



GALLOWAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025



NATIONAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE! On Saturday 20th September twenty seven Youth and Young Adults from across all four clusters of our Diocese gathered for the National Pilgrimage to Perth. They spent the day meeting other young people from across Scotland, taking part in games and activities, and hearing talks and input around the themes of the Nicene Creed and the Reformation, as well as joining for a prayer service for Christian Unity at St John's Kirk. The day ended with Mass in St John's Church at which we were delighted to have some of our young people serving.

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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 £100 PP* REGISTER TODAY
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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
 SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO [YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk)
 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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YOUTH EVENINGS

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

MASS . GAMES . TALK . ACTIVITIES . SOCIAL

28TH SEPTEMBER BIBLE STORIES	26TH OCTOBER MARY	16TH NOVEMBER THE SAINTS	21ST DECEMBER CHRISTMAS
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5.00 PM - MASS
 FOLLOWED BY GAMES, ACTIVITIES, PIZZA,
 AND A TALK IN THE HALL UNTIL 7.00 PM.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILMARNOCK, KA3 1HB ST TERESA'S CHURCH, DUMFRIES, DG2 9DE
 ST MARGARET'S CATHEDRAL, AYR, KA8 0BS

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ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Reduced to £100 for the weekend! 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 £100 per person (all inclusive). Places are limited, for more details or to register scan the QR code or go 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 two weeks before the retreat.

COMING SOON TO YOUR REGION!

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LAUNCH

Sunday 28th September – 5.00 pm
 St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr

NORTH AYRSHIRE LAUNCH

Sunday 26th October – 5.00 pm
 St Peter-in-Chains Church, Ardrossan

And returning to...

EAST AYRSHIRE

Sunday 28th September – 5.00 pm
 St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

Sunday 28th September – 5.00 pm
 St Teresa's Church, Dumfries

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 this month and next!

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 short talk 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 – but please complete a parental consent form on our website: youth.rcdg.org.uk.

YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)

YOUNG ADULTS TALKS: Our Young Adults evenings resumed on Sunday 14th September when our groups were joined by Sr Placida McCann and Fr Uchenna Odenigbo, CSSp for two fantastic talks on "The Missionary Church". In October, there's no talk in Kilmarnock but you're invited to join us for 11.00 am Mass in St Joseph's on Sunday 5th October as our Young Adult Camino Pilgrims are commissioned for their pilgrimage. At 6.00 pm the same evening, Fr Kevin Rennie will be joining the Dumfries group to speak on Morality & Law, beginning with Mass at 6.00 pm. All events are open to all Young Adults aged S5-30.



Young Adults
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Autumn/ Winter Schedule



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 (North & South)



7th December
The Parables of Jesus
Fr Mark Kelly/ Fr Gerald Donnelly

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

MORE INFORMATION

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SANTIAGO PRAYER INTENTIONS: On Sunday 12th October a group of 11 Young Adults and 3 leaders will depart to walk the last 112km of the Camino de Santiago over five days. If you would like them to carry any prayer intentions with them on their journey these can be mailed to: Camino Pilgrimage c/o St Joseph's Church, 15A Hill Street, Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB; emailed to youth@rcdg.org.uk or handed in to St Joseph's

Church. The group will then carry these with them on their pilgrimage.

SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY IN GALLOWAY – JOIN OUR 200 CLUB!



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200 CLUB

£5 per month

Cash Prizes to be won!
(20%, 10% & 2 x 5% of the Total Income)

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As far as possible, we endeavour to run all of our events free of charge to ensure equal opportunities for every young person in the Diocese. Where this isn't possible and we have to apply a charge, we will always do so as minimally as possible, and where possible, provide funding for places for young people from poorer backgrounds.


In order to help us continue doing this work, we're launching the Youth Office 200 Club. This club gives you the opportunity to donate to support our work, whilst also being in with a chance of winning prizes!

Are you passionate about Youth and Young Adults ministry in Galloway? Would you like to support our work in ensuring that events remain free or as affordable as possible? Why not join our new Youth Office 200 Club.

For £5 per month, you will be entered into a monthly prize draw where you could win one of four prizes: 20%, 10%, or 2 x 5% of donations from that draw. For less than the cost of a cup of coffee a week you could help ensure we can continue reaching out to and sharing the Gospel message with young people across the Diocese. Anyone at all can join, and all support is gratefully received.

YOUTH OFFICE ONLINE STORE – LAUNCHES MONDAY! –

Looking for that perfect gift for a friend or family member? Whether it's a birthday, retirement, or special occasion why not check out the Youth Office's new online store where you'll find a fantastic selection of gifts and when you buy from our store you're not only getting a beautiful and unique gift, you're also helping support our work sharing the message of Christ with young people by supporting our events: helping us to provide opportunities as affordably as possible, and to provide funded places for young people to ensure everybody who wants to take part in events can.



YOUTH OFFICE 2026 CALENDAR

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£10

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