

GALLOWAY YOUTH **NEWSLETTER** OCTOBER 2025



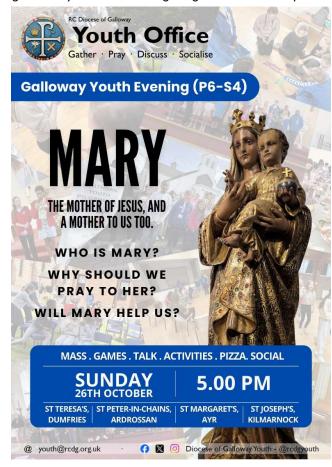
GALLOWAY YOUTH COMES TO THE QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY CLUSTER!: On Sunday 23rd September young people from across the Queen Margaret Academy cluster (South Ayrshire) were delighted to take part in the first of the new Youth Evenings in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr. The evening began with Mass in the Cathedral during which Fr Kevin reflected on the importance of the evenings in giving young people a chance to encounter God through friendship with one and other. After Mass, the new QMA Junior Leaders did a fantastic job facilitating games and activities for everyone – including some Youth Office favourites and some new ones they found themselves. After pizza, the group enjoyed a short talk on Bible Stories and what we can learn from them. Everyone had a great time and can't wait to return for the next evening on Sunday 26th October, beginning with Mass at 5.00 pm.





ADVENT

FINAL CALL: ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT: Reduced to £100 for the weekend! The Advent Youth Retreat is fast approaching and places are filling up fast, but there's still room for YOU to join us. The weekend includes a range of outdoor activities, games, prayer, reflections (from Youth Office team members and guest speakers), and Mass – as well a plenty of time to relax with your friends while making new friends too! Taking place from Friday 28th November (beginning at 6.00 pm for dinner at 6.30 pm) and continuing through to Sunday at 4.00 pm it's been hotly anticipated and not to be missed! Interested? Go to: https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/advent-youth-retreat for full details and to register – but don't miss out, limited places remain!



SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER - 5.00 PM

LAUNCHING THIS MONTH IN **NORTH AYSHIRE!**

St Peter-in-Chains Church, Ardrossan

And continuing in...

EAST AYRSHIRE St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY St Teresa's Church, Dumfries

SOUTH AYRSHIRE







YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)

YOUNG ADULTS TALKS: Our Young Adults evenings continue in November when we'll be joined by Fr Philip Kitchen who'll be speaking on the theme of "The History of the Church". Fr Philip is an avid historian having taught history prior to becoming a priest. His talk promises to be both interesting and informative. The evening will begin with Mass at 5.45 pm (Kilmarnock) and 6.00 pm (Dumfries) before continuing in the Hall. The southern group will join the northern group by video link to enable both regions to hear Fr Philip's talk in tandem. The evening is open to all Young Adults aged S5-30.



THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

FR PHILIP KITCHEN

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

MASS

5.45 PM (KILMARNOCK)/ 6.00 PM (DUMFRIES)

TALK FROM 6.30 PM

WALKING THE CAMINO: Young Adults from across the Diocese are currently on their Jubilee pilgrimage, walking the final 112km of the Camino de Santiago from Sarria to Santiago. The group are expected to arrive in Santiago on Friday ahead of joining the pilgrimage Mass in the Cathedral of St James on Saturday. At time of going to print, the group have completed their third, and longest, walking day to Arzua, walking 30km. Overall, the group have now walked approximately 80km.



The group are carrying with them the intentions of the whole Diocesan Community, represented by two pebbles from Whithorn being carried by the group. Whilst it is the Young Adults walking the group, they do so as part of the entire Diocesan community and representing that whole community.



To see all of the photos from the pilgrimage, check out our social media channels: @rcdgyouth. Following the pilgrimage, the group will have a celebration evening in the coming weeks to share their experience, follow @rcdgyouth for more details.

SUPPORT OUR WORK



It's easier than ever to help support youth ministry in the Diocese of Galloway. By donating to support our work, you're enabling us to continue spreading the Gospel message to young people throughout the Diocese, as well as providing subsidies for retreats, pilgrimages, etc., your contributions also enable us to provide grants and bursaries to young people when we need to apply a charge to activities. Already, the 200 Club has enabled us to provide funding for several young people to take part in the Advent Youth Retreat.

You can help support youth ministry by:

BUYING YOUTH OFFICE MERCHANDISE THROUGH OUR ONLINE STORE: including our 2026 Calendar featuring images from a range of events throughout the year, including youth evenings in all four clusters, our various pilgrimages during the year, and our Young Adults' Santiago pilgrimage. We also have a range of other fantastic gifts on offer including: mugs, pens and water bottles – all ideal stocking fillers for Christmas. With every purchase, you'll be helping support youth and young adults from across the Diocese. Go to: https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop to get yours today!

BUYING THE YOUTH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CARD: available in late October, show your support for Youth ministry in Galloway by sending your friends a Youth Office Christmas Card; coming soon to our online store.

All orders placed will be fulfilled in early November. Collection and delivery (£4.50) options available.

JOINING OUR 200 CLUB: the 200 Club costs £5 per month for a number with the chance to win cash prizes every month: Ist prize – 20%, 2nd prize – 10%, 3rd & 4th prize – 5% of the total income from the draw. To be in with a chance of winning you can join the club by going to: https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club or emailing youth@rcdg.org.uk for a registration form.

The winning numbers from the September draw: 1st - 17, 2nd - 10, 3rd & 4th - 6 & 5. All winners have been contacted.