



*Wishing a Blessed & Holy Easter  
to all Grandparents*

*“Helping Grandparents to Pass on the  
Faith and to Keep Prayer at the Heart of  
Family Life”*

*Rejoice  
He is Risen!*



**The Catholic Grandparents Association  
Wishes you the Richest Blessings of Peace, Hope & Love  
This Easter**

## Easter! He is risen.

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians.

St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).

Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

May we wish you a Blessed & Holy Easter

*Katherine Wiley*



The Catholic Grandparents' Association will be formally launched in England and Wales on Friday, May 9th at Westminster Cathedral Hall. The launch will start at 10.30 am, with a buffet lunch at 12.30, followed by Mass in the Crypt, Westminster Cathedral.

Space is limited but we are encouraging Catholic Grandparents from parishes to be part of this unique occasion. If you or any Catholic grandparents you know would like to attend the launch, please apply for an invitation to Katherine Bergin by April 30th at the latest.

Email: [Katherine.Bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:Katherine.Bergin@dabnet.org)

**“Invoking upon you and all the members of the Association the intercession of St Joachim and St Anne Our Holy Father imparts his Apostolic Blessing.”**

**- Pope Francis -**

## *The Jelly Bean Prayer*

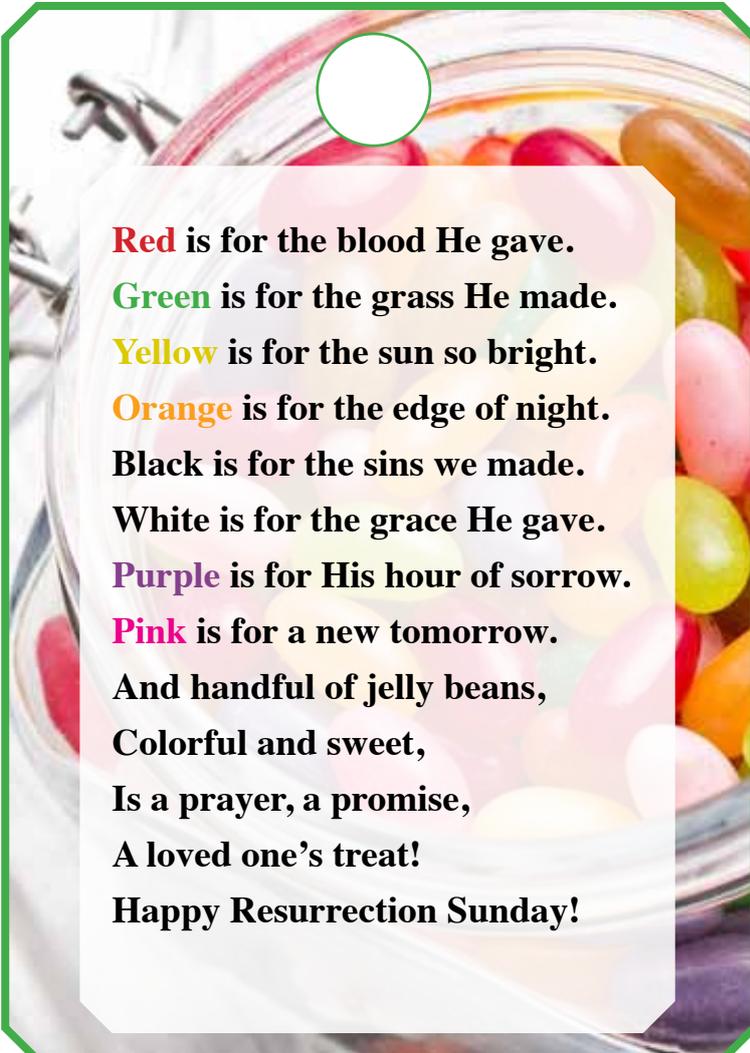
*A lovely Gift & a great way to explain Jesus' death, burial and resurrection to your Grandchildren*

### **To make the jelly bean jars you need:**

a jar  
jelly beans  
Jelly Bean Prayer cards  
(print ours to the right)  
ribbon

### **Directions:**

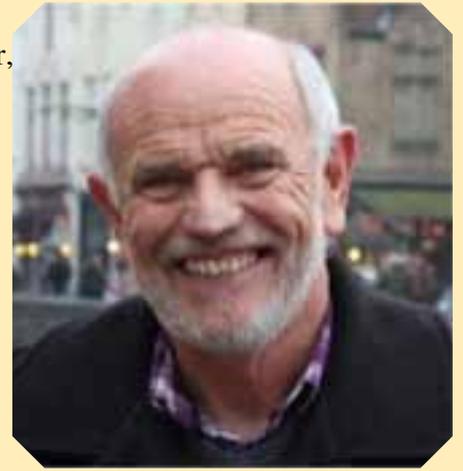
Fill the jar with jelly beans. Attach the poem using the ribbon. This makes a great little gift for your Grandchildren on Easter. Plus, it is a great illustration of our risen Savior!



**Red** is for the blood He gave.  
**Green** is for the grass He made.  
**Yellow** is for the sun so bright.  
**Orange** is for the edge of night.  
**Black** is for the sins we made.  
**White** is for the grace He gave.  
**Purple** is for His hour of sorrow.  
**Pink** is for a new tomorrow.  
And handful of jelly beans,  
Colorful and sweet,  
Is a prayer, a promise,  
A loved one's treat!  
**Happy Resurrection Sunday!**

## We are blessed and delighted to welcome Phil Butcher

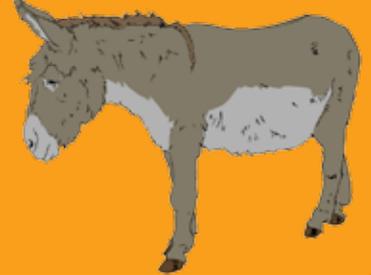
We are absolutely delighted and blessed that Phil Butcher, MA, MBA Director, Marriage and Family Life Brentwood (UK) Diocesan Coordinator will be joining the CGA. Phil has been working in this area for almost eight years and is very grateful for the help, support and prayers that so many friends in parishes across the Diocese have given in both raising and promoting the profile of the importance of Family in the life of the Church and Society. He is looking forward to taking up fully his new role in July. He said, 'The importance of the role of grandparents in both family life and the spiritual journeys of all families cannot be underestimated. I trust and pray that I will be able to continue to help the CGA to develop, ever faithful to its founding vision to keep prayer at the heart of the family and support grandparents in passing on our Faith'.



## THE EASTER DONKEY by Margaret Ingall

I did not know that morning  
When I bore Him into town,  
How soon the loud hosannas  
Would be changed to thorny crown.  
I did not know that later  
When I followed up the hill,  
They'd nail Him upon a cross  
With suffering greater still.

And when I could not bear to watch  
This strange, this cruel attack,  
I turned and felt His shadow fall  
Like balm upon my back.  
And so it is that even now  
All donkeys bear the sign:  
A cross that is a testament  
To show God's love divine.



## 9th Annual Divine Mercy Conference a Great Success for The CGA

Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA had the honor and privilege of meeting with featured Speakers and the Panel of Divine Mercy Experts and to introduce the work of the CGA.

Pictured Left to Right:

Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC  
Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR  
Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC  
Dr. Robert Stackpole, STD  
Dr. Scott Hahn  
Fr. Frank Pavone, MEV  
Monsignor James Lisante



On April 5th the 9th Annual Divine Mercy Conference took place at Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, New York. The Catholic Grandparents Association was honoured to attend and introduce themselves.



Catherine Wiley the founder had the opportunity to speak and meet with all of the above in the picture. Catherine Wiley said "we were greatly encouraged by the tremendous response to the work of the CGA". Many Grandparents spoke with Catherine and other representatives about starting chapters and branches in their parishes.

A wonderful conclusion to the Divine Mercy Conference was that Cardinal Timothy Dolan celebrated Mass.

