



St Francis of Assisi Parish



World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated to recognise the special place that the elders of our society have in the human family.

In Pope Francis' [inaugural message](#) he says:

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends.

"I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!"

Pope Francis

St Francis of Assisi, Maida Vale, Parish celebrated World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly at every mass and Fr Joseph Rathnaraj, PP, celebrated a special mass and the Prayer for the Grandparents and Elderly was recited at the Sunday 9:30am followed with Morning Tea.



