



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



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My dear friends

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

May this Advent season fill your hearts with hope, peace, joy, and love as we await the celebration of the birth of our Saviour. Let the light of Christ guide you through this sacred time of reflection and anticipation. Blessings to you and your loved ones during this holy season.

Wishing you all a very blessed, happy and joy filled Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Please be kind enough to share this newsletter and to encourage new members to join.



With love and prayers

**Catherine Wiley** Founder of The Catholic Grandparents Association

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May this Christmas bring  
happiness into our homes,  
peace within our lives and  
Jesus into our hearts.

Help us remember this season is  
about the birth of your Son and  
His love for us.

We ask for you to humble our hearts and  
bless us this Christmas.

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**Advent video message from Catherine Wiley,  
Catholic Grandparents Association**



Catherine Wiley

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We were also thrilled to be asked to submit an advent video message for The Irish Catholic Bishops Conference click the button to view their advent calendar

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## A Fantastic gathering for our Faith Café on MARRIAGE & FAMILY – THE BASICS OF MAN'S HOPE & FUTURE

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

**Cardinal Wilfred Napier**, who gave us an insightful and wonderful talk.

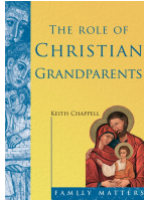
We look forward to our next session on Tuesday 9th January.

### SAVE THE DATE ☐

Our next Faith Café Tuesday 9th January

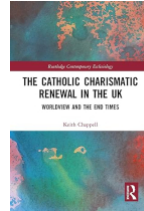
**Guest Speaker:** Keith Chappell

He is a qualitative sociologist of religion and biologist with a special interest in conflict resolution and religion. His research interests include science and religion, family conflict and community conflict resolution. He has written many books of which some of the links below.



### **Role of Christian Grandparents (Family Matters)**

Kindle Edition



### **The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the UK:**

Worldview and the End Times  
(Routledge Contemporary Ecclesiology) Kindle Edition

[Click here to register for our January Faith Café](#)

□ We also had the delight of Charlotte Drewell singing  
□ O Holy Night for us in our December Faith Cafe,  
Charlotte is the daughter of our Webmaster, Su Cubitt and has the  
most beautiful angelic voice, if you would like to listen again please do  
click the link below.□



**Pope's December prayer intention: 'For people**



## with disabilities'

**By Vatican News**

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of December 2023, and invites everyone to pray that people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in our societies.

[Read more..](#)



**Above all else, big hearts are needed**



*Make peace  
and be reconciled*

## **Spread Peace this Advent with our Peace Card**

We all know that peace begins with us, with our family, our community, our parish! Sadly in many families a peaceful and loving environment does not exist. There is always a way back, there is always hope.

This Advent and Christmas Season why not use our Peace Card to encourage you to speak peace, teach peace and spread peace this Advent!

Our Peace Card is a simple A4 pdf that can be downloaded and shared in an email or online through social media. We are asking you to use the Peace Card to share a peace greeting into the world; to begin a conversation with someone you have not spoken to in your family or a friend that you have forgotten over the years. Peace begins with you!

You can download the card below, it is sized at A4 so you can print and fold and write a message inside, or use it as you see fit.

It comes with a very simple and yet profound message: Peace Be With You!

Will you join us and share peace into our troubled world this Advent and Christmas?

[Download our Peace card](#)

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# WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

23 July 2023



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TAMILNADU, INDIA.

THANK YOU



□ GIVE A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS □

## Grandparents Meals in India

As we launched our support in our Faith Cafe providing nutritious food ONCE A DAY TO poor grandparents, orphan children and abandoned women in two villages of Kuppam (25) and Kumilankuzhi (25) in Ariyalur district, Tamil Nadu, South India.

Your support is invaluable and makes a significant impact on Grandparents Meals, we appreciate your kindness and commitment to making a positive difference.

Please read more or kindly contribute







WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

## ADVENT DISCUSSION

SEND US YOUR STORIES

### Grandparents

How did your family prepare for the coming of Jesus when you were growing up?

What traditions have you passed on?

### Question for Grandchildren

How do you prepare for something really special?

What ways can we prepare for the birth of Jesus?

What is your favorite thing about Christmas?

How can you keep Jesus in your heart after Christmas?

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#### CGA Medal

Our exclusive medal is available to purchase online.



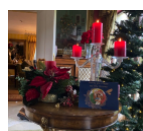
#### CGA Holy Family Picture

This is a wonderful picture of the Holy Family which features Saint Joachim, Saint Anne, Mary, Joseph and Jesus.



#### CGA Christmas Decoration

A Beautiful Christmas Decoration



#### CGA Christmas Card – Pack of 6

Wishing You a Happy and Holy Christmas



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Please donate or make a bequest to help with CGA running costs - Thank you ♥ ♣

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