



GALLOWAY YOUTH COMES TO WHITHORN! We were delighted to welcome almost forty young people from across the Diocese to Whithorn last weekend as part of the National Pilgrimage. The young people enjoyed spending the day getting to know one and other better through a wide variety of games and activities led by two of our new Junior Leaders from South Ayrshire, before joining the Diocese for the 3.00 pm Mass in the Church where nineteen of our young people volunteered to assist in the Mass with: serving, intercessions, the offertory and carrying the new Youth Office banners in procession. After Mass, we enjoyed hearing a talk from Fr Stephen Latham on St Ninian: his ministry and example, in the ruins of the Whithorn Priory. Everyone had a great day and is looking forward to taking part in more of our upcoming events.

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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 EN 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, ACTIVITIES, PIZZA, AND A TALK IN THE HALL UNTIL 7.00 PM.

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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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
(Tree climbing, Nightline, Archery (tag and more!))
Talks, Prayer, and Mass
All Meals & Accommodation

28TH - 30TH NOVEMBER
GOWANBANK | £160 PP*
REGISTER TODAY

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 19TH OCTOBER

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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.



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 Saturday 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.



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, for more details or to register scan 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.

SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY IN GALLOWAY – JOIN OUR 200 CLUB!



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JOIN OUR...
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.

Email youth@rcdg.org.uk or go to:
youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club.

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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.

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS! It may still be four months to Christmas, but we know many people will soon be starting to think about it! Looking for the perfect stocking filler or gift for a friend or family member? Why not check out the Youth Office's online store launching in mid-September where you can buy a wide range of gifts including:

- Annual memberships to the 200 Club – the gift that keeps on giving, as the recipient would be entered into every draw for the year ahead!
- 2026 Youth Calendar – featuring a fantastic selection of photos from all of our events over the past year, perfect for any kitchen or home office.
- Mugs, bags, and more! To show off your support for youth ministry in Galloway as you go about your daily life.

Check it out and buy online by going to youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop.



YOUTH OFFICE 2026 CALENDAR

The perfect gift or the home office essential? Why not both?

£10

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YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)

CARITAS AWARD: The Caritas Award is open to young people in their final year of secondary school and is an opportunity for young people to grow in knowledge and love of God through study and putting their faith in action. Over the course of the year, young people take part in a series of study days, and then volunteering in school and in their parishes. If you are a Catholic in your final year of school but do not attend a Catholic school and would be interested in achieving the award please email youth@rcdg.org.uk and we'll be in touch.

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.



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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

KEEP IN TOUCH



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: We're working on a brand new website to share all the latest news and events 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.