

# Lady Day Events and Celebration

**Monday 25 March 2019, from 11am**

In the Province of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia  
and throughout the World

**St Paul's Cathedral, Wellington**

All Mothers' Union members in the Wellington Diocese are encouraged to gather together on Lady Day. The purpose is to clarify the position of MU in the Diocese, to work together to find a better organisational structure and to enable the Wellington Diocese Mothers' Union Members to be 're-affiliated' as part of the MU Provincial structure—as well as celebrating Lady Day.

We will begin the day with our General Meeting to ratify the position of the Acting Diocesan Mothers' Union President and elect members of the Council (Executive Committee). Ann Desmond will report back from the 2nd MULO gathering in Brisbane in January, where she represented the Wellington Diocese. The Meeting will be Chaired by the Right Revd Dr Eleanor Sanderson. Over lunch, there will be some time for fellowship. Bring your own packed lunch. Tea, coffee etc will be provided. The day will conclude with a Eucharist Service at 1pm in the Lady Chapel on the theme of Lady Day with Bishop Ellie celebrating.

Please RSVP to [anndesmond4@gmail.com](mailto:anndesmond4@gmail.com) so we can ensure we set up for the correct number of people. We look forward to seeing you!

*Please note: In the Cathedral Car Park there is only limited 'casual' parking (\$3 per half hour/ maximum casual daily charge \$35). There are other car parks in the vicinity.*



**Lady Day:** Since medieval times, 25 March has been known as Lady Day, and for centuries it has been seen as very special indeed.

The name comes from the medieval Church's celebration of the Annunciation, which Christians believe was the moment the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear a son. Once the Church had fixed the liturgical date of Christmas at 25 December, the Annunciation logically fell around 40 weeks earlier. Since the seventh century, it has been celebrated on 25 March.

**2019 Theme : Listen, observe,  
act —in step with God**