



Passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life



We are delighted to welcome you to our September Newsletter supporting Grandparents in passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life.

With love and prayers

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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 2023

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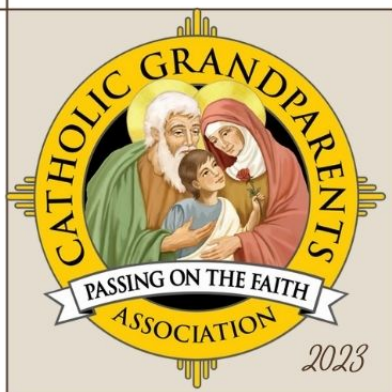
Jesus uses parables to teach us about the kingdom of God. He recounts simple stories that touch the hearts of his listeners.

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World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2023

**Highlights of some of the wonderful
celebrations of family and faith
through the generations**



Chief Celebrant, Our Lady of Walsingham, Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton.

“ The graces won through the Catholic Grandparents Association are a real blessing within our communities”.

“ In a world of virtual reality, in a world of immediacy, we are tempted to live simply in the present. In a world where celebrity and self focus are the touchstones of success, it is easy for families to forget the rich inheritance of tradition from those who found deeper treasures. Celebration of this World Day is more than just giving thanks for our Grandparents, it’s about recognizing the value of the good seed planted in the field of the world. It’s about knowing that the wheat will be gathered into the Lord’s barn, not just looking backwards but looking forward with hope and patience to what the Lord will do.”

Bishop Denis Nulty - Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

National Grandparents Pilgrimage at our Lady of Knock –

"My Gran Gran gave me a card for my First communion. Because of my Gran Gran I know the date of my First Communion."

"The World Day is a new day in the cycle of the Universal Church now firmly embedded in our liturgical calendars. Go home and tell at least 5 people about the important celebration and tell them to invite others to Knock next year."

[Click to watch Knock Shrine 23rd July 2023](#)

Medjugorje - Archbishop Cavalli

"Let us look forward, let us allow God's grace to shape us, let us be shaped by the Holy Spirit who from generation to generation releases us from sluggishness in action and from regretting from the past!"

Father Zvonimir Pavicic - "How important is the seed we plant in the ground. A small seed of kindness, love, peace, can bear big and juicy fruits not only for that person but for the whole family and community and beyond"

The World Day for Grandparents and The Elderly

Was celebrated widely and with great joy on the 23rd July and on the 10th September Labour Day weekend.

Below celebrations from:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Darien, Illinois, USA

Diocese of Malala's, Philippines



Dana singing 'Our Lady of Knock' 2023

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Great Gibraltar News ☐☐

Congratulation to our wonderful CGA in Gibraltar under the inspirational leadership of Mrs Rosemarie Isola and her enthusiastic team.

There is now a CGA branch in every Parish in Gibraltar, with the support and guidance from Bishop Carmelo Zammit and Father Charlie, Rector of The Shrine of Our Lady of Europe.



This is the first country to achieve the goal and the dream of The CGA to have a Catholic Grandparents Association in every Parish so that Grandparents may know they are loved and valued. May we all aspire to follow there blessed example.

Pictured: Catherine Wiley - Founder of the CGA and Mrs Rosemarie Isola president of the CGA Gibraltar presenting the CGA Medal to Bishop Carmelo

A Wonderful gathering for our Faith Café on Medjugorje

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Faith Café on 12th September, with our guest speakers



Father Svetozar and Peggy Stanton, it was a truly amazing gathering. We look forward to our next session on Tuesday 10th October details will follow.

SAVE THE DATE ☐

Our next Faith Café Tuesday 10th October

Guest Speaker: Jane Sweeney (author)
Topic: Living with faith in dementia

There is nothing in life
that is not connected to

GRANDPARENTS

Father Svetozar Kraljevic OFM

Faith



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023



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The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "Let Justice and Peace Flow". Please visit the ecumenical Season of Creation website for resources and information of how you and your community can participate in the Season of Creation.

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Let us pray!

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Bishops encourage prayer across Ireland for the Synod on Synodality in October in Rome

Please let us all pray ☐

"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."

**- Pope Francis
Message for the World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly 2023**

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