



GALLOWAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025



WE ARE GALLOWAY YOUTH! Over the summer holidays we've been working hard in the background preparing for the year ahead: planning Youth Evenings, pilgrimages and retreats for the coming school year. Among all of the hard work, we've also had some great events! We welcomed 26 young people to our Summer Youth Day in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock on Saturday 9th August. The day focussed on the theme of Hope as we reflected on where we find hope in our lives, and where we see hope, as well as which, everyone was reminded of the call to be signs of hope through our own lives by sharing our faith and love of Jesus with all those we meet.

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YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO WHITHORN

Join us in learning about the life and witness of St Ninian, our patron!

Program:
11.00 – Arrival
11.15 – Introduction
11.30 – Games & Activities
1.00 – Lunch
2.00 – Talk & Discussion
2.30 – Walk to Beach
4.00 – Mass on the Beach
5.30 – Departure

SCAN ME

Scan the QR code to register.

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST – ISLE OF WHITHORN
FREE COACHES RUNNING FROM: SALTCOATS, KILMARNOCK, AYR, AND DUMFRIES.
DEPARTING FROM 8.30 AM ONWARDS (PICKUP TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED THE WEEK OF THE PILGRIMAGE) AND RETURNING LATE EVENING.
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH. OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN P6 – S4.

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NATIONAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO PERTH

Join with young people from across Scotland as we gather to celebrate our faith and friendship and to learn about some of the history of the Church: the Nicene Creed, and the Reformation.

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SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
FREE COACH RUNNING FROM DUMFRIES (8.00 AM) VIA KILMARNOCK (9.50 AM).
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH. PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED IN KILMARNOCK ON THE WAY HOME.

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Returning Sunday 28th September...

YOUTH EVENINGS

for Young People in P6-S4
COME AND JOIN US!

MASS · GAMES · TALK · ACTIVITIES · SOCIAL

28TH SEPTEMBER	26TH OCTOBER	16TH NOVEMBER	21ST DECEMBER
BIBLE STORIES	MARY	THE SAINTS	CHRISTMAS

5.00 PM - MASS
FOLLOWED BY GAMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILMARNOCK, KA3 1HB
ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR, KA8 0BS
ST TERESA'S CHURCH, DUMFRIES, DG2 9DE
ST PETER-IN-CHAINS CHURCH, ARDROSSAN, KA22 8DU

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YOUTH EVENINGS: Our popular Youth Evenings return on Sunday 28th September for young people in P6-S4 and we can't wait to welcome young people in South and North Ayrshire after the summer as well as we launch in those regions following a fantastic response to our appeal for more leaders...

Queen Margaret Academy Cluster (St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr): Launches on Sunday 28th September. For the first evening, we'll be thinking about some of the stories we read in the Bible and what we can learn from them today.

St Matthew's Academy Cluster (St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan): Launches on Sunday 26th October. For the first evening, we'll be thinking about Mary and how she is a model, guide and inspiration for us in our own lives.

St Joseph's Academy Cluster (St Joseph's, Kilmarnock) & St Joseph's College Cluster (St Teresa's, Dumfries): Resume on Sunday 28th September.

Each evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm following which our Junior Leaders will lead us in games, activities, a talk on the theme of the evening, and pizza in the hall. If you are a parent travelling to the evening you're welcome to join us for Mass, after which tea and coffee will be provided in a separate part of the hall should you wish to stay during the evening. Whether you're a regular or this would be your first event come and join us: to meet new people, and to grow in friendship and faith with one and other. There's no charge, and no need to register – just come along.

WHITHORN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE: Saint Ninian is the patron of our Diocese and is traditionally held to have been the first Christian missionary to Scotland, bringing Catholicism first to Galloway and then spreading into other parts of Scotland.

Every year the Diocese gathers in Whithorn to celebrate Mass around the Feast of Saint Ninian. Join youth (P6-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather for our own pilgrimage as part of the day's celebrations. We'll spend the day learning about Saint Ninian through games and activities, before walking to the beach for a talk on St Ninian and to join Bishop Frank and the Diocesan community for Mass.

Free transport is available from: Dumfries, Saltcoats, Kilmarnock, and Ayr. Scan the QR code to register and we'll be in touch to confirm pickup times nearer to the pilgrimage. A pizza lunch will be provided, but please bring a packed supper.



NATIONAL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO PERTH:

Every year youth and young adults from across Scotland gather for a national pilgrimage, bringing them all together to celebrate their faith and friendship with one and other. This year's pilgrimage takes place to Perth on Sunday 20th September, with a free coach running from Dumfries (8.00 am/ 8.30 pm) via Kilmarnock (9.50 am/ 6.30 pm). On arrival, the group is split into two by age, with age appropriate talks and activities run for each age group. Open to all youth in P6 and above, and young adults. To sign up, scan the QR code.



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ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT

**LED BY THE YOUTH OFFICE TEAM.
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN P7-S4
REFLECTING ON CHRIST'S HOPE IN OUR LIVES**

Weekend includes: Outdoor Activities <i>(Tree climbing, Nightline, Archery Tag, and more!)</i> Talks, Prayer, and Mass All Meals & Accommodation	28TH - 30TH NOVEMBER GOWANBANK £160 PP* REGISTER TODAY
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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
 SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK
 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

* £60 DEPOSIT REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION WITH BALANCE DUE BY SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER.




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ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Register today to join youth (P7-S4) from across the Diocese as we gather at Gowanbank SU Centre (outside of Darvel) for our 2025 Advent Retreat. We'll spend the weekend together taking part in various different outdoor activities including archery tag, crate climbing, and an escape room (among other activities). We'll also have talks from a number of different people about their own faith and advent, as well as spending time in prayer and growing in friendship with Jesus and one and other. The retreat runs from 6.00 pm on Friday 28th to 4.00 pm on Sunday 30th November and costs £160 per person (all inclusive). Places are limited, register today by scanning the QR code or going to our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk. When registering, you will be asked to pay a £60 deposit to secure your child's place, with the balance due by Sunday 19th October.

Free transport to and from the retreat will be available from St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, and St Teresa's Church, Dumfries.

KEEP UP TO DATE



BE THE FIRST TO HEAR THE LATEST NEWS: by signing up to our online mailing list and receive the Youth Office's monthly newsletter by email. By signing up you'll be the first to hear about what's happening, as well as getting priority access to register for events.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: As well as our social media channels (@rcdgyouth) we're working on a brand new website to share all the latest news from the Youth Office and to give you a single point of reference for all that's happening for Youth and Young Adults in Galloway. We're still working on it, but why not take a look in the meantime? Go to: youth.rcdg.org.uk to see it for yourself.

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)



SUMMER BBQ: Young Adults from across the Diocese gathered at St Joseph's, Kilmarnock on Saturday 2nd August for their summer BBQ social. The event saw over 20 gather for Mass followed by a BBQ and time to chat and to get to know one and other better. It was the first time that both the north and south Young Adults groups had come together and the two groups enjoyed meeting one and other for the first time.

NATIONAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO PERTH: See notice on front page for the national pilgrimage which is open to all Young Adults aged S5-30. Content is delivered according to age so it's a great opportunity to meet Young Adults from across Scotland.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: Limited places remain. Join Young Adults from across the Diocese for the experience of a lifetime and spend 5 days walking the last 108km of the Camino de Santiago, followed by 2 days in Santiago. The pilgrimage runs from 12th - 19th October and costs £700 per person. Email youth@rcdg.org.uk to register.



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Autumn/ Winter Schedule



14th September
The Missionary Church
 Sr Placida McCann/ TBA



5th October (11AM - Kilmarnock)
Santiago Commissioning Mass
 followed by meeting in the Hall - all welcome.



5th October (6PM - Dumfries)
Morality & Law
 Fr Kevin Rennie



2nd November
The History of the Church
 Fr Philip Kitchen/ TBA



7th December
The Parables of Jesus
 Fr Mark Kelly/ TBA

**St Joseph's, Kilmarnock (KA3 1HB)/
 St Teresa's, Dumfries (DG2 9DE)
 6.00 - 8.00 pm**

MORE INFORMATION

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YOUNG ADULTS TALKS: Our Young Adults evenings will resume on Sunday 14th September where our first topic will be The Missionary Church. The evenings begin with Mass at 6.00 pm and continue afterwards with the talk and discussion. Whether you're a regular or a new member, all Young Adults in S5-30 are welcome to attend.