



In keeping with the charism which is the **Catholic Grandparents Association**, our exclusive medal has at its' centre, the Child Jesus holding a Red Rose which represents the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mystic Rose. Jesus is surrounded by **his Grandparents, St. Joachim and St. Anne** so that together, three generations, Grandparents, parents and children are represented as one family symbolising the communion of the Holy Trinity.

Working with renowned artists and craftsmen in Rome, this exquisite design came to fruition after many years of searching for the image that would truly depict the beauty, selfless love and devotion that Grandparents have for their grandchildren. It is our hope that this beautiful image, signifying God's plan for the sanctity and unity of family generational bonds, will bring great joy, encouragement and support to Grandparents in passing on their faith

Available for purchase at Knock or by contacting the **Catholic Grandparents Association**

A very sincere thank you to Dana Rosemary Scallon, to Cathal Gavin and to Una Nolan and the Combined Choirs of Knock Parish for their beautiful uplifting music and song. Also to Fr. Richard, the Stewards and the Staff at Knock Shrine who do so much to help us. Special thanks to all who have travelled to be with us and to our Chief Celebrants, Bishop Kevin Doran and Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo. Until we meet again next year for our 14th Grandparents Pilgrimage on Sunday 13th September 2020. Have a safe journey home and may God Bless you all. St. Joachim and St. Anne, pray for us

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National Grandparents Pilgrimage

Celebrating Our 13th Anniversary
Sunday September 8th 2019
Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co Mayo

CHIEF CELEBRANTS:

Bishop Kevin Doran - Bishop of Elphin

Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo - Apostolic Nuncio

CHOIR & MUSICIANS:

Combined Choirs of Knock Parish

Directed by Una Nolan - Director of Music Knock Shrine

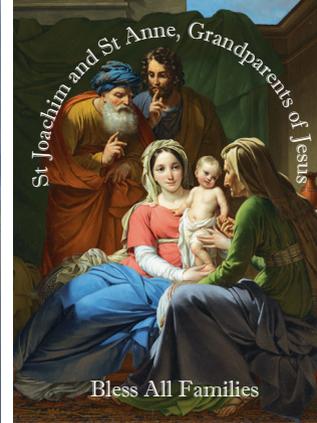
Cathal Gavin

Dana - Sings "Our Lady of Knock"

POST COMMUNION REFLECTION BY:

Catherine Wiley - Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association

Connecting Grandparents Worldwide
in Passing on the Faith



Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

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Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families

may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!



Composed for the CGA by Pope Benedict XVI - 2008

CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE

Dearest Grandparents and Friends

On this very special day when our National Grandparents Pilgrimage falls on September 8, Our Lady's Birthday, I extend a most grateful welcome to each of you. Reflecting back on that grace-filled day when I first wished to offer Our Lady a gift for her birthday, I couldn't have imagined that the gift of honoring her parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne, would be multiplied so lovingly over and over again.

Our celebration today pays homage to all of those who so lovingly passed on their faith to us and honors each of you for your unending faith and contributions to your families and to our Church.

With the grace of the Holy Spirit, my simple offering to Our Lady has grown into an indispensable Ministry in more than 44 countries. But we know that to those whom are given much, much is expected. Therefore, we prayerfully and humbly ask you to join us in spreading a Ministry for Grandparents throughout Ireland. Please, as we rejoice together in wishing Our Lady the happiest of birthdays, let's pledge to help ensure the future of our Church by campaigning for a Ministry for Grandparents in each and every parish throughout our beautiful country.

May the blessings of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne be with you and your families today and always, may you find comfort and strength in our beautiful Prayer for Grandparents, may you know that you are always in our prayers and may God's grace continue to shine on you until we meet again.

May St Joachim and St Anne, parents of Mary and Grandparents of Jesus, continue to bless you and all your families.



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On behalf of the National Grandparents Pilgrimage Committee

Order of Service

2.30pm Blessing and Anointing of the Sick.

Hymn - I will lift my Eyes

3.00pm Holy Mass - Holy God we Praise thy Name

Kyrie: Sung

Gloria: Sung

Responsorial Psalm: "Sung"

First Reading - Mary Cotter

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of Mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;
For a perishable body presses down the soul
and this tent of clay weights down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved by wisdom
This is the word of the Lord

Second Reading - Jim Walsh

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon 9-10 12-17

Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother

This is Paul writing, as old man now and, what is more still a prisoner of Christ Jesus, I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However I did not want to do anything without your consent: it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me

This is the word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation.

Sung

Prayer of the Faithful

Joyce Dillon, Frank Burns, Marilyn Henry

Children's Prayer Appeal

Róisín Casey and James Cassidy

Hymns during Holy Communion.

Draw Near, Ave Verum, I watch the Sunrise

Post Communion reflection

Catherine Wiley - Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association

Recessional Hymn - Our Lady of Knock Sung by Dana

Prayers of the faithful

1. We give thanks today for each other. We pray for our holy father, Pope Francis to give him long life, strength and health that he may continue to encourage us with his compassion wisdom and love. We pray for Bishop, Priests and all young people who are called to religious life that our church will continue to reach out to all of those that need the tender love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
Lord, hear us

2. We pray today that the Lord will always help us to live in peace and harmony. Arguments and disagreements can lead to loneliness, isolation and the unnecessary loss of an important relationship. We pray for grandparents who are separated from their grandchildren for whatever reason.
Lord, hear us.

3. Let us pray for the Catholic Grandparents Association throughout the world that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in strengthening and encouraging Grandparents everywhere. We pray particularly for Grandparents in any kind of pain or distress, lonely or discouraged. Help all Grandparents to realise and respond to their great Vocation to pass on their Faith and keep prayer at the heart of the family
Lord hear us

4. We pray today for our grandchildren who are troubled in any way. We remember today their bigger worries - we see the pressures of exams, emigration and employment; we pray for positive mental health, for the maturity to avoid peer pressure, for the wisdom to make good friends and make the right choices; we hope that they will always value our presence in their lives.
Lord Hear us

5. We pray today for families throughout the world particularly those who have been affected by terrorism and forced from their families and their homes. Lord, we give thanks to you today, for the times we have shared with our families. We think of the celebrations and the losses, that we may always know your love and consolation in good times and bad.
Lord, hear us.

6. We pray today for all who have died especially grandparents who were here with us last year. We think of all grandparents who have given us so much and now are no longer with us. We also think of Grandchildren who have left us early and who we know are in the loving hands of God. May our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope.
Lord, hear us.

7. Gathered as God's pilgrim people united in Faith and our common humanity let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those who have asked us to pray for them
.....(Silence for few moments then)
Lord hear us

Lyrics of “You Raise Me Up” Sung by Cathal Gavin

When I am down, and, oh, my soul,
so weary
When troubles come, and my heart
burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the
silence
Until you come and sit awhile with me
You raise me up, so I can stand on
mountains

You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
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Amen!

Benedictus 16
This Universal Prayer For Grandparents was composed by His
Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008
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Message from Most Rev. Michael Neary, DD, LSS, Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents' Association

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the
Shrine of Our Lady of Knock for the annual Catholic
Grandparents' pilgrimage. From very small acorns great oaks grow.
From very humble beginnings the Catholic Grandparents' Association
has grown to the point where it now has a very significant and
important national and international profile.

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Bishop Kevin
Doran and our Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo
The family is the foundation of society, and within the family
the transmission of the faith from generation to generation has
contributed not only to the benefit of the family itself, but to society as
a whole. Grandparents have played, and continue to play a very vital
part in this development.

Today we have the opportunity to acknowledge, thank, celebrate with
and congratulate grandparents everywhere for who they are and what
they do.

We pray, through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, the
grandparents of Jesus, that God will continue to bless all grandparents,
and we remember with fondness and pray for grandparents who have
passed away.
May they rest in peace.

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8 September 2019