

# The Celebrations of St Joachim & St Anne from around the World



## Walsingham Pilgrimage 26th July

The Rector, Mgr John Armitage, welcomed the 12th annual Grandparents Pilgrimage and Mass was celebrated by The Right Reverend Peter Doyle, Patron of The Catholic Grandparents Association in England. The Mass was con celebrated by Mgr Carlos Simon Vazquez, undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family, and also the Rector of Knock, Fr Richard Gibbons. 'The Story of Walsingham' was performed by the local children to a packed audience and 2 standing ovations.



### A Taste of the Homily Read by Bishop Peter of Northampton

“What a wonderful day for the Catholic Grandparents’ Association Pilgrimage to Walsingham - on the very date of what is usually the feast of SS Joachim and Anne and on this year’s “Day for Life” with the theme - “Cherishing Life - Accepting Death”. For our pilgrimage cherishes the life of families and mirrors our journey through life and death to the Kingdom of Heaven.

To read the full version please visit [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

# Carlow Branch of The CGA - Report by Betty Murphy

Message of Good Wishes & Blessings on the Carlow Branch of the Catholic Grandparents Association. 26th July 2015 (Read at the Mass on the same day)

Father John Cummins PP celebrated the Mass and read the message from Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin and the Bishop finished his message with "I wish the Carlow Branch of the Catholic Grandparents Association every blessing, every grace and good wish at this time".

The School Children's pictures and prayers for Grandparents were put on standing boards at the back of the Cathedral. The Altar Cloth, on the day, represented all the children of the Diocese.



## Report from Our Lady Help of Christains, Navan Rd ,Dublin

The Feast of St Joachim and St Anne was celebrated in our parish at all 5 Masses. The children's prayers for grandparents were displayed beside the statue of St. Anne at the high altar . A grandparent and grandchild took up the Offering .

Mary Cotter



## Report from Kilmurry McMahon Branch

We made last Sunday a special day of prayer for all of our grandparents whilst still celebrating the 17th Sunday in ordinary time.

You can see we dressed the space in front of the altar and beside the altar using copies of prayers.

By Charlie Lewis



# Tuam Archdiocese Celebration

The Tuam Archdiocesan Mass in celebration of the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne took place in Tuam Cathedral last Wednesday 22nd July.

Archbishop Neary, Patron of The CGA was our chief celebrant, and Canon Walsh (our chaplain), Fr Benny McHale and Fr Sean Egan concelebrated. Our Lady's choir from Castlebar led the singing.

Around 400 grandparents from all across the Archdiocese came and most of the parishes in the archdiocese were represented

There was a couple there who were on holiday from Brunei. We met them last year at the pilgrimage in Knock. Their bishop is very keen to start the CGA in his diocese.

All in all it was a great day.



*Here is a beautiful restored picture of St Anne kindly supplied by CGA Member, Cork, Ireland Kathy Sinnott*

# CGA St. Francis Village, Crowley, TX

St Francis Village in Crowley, Texas is located on the shores of Lake Benbrook, just outside Fort Worth, Texas. Lots of excitement this week beginning with the Feast Day of Saint Joachim and Saint Ann. As you can see in the attached photo, we made ourselves very visible at the exits of the church. We handed out about 500 coloring sheets of Jesus's Grandparents.



The St. Francis Village Chapel celebrated a solemn St. Anne and St. Joachim Feast Day Mass with the focus on the importance of grandparents and the family.

By Marilyn Henry

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## Luncheon Event following Mass by Kathy Walsh at Emmanuel Parish Delray Florida

The luncheon that followed the Mass on Sunday, feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, honoring Grandparents. Below is a picture of the reception that followed and the other photo is of one of our members Madeline Transleau and her family.



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## Report from the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, WI

An extract from Cardinal Burke's homily :

“Today, the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, therefore, the Grandparents of Jesus, we reflect also on the powerful service of grandparents in handing on the faith to the succeeding generations. I thank Jeanne Pavela who is representing the Catholic Grandparents Association which today, under the leadership of its founder, Catherine Wiley, is making its 13th annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in England. Let us pray that many Catholic grandparents which join the Association, in order to be confirmed in their vocation, especially as teachers of the faith and its practice, and to be a compelling sign of the fundamental and irreplaceable service of catechesis in the life of the Church.”

Pictured Jeanne Pavela with Cardinal Burke.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

16th August CGA Scottish Pilgrimage

13th Sept CGA Knock Pilgrimage

22nd Sept World Meeting of Families - Philadelphia

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