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by yourselves
to a quiet place
and get some rest.

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ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

18th July 2021

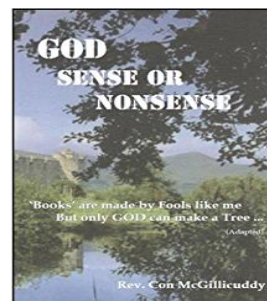


Fr. Con McGillicuddy RIP

We were so sorry to hear of the death of Fr. Con McGillicuddy last weekend in the Sacred Heart Residence, Sybil Hill. Many will have fond memories of his times here in St. Gabriel's, as a curate from 1983 - 1985 and again as retired parish priest from 1997 until he moved into the tender care of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Sybil Hill.

Fr. Con was born in 1930 in Killarney, one of eight children whose parents ran a small fish shop in Killarney. He attended St. Brendan College there, and later Holy Cross College Clonliffe where he was ordained by Archbishop John Charles McQuaid in May 1956.

He was always keen on writing and started several debates on the Catholic faith in the letters page of the Irish Times over the years. He also published some books. While in Dollymount he wrote "GOD: Sense or Nonsense" using local teenagers, Sarah and Emma, as detectives to do forensic searches for the source of creation. They discovered God as the "Culprit" of this crazy world, and described him as a nice guy - anybody's Daddy!



Fr. Con's funeral took place in Sybil Hill on Thursday, with Archbishop Dermot presiding. May he rest in peace.



Pope Francis' Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 25th July 2021

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to visit the church together next Sunday and light a candle. The following is the opening paragraph of Pope Francis' letter for the day.

Dear Elderly Friends,

"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