

# Catholic Grandparents Association

## Celebrating the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 24 July 2022



Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021. In 2022, the celebration will fall on Sunday 24 July, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15).

The Catholic Grandparents Association has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The announcement of a new Church-wide celebration for Grandparents and the elderly came in answer to our prayerful request to the Holy Father Pope Francis.

This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

We invite you to join us in marking this momentous day in parishes. We have a whole suite of resources and ideas for how you can make this a wonderful celebration for all.

Our website has lots more detail on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly as well as downloadable banners, prayers and additional resources to help you and your parish to celebrate this day in a creative way. See [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) for more information. You can also email us on [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:  
Twitter: @CathGrandAssoc Facebook: Catholic Grandparents Association**

# Resources for Parishes celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

- The CGA emblem for the World Day for Grandparents and the elderly is now available to download from our website for use to promote this day. We also have designs for pull-up banners for use in churches and a series of posters which can be downloaded for printing.
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents is available to download in different languages and to order as prayer cards for distribution to Grandparents.
- A new multimedia version of the Pope's Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly will be launched on Sunday 24 July along with a video of the prayer in sign language.
- The Children's Prayer Appeal is an invitation to children to write prayers about their Grandparents and for these to be shared with the local parish. Some examples of these are available on our website.
- The Peace Card is new for 2022. It is a simple card that can be sent by a family member to someone else as a way of restoring peace to a troubled situation, an estrangement or as an offering for peace in our world. The card can be downloaded from our website.
- Thought for the Day visuals for Grandparents are available daily on our social media pages.
- Liturgical Resources: Prayers, Intercessions, Reflections, and Homily Notes will be available for use in parishes on Sunday 24 July.
- The Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life will have a set of resources available for the day on [www.laityfamilylife.va](http://www.laityfamilylife.va) including the text of the Holy Father's message on this year's theme "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) which is now available.
- You can also read a new catechesis series by Pope Francis on the meaning and value of old age on [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).



**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**  
SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022  
THEME: "IN OLD AGE THEY WILL STILL BEAR FRUIT" (PSALM 92:15)



Grandparents are a treasure in the Family.  
Please, take care of your grandparents: love them!  
- POPE FRANCIS

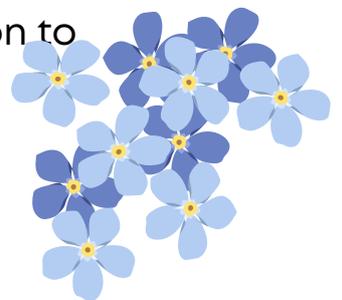


[WWW.CATHOLICGRANDPARENTSASSOCIATION.COM](http://WWW.CATHOLICGRANDPARENTSASSOCIATION.COM)

**The elderly can teach the younger generations how to trust in God, how to be merciful, and how to pray fervently not only in good times, but especially in difficult ones. - Pope Francis**

# IDEAS FOR YOUR PARISH TO MARK THE SECOND WORLD FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

- Host a Mass of Thanksgiving on the weekend of 23/24 July with a focus on the celebration of Grandparents. If possible invite Grandparents and Grandchildren to be part of the Mass or to join in online. Include those in care homes. Maybe arrange a Sunday Faith Café for a chat and a cuppa!
- Grandparents' Book of Remembrance: Invite parishioners to share the names of Grandparents and elderly members of their family who are no longer with us in a Parish Book of Remembrance. The book can be brought to the altar at the start of Mass on the weekend of 23/24 July.
- Plant a Tree in your parish in memory of all Grandparents and elders. This was a very popular activity last year. A poster and a short prayer service for a tree planting are available on our website.
- Host a Novena or Holy Hour with the Rosary for Grandparents and the Elderly in the week leading up to the celebration on Sunday 24 July.
- Display prayers from the Children's Prayer Appeal in your church on the weekend of 23/24 July. Make some of these available to local care homes.
- Talk to us about establishing a Grandparents' Ministry in your parish. This special Ministry could be launched to coincide with the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly on the weekend of 23/24 July.
- Forget-me-not flowers are the official flowers for Grandparents. These might be included in the liturgy or seeds might be passed on to grandchildren to grow in memory of their Grandparents.
- Send a group to your National Grandparents Pilgrimage in 2022. (eg Knock, Walsingham, etc)
- Invite Grandparents to join our Grandparents' Faith Café online on the second Tuesday of the month. See our website for more information.



***"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15)***