day service on the day.

Wednesday evening we celebrated a wonderful Evensong service at St Paul's Cathedral for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Lady Day. The Dean, Andreas Lowe, and Precentor Tim Watson were gracious to Mothers Union and the importance of this day to us.

Rosemary Hicks invited me to attend and speak at a special MU gathering at St Dunstan's Camberwell the following Saturday. St James the Less Mt Eliza celebrated Lady Day with a service on Monday 30th where I was also able to attend and speak.

I know many of you upheld the day, on the day, or on the closest day to the 25<sup>th</sup> that you could. The most important thing is that we upheld the day.

Our Melbourne Council Meeting will be at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. Entry will be via the Cathedral Courtyard door - we will have a member ready to let you in. The meeting will be held in the Barbara Darling Room.

There will be copies of the Agenda and October 2025 Council meeting minutes, and any other reports at the meeting.

Olivia Ephraim will be our guest speaker. She will introduce herself and her role as Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Officer with the Diocese's Prevention of Violence Against Women (PVAW) department.

Wendy Mabey, our Australian Vice President holds the "portfolio" of Domestic Violence. Her report can be obtained via your branch. These are her words that accompanied her April report (your Branch leader will have a copy)

*“It is my hope that I will be able to share information with you on how we might as Mothers Union in Australia continue to be informed about the issues surrounding family and domestic violence and the ways in which we can raise awareness in our parishes and our communities.”*

A Reminder that Fees/Subscriptions \$45.00 are due now. Thank you to those who have paid. Please see your branch treasurers if you are still yet to pay or contact me or Rosemary Simpson.

**Dates of MU Happenings around Melbourne:**

**Thursday 23rd April 11 am – 1.30pm** Melbourne Council Meeting Barbara Darling Room St Paul's Cathedral. Entrance via Carpark adjacent to Cathedral on Flinders Street

**Sunday 3rd May - National DV (Domestic Violence) Aware Sunday.** Anglican Parishes across Australia are encouraged to observe DV Aware Sunday to highlight God's concern for those experiencing harm.

**Sunday 21st June - Observance of MU 150th Celebrations Worldwide -** Please include MU prayers for the worldwide movement in Sunday Church Intercessions.

Please let me know if you have an event coming up. Placing it in the newsletter is not just notifying those who might like to attend but lets us all know what's happening around the MU Melbourne Diocese.

*Should you need more information, have any questions, please contact the Leader/President or the Secretary/Contact Person in your Branch or call me directly.*

*Love and Peace, Karen*



Lady Day Mt Eliza Caritas



Lady Day at St Paul's