

## Grandparents Elderly

Being invited to write to acknowledge World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was a bit of a shock; I do not qualify as a Grandparent (having chosen another way in life) and at times certainly feel I qualify 'as elderly' being a 'beginning of the second world war baby'!

Dad married 'the girl next door' (in Killarney) and moved to a dairy farm in Woodford (just outside Warrnambool). I am the eldest of seven children – four girls and three boys, with seventeen nieces and nephews and twenty-one great nieces and nephews. I like to avail myself of every opportunity to meet up with the two generations following me. I still have two aunts by marriage and one by birth.



I'd go so far as to say that during life's travels I have met maybe thousands of people! When in Mum's company on the Warrnambool beach over Christmas she used say 'you never go anywhere without meeting someone you know'! And that was fairly true.

I believe I have had a rather blest life – travel, places of ministry from the Murray to the sea and even Darwin, good health and being well provided for.

As the years have slipped by I have had the ability and resources to reach out and contribute in ways suitable to my ability ... in the parish and in support of groups in the wider community assisting young people with a need.

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*Profile of Geraldine Mugavin from 2018*

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