

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 21st July 2024.

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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By 4pm Wednesday



Reflection on the Catholic Grandparents Association

Going back over the years, the Grandparents and the Elderly were the silent minority. They were never really appreciated for the work and help they were to young families. But then through an inspiration that Catherine Wiley (Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Assoc.) had at Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham, in England, as she prayed on the 8th of September 2001, (Our Lady's Birthday), she wondered what she could do as a birthday present for her.

She had just become a grandparent herself, and thought, if she did something to honour Our Lady's Parents, she would be happy. Then thinking that Ss. Joachim and Anne were actually the human grandparents of Jesus, she organised a Pilgrimage to the Shrine for the next year to say 'Thank You to Our Lady' and to honour the Grandparents of Jesus. So, the seed for the Catholic Grandparents Association was sown. The next year it spread to Knock Shrine and is now thriving there and all over the world. The mission of the Catholic Grandparents Association is: - *'to help Grandparents pass on the faith, to value and support them in that role and keep prayer at the heart of family life.'*

Grandparents have gone into the schools to explain about the Rosary and how to say it. They have given Rosary Beads to the children, Miraculous Medals, and Prayer Books. They have held Mass on the Feast Day and presented Symbols of our Faith and gave a copy of the Special Grandparents Prayer written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI for the Association to each member of the Congregation.

Our Founder Catherine Wiley had constantly asked Pope Francis to instigate a Special Day of Prayer for Grandparents. On the 30th of January 2022 after he said the Angelus, he announced that the last Sunday in July was from then on in the Church a Special Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. He said he was one now himself and would like to be included.

Grandparents and the Elderly are now so well respected and appreciated. It has been highlighted how important they are in minding grandchildren, bringing them to school, teaching them prayers and bringing them to Mass, bringing them into the Church during the day, showing them the Stations of the Cross, the stain glass windows, the statues and how to be reverent in the Church, and bless them with the Holy Water.

This year the Grandparents and the Elderly Pilgrimage is on Sunday, the 28th of July (the Sunday nearest the Feast Day of Ss. Joachim and Anne 26th). It is one of the biggest Pilgrimages to Knock.

God bless all Grandparents and the Elderly. Your Church needs you. Your Family needs you. You are appreciated.

Betty Murphy (Carlow)



Monthly Peace Mass in Carlow Cathedral

Thursday July 25th starting @7 Rosary, Divine Mercy followed by Mass. Celebrant Fr. Francis.

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 18th -22nd August 2024.

Spiritual Director Fr Tom Little PP.

and Bishop Denis Nulty

will be travelling with this pilgrimage.

Cost €965.00 p/p sharing a twin/double room.

For further information, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059 9136100.

Camp Pio Summer Faith Camp

Faith Camp takes place Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th July 2024. Time: 9.30 am – 2.30 pm

Venue: Bloom HQ, Mountrath, Co Laois R32 DT9F

Age: For Boys and Girls, 5-13 years. Cost: €45.00 per child

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Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock

Takes place this year on the World Day for

Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday, 28th July.

Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio

of Ireland, will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the

sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed

by Mass and a Rosary Procession. Buss from St Leo's

leaving at

8am. Cost €30 per person.

Booking essential

All are welcome to attend.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 743.52

Development € 1,058.94

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Café in An Gairdin Beo

Welcome to our Community Café in An Gairdin Beo

every Wednesday during July and August from

10.30 am until 12.30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you all again. The usual

garden vegetables will also be available. We regret

there is no parking available.

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Sunday 21st July 2024

€7,500

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3-6-10-30

5 Match 3 Winners share €500.