



RC Diocese of Galloway

Youth Office

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

The Diocesan Youth Office has a number of exciting opportunities coming up which they're inviting your child to get involved with over the coming months. The Youth Office works with Catholic schools across Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway to run events to give young people an opportunity to meet, have fun, make friends, and grow in faith. These opportunities are normally open to P6 and up, but in the run up to the summer are also open to P5.

All of the Youth Office team are fully vetted and safeguarding trained. If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, please feel free to be in touch, you can contact myself (Fr Kevin Rennie) using any of the above details.

God bless,

Fr Kevin Rennie

Chaplain

RCDG Youth & Young Adults

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Galloway Youth Evening (P5-S4)

THE EUCHARIST
JESUS'S BODY AND BLOOD

WHAT IS IT?
WHY DOES IT MATTER?
IS IT REALLY JESUS?

JOIN US TO EXPLORE
THESE QUESTIONS
AND MORE!

MASS · GAMES · TALK · ACTIVITIES · PIZZA · SOCIAL

SUNDAY
17TH MAY | **5.00 PM**

ST TERESA'S, DUMFRIES | ST PETER-IN-CHAINS, ARDROSSAN | ST MARGARET'S, AYR | ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK

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May Youth Evening

Sunday 17th May – 5.00-7.00 pm

St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock/ St Peter-in-Chains Church, Ardrossan/ St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr/ St Teresa's Church, Dumfries

Join young people in P5-S4 for an evening of free pizza, games, activities, and a short talk – this month on the theme of the Eucharist: Jesus' Body and Blood. The evening begins with a short Mass at 5.00 pm, following which their S3 Junior Leaders will lead a range of different fun and engaging games and activities. If your child has been before, there's no need to register – just come along! It's completely free!

If your child is coming to a Youth Office event for the first time, please complete an Annual Consent Form for them here:

<https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/youth-evenings-registration/>

2026 ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT
 RCDG Youth - Diocese of Galloway Youth Office

Weekend includes:
 Outdoor Activities
(Tree climbing, Archery Tag, Archery and more!)
 Talks, Prayer, and Mass
 All Meals & Accommodation

27TH - 29TH NOVEMBER
GOWANBANK £180 PP
 Open to Youth in P7-S4 in 2026/2027 (currently P6-S3).

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
 Register today and only pay a £50 deposit!

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

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Advent Youth Retreat (Current P6 and up)
 Friday 27th – Sunday 29th November
 Gowanbank SU Centre (near Darvel)

Join with young people from across the Diocese for a weekend retreat to kick start Advent. The weekend includes a range of different activities (outdoors and indoors), times of prayer and reflection, Mass, and lots of time with friends and to make new friends too!

The weekend costs £140 per person (only a £50 deposit is payable at registration) if you register before Sunday 17th May (£160 after this date), which includes all costs. **Grants and bursaries are available to support any families in need**, or families with more than one child wanting to take part. For details, email youth@rcdg.org.uk.

For more details, pictures from last year, and registration see: <https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/youth-p6-s4/advent-retreat/>

2027 GALLOWAY'S SEOUL
 EXPERIENCE WORLD YOUTH DAY IN GALLOWAY IN 2027

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
 SCAN FOR DETAILS

Week includes:
 Outdoor Activities
(Canoeing, Paddleboarding, Tree Climbing, Archery Tag and more!)
 Talks, Prayer, and Mass
 All Meals & Accommodation

Participant's Pack
(With lots of goodies and souvenirs!)
 Following events from Seoul online and recreating others at home.

7TH - 11TH AUGUST 2027 - GOWANBANK SU CENTRE
P7-S6 (IN SCHOOL YEAR 2027/2028) - £400 PER PERSON

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2027 Galloway's Seoul (Current P5 and up)
 Saturday 7th – Wednesday 11th August 2027
 Gowanbank SU Centre (near Darvel)

Join with young people from across the Diocese in celebrating World Youth Day! We'll be following the events from Seoul as Pope Leo gathers with young people from around the world, as well as hearing talks from some priests more locally. In the afternoons, we'll be enjoying a wide range of outdoor activities including: canoeing, paddleboarding, hill walking, tree climbing, and more! Over the course of the week they'll have lots of time with friends, as well as making new friends too. Rooms are assigned to keep friends together and by age group and gender so young people are as comfortable as possible taking part.

The week costs £400 per person, with nothing to pay until September, however we'll be organising a wide range of fundraising events which

we encourage young people to get involved with, as well as supporting them in fundraising initiatives locally. All of their fundraising helps to subsidise their fare – or to pay it completely. **Grants and bursaries are also available to support any families in need**, or families with more than one child wanting to take part. For details, email youth@rcdg.org.uk.

For more details and registration see: <https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/youth-p6-s4/advent-retreat/> Once your child is registered, we'll be in touch to let you know when fundraising opportunities are coming up and to encourage your child to get involved.