



# Program of Youth Events

Autumn-Winter 2025



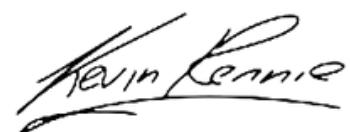
# Message to Parents and Carers

We're delighted that your child is interested in taking part in youth events in the Diocese. All of our events are intended to help your child to grow in friendship with others, as well as in faith and love of Jesus, in a fun and friendly environment.

Over the last year we've welcomed over 100 young people along to our events, with many of them returning to subsequent events. Our Youth Forum of S3 Junior Leaders shapes and directs all of our events to ensure that they are as fun and engaging as possible.

We've got lots of events coming up over the next few months - both in your local cluster, as well as for youth across the Diocese. This booklet tells you about some of the events happening this session. We'd love to welcome your child along to any of our upcoming events.

If you have any feedback or any questions, please feel free to be in touch with me anytime by emailing [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk), or calling the parish on 01563 521832.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kevin Rennie'.

Fr Kevin Rennie  
Youth Chaplain

# Youth Evenings Return

We can't wait to welcome your child back to our monthly youth evenings which, following the summer holidays, will be resuming on Sunday 28th September.

Our monthly youth evenings now run in all four clusters across the Diocese:

**St Joseph's Cluster (*East Ayrshire*)**

**St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock**

15A Hill Street, Kilmarnock, KA3 1HB

**St Andrew's Cluster**

**(*Dumfries and Galloway*)**

**St Teresa's Church, Dumfries**

Glasgow Street, Dumfries, DG2 9DE

**Queen Margaret Cluster**

**(*South Ayrshire*)**

**Launching Sunday 28th September**

**St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr**

27 John St, Ayr KA8 0BS

**St Matthew's Cluster**

**(*North Ayrshire*)**

**Launching Sunday 26th October**

**St Peter-in-Chains Church, Ardrossan**

1 South Crescent Road,

Ardrossan KA22 8DU

## DATES FOR THIS SESSION

**28TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Bible Stories**

**26TH OCTOBER**  
**Mary**

**16TH NOVEMBER**  
**The Saints**

**21ST DECEMBER**  
**Christmas**

# National Youth Pilgrimage to Perth

## Saturday 20th September

Every year, young people - youth and young adults - from across Scotland gather on pilgrimage. This year, we're gathering in Perth where we'll travel around the city visiting a variety of different sites of religious significance, including: St John's Kirk, the North Inch, and St John's Catholic Church, where we will end the day with Mass.

Over the course of the afternoon, young people will have the opportunity to meet others from across Scotland as they learn about some history of the Church in Scotland.

All of the input delivered during the day is tailored to the specific age group - whether youth or young adults - and it's always a fantastic experience.

The day runs from 12 noon to 5 pm. From Galloway, we will be running a free coach, picking up in Dumfries at 8 am, and Kilmarnock at 9.50 am. We will return approximately 7.00 pm to Kilmarnock, and 9.05 pm to Dumfries.

There is no charge, but young people are asked to bring a packed lunch and a snack for the journey home. We are hoping to provide pizza in Kilmarnock for all of the young people before the coach continues to Dumfries.



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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.

**SCAN ME**



Scan the QR code to register.

**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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# Advent Youth Retreat

## 28th - 30th November

Gowanbank SU Camp (near Darvel)

Join us as we gather for a weekend retreat to get ready for Advent and Christmas. The retreat begins on Friday at 6.00 pm, and continues until Sunday at 4.00 pm.

Over the weekend, we'll have a range of different activities led by the Youth Office Team and the team at Gowanbank, including: tree climbing, archery tag, nightline, silent disco, escape room, fire pit and much more!

And in between all of the activities we'll have times of talks, prayer, Mass - as well as time to socialise and for the young people to get to know one and other better.

The weekend is open to all young people in **P7-S4** and costs £160. The cost includes:

- All activities
- Food and accommodation
- Shuttle bus service from St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock or St Teresa's, Dumfries (*if required*).

At time of booking, a non-refundable £60 deposit is required, with the balance due by Sunday 19th October. To register, scan the QR code or go to our website: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk).



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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

<b>Weekend includes:</b> Outdoor Activities (Tree climbing, Nightline, Archery Tag, and more!)	<b>28TH - 30TH NOVEMBER</b>
Talks, Prayer, and Mass All Meals & Accommodation	<b>GOWANBANK</b> <b>£160 PP</b>
<b>REGISTER TODAY</b>	

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE**  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY, OR  
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# Keep in Touch

There's lots happening in the Galloway Youth Office at the moment and we'd love to keep in touch. Be the first to hear the latest news, follow us on social media:



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# Support our work... ...join the Youth Office 200 Club!

**There is no obligation or expectation for parents/ carers to join the 200 Club, this is provided as an option for those who are able.**

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.



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200 CLUB**

and help support Youth and Young Adults ministry in Galloway.

**£5 per month**

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

**Register today and help support Youth Ministry in Galloway.**

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