

## 2018 MU Theme Resources



"In Mary Sumner's Footsteps" is the theme for 2018. A selection of themed resources to help celebrate throughout the year, in large and small settings can be found at this link.....

<http://www.mothersunion.org/content/annual-theme-resources-2018>



## Mothers' Union offers liturgy to help mark Mothering Sunday

Mothers' Union has released a Eucharistic liturgy and other resources to help churches mark Mothering Sunday, on 11<sup>th</sup> March. The liturgy has been prepared by students from St Mellitus Theology College.

Mothers' Union 2018 resources, also include a collection of prayers, a structured family service, and a series of activities for children.

## Make a Mother's Day 2018 Gifts that help mothers bloom

Mother's Union has produced an online catalogue of alternative Mothering Sunday gifts to raise funds for its work around the world. Gifts range in price from £6 for its "greater love", which supports projects that help restore broken relationships in communities; to £100 for its "powerful voice", which supports projects designed to give mothers the confidence and skills to speak out against inequality and gender-based violence."

- [Click here](#) to access the Mothers' Union Mothering Sunday liturgical resources.
- [Click here](#) to access the *Make A Mother's Day* gifts website

## Mums in May 2018



Mums in May, Mothers' Union Triennial Fundraising project has enabled us to reach out into our communities and share the vision, the excitement and the support which Mothers' Union brings to those who are most vulnerable in our society, both locally and globally.

Funds raised have allowed us to:



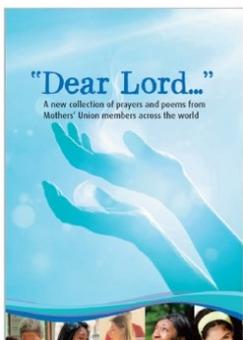
- Support families affected by **Domestic Abuse and Homelessness**.
  - Develop the **'Away From It All'** scheme in many dioceses.
  - Provide **training and support** for Diocesan and All-Ireland volunteers.
  - Support **Family Days**.
- **Raise awareness** in the wider community of the work of Mothers' Union both locally and globally.
  - **Extend our giving** to Mothers' Union Worldwide and to the Centenary Fund.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our 2012 and 2015 programmes and we hope that you will have an opportunity to share in our 2018 schedule which will see members and friends take part in sponsored walks, fireside quizzes, craft competitions and of course the Tea Party!

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### “Dear Lord....” a new prayer resource from MU



We are delighted to introduce a brand new prayer book from Mothers' Union. **'Dear Lord'** is a collection of over 150 prayers and reflections, contributed by Mothers' Union members all over the world, offering words for every occasion to encourage and inspire, whether in public services or personal prayer time

*'I am delighted to commend this wonderful new resource to you as an inspirational prayer tool.'*

*Lynne Tembey, Worldwide President, Mothers' Union*

Price is just £3.00 / €3.50

To order please contact your local branch or order directly from [www.mueshop.org](http://www.mueshop.org)

## Work in Prisons



Across the world Mothers' Union visits prisoners and supports their families. In Britain and Ireland alone, members work or volunteer in 85 prisons.

Danny and Alan are ex-convicts who were in Honiara men's prison in the Solomon Islands where they were involved in the Mothers' Union Parenting Programme. Danny is now a facilitator for the programme working with other dads,

*"I didn't know that there were other ways to do parenting. Our cultural ways are just... different."*

Alan and Danny now encourage others in the prison to do the parenting programme.

[Read full article here](#)

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Thank you for your continued support for Mothers Union. Further details of Mothers Union activities can be found at [www.mothersunion.ie](http://www.mothersunion.ie) or at [www.mothersunion.org](http://www.mothersunion.org)