



## GALLOWAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER

### NOVEMBER 2025



**GALLOWAY YOUTH COMES TO THE ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY CLUSTER!**: On Sunday 26th October young people from across the St Matthew's Academy cluster (North Ayrshire) gathered for the launch of our monthly Youth Evenings in North Ayrshire in St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan. The launch event saw 16 young people gather from across the cluster in spite of the poor weather. The group were supported by five new adult leaders from across North Ayrshire, and led by our new Junior Leaders from St Matthew's Academy. During the course of the evening, the young people enjoyed exploring the question of Mary and her significance in their lives, as well as taking part in a wide range of different games and activities – some of our favourites, and a few new ones introduced by our new Junior Leaders. The next Youth Evenings take place on Sunday 16th November in all four clusters.

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**Galloway Youth Evening (P6-S4)**

# THE SAINTS

WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THEM?

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE SAINT!  
PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME!

ST PAUL ST JOSEPH ST FRANCIS ST PETER

MASS . GAMES . TALK . ACTIVITIES . PIZZA. SOCIAL

**SUNDAY**  
16TH NOVEMBER **5.00 PM**

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

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# GENERATION HOPE

15TH-19TH JUNE 2026

**£425**  
PER PERSON

CURRENT S1-S3

A WEEK WITH FRIENDS AND  
MAKING NEW ONES WITH...  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES  
MASS AND PRAYER  
FAITH TESTIMONIES AND TALKS

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# ADULT LEADERS

WE NEED YOU...CAN YOU HELP?

We've had a great response from young people in your area, but we need more leaders to help keep our events running.

**What's involved?**  
You would be assisting with safeguarding, supervision, and cooking pizza.

**What won't you need to do?**  
You won't be asked to prepare or lead evenings, all of this is done by our S3 Junior Leaders in collaboration with the Youth Office.

All that we ask is two hours of your time each month to help keep these evenings running.

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**THE SAINTS: WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THEM?**: The next monthly Youth Evenings take place in all four clusters on Sunday 16th November. This month, young people will explore the theme of The Saints and their importance in our lives. Young people are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint, with a prize available for the best costume (please note, only costumes themed around the Saints are permitted). We'll have our usual selection of games and activities led by our Junior Leaders centred around the theme of the Saints. The evening begins with Mass at 5.00 pm before continuing in the hall at 5.30 pm in all four clusters. Haven't been to a Youth Evening before? Fill in a Consent Form online, go to: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk). There is no charge to take part in the Youth Evenings.

**ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT**: Please note that the Advent Youth Retreat, taking place from 28th -30th November is now fully booked. We look forward to welcoming the 32 young people who have registered to take part along – don't worry if you haven't managed to register for this year, we'll be repeating the retreat at a similar time next year. Keep an eye out in Lent for dates and early-bird registration.

**GENERATION HOPE**: Generation Hope is now in its forth year. Founded with a vision of helping young people in S1-S3 encounter Christ through time spent with friends in different outdoor activities, times of faith witness, prayer, Mass, and reflections. The week long summer camps have grown and gone from strength to strength – and now you can take part too if you are a Catholic and attend a non-Catholic secondary school. If you would be interested in attending camp alongside young

people from all four Diocesan Catholic Secondary schools register your interest on our website: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk) by Sunday 30th November. Subject to sufficient interest being received, we hope to work with the Education Authorities to seek permission to bring you to camp next year as part of the Galloway Youth group.

**CHRISTMAS YOUTH DAY – SAVE THE DATE**: Our Christmas Youth Day for P6-S4 takes place on Saturday 10th January from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock. Join us for a fantastic day of games, activities, talks and food as we gather to celebrate Christmas as Galloway Youth. Registration opens in late November.

**ADULT LEADERS – WE NEED YOU**: Our Youth Evenings have grown significantly in recent months in all four clusters, with 63 young people taking part in October, supported by 13 adult leaders with almost 30 now involved across the Diocese. To continue to support the running and growth of these groups **particularly in St Andrew's Deanery (Dumfries and Galloway)** we need more adult leaders. What does an adult leader do? Our adult leaders are responsible for supervision, safeguarding, and cooking the pizza. You don't have to prepare anything in advance, and you don't have to run anything on the night – all of this is done by our S3 Junior Leaders supported by the Youth Office team. No experience is necessary, and full Safeguarding Training will be provided. **All that we need you to do is to attend to supervise and to cook**. Evenings normally take place from 5.00-7.00 pm on the third Sunday of each month. Could you help? Email [youth@rcdg.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdg.org.uk) for details and to register.

## YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)



**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO  
HEAR THEIR  
STORY!**  
**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER - 7.00 PM**  
**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL,  
KILMARNOCK**  
**FREE ENTRY**

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**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO:** Over 5 days in October, 11 young adults from the Diocese walked the final 115km of the Camino de Santiago. All of the group who set out walked through heat, blisters, and at times injury to complete the distance and walk into the Cathedral Square on Friday. It was a transformational and once in a lifetime experience for many of the group who took part. You can read all about it in the December edition of the Galloway Diocese News, or join us for an evening of presentation and discussion as the Young Adults themselves share their story.

**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO: HEAR THEIR STORY:** Join our Diocesan Young Adults for an evening of presentation and discussion they share their experience of walking the Camino de Santiago. The evening takes place on Friday 12th December at 7.00 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Kilmarnock. There's no charge for the evening, but donations towards the Young Adults' pilgrimage fund are welcome. There will also be a bar and light food available.

## SUPPORT OUR WORK

These products are available to everyone – not just those who've attended events or are youth/ young adults themselves – and by buying Youth Office products you're helping support our work.

**Galloway Youth Online Store**  
SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRY IN GALLOWAY

**2026 Calendar £10**  
Featuring a fantastic selection of images from all of our events including the launch of our Youth Evenings in all four clusters!

**Youth Office Mug £8**  
Enjoy your morning coffee in style with our Youth Office mug, featuring the Youth Office's crest printed on both sides.

**Youth Office Pen £4**  
Show off your support for Galloway Youth in meetings and school with a Galloway Youth pen!

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**GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS:** with some fantastic stocking fillers from the Youth Office! We've a range of items on sale from our online store including our 2026 Youth Office calendar, featuring a great selection of photos from our events in 2025, as well as a full calendar of dates for Youth and Young Adults events for 2026. These products are available to anyone

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# THE PARABLES OF JESUS

UNDERSTANDING JESUS' TEACHING IN THE GOSPELS

**FR MARK KELLY**

**SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER MASS**  
5.45 PM (KILMARNOCK) / 6.00 PM (DUMFRIES)

**TALK FROM 6.30 PM**

**ST TERESA'S, DUMFRIES** • **ST JOSEPH'S, KILMARNOCK**  
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**THE PARABLES OF JESUS:** Join Young Adults (S5-30) as they gather for their monthly evening in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock and St Teresa's Church, Dumfries. This month they'll be joined by Fr Mark Kelly who'll be speaking on 'The Parables of Jesus: Understanding Jesus' teaching in the Gospels. Whether you're a regular or this would be your first time all are welcome to come along and take part. **If you live outside of East Ayrshire or Dumfries you can now also join online via Microsoft Teams** just to go [youth.rcdg.org.uk](#) and click on 'Young Adults' to register and we'll send you a link each month to take part.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER – SAVE THE DATE:** The Young Adults Christmas Dinner will take place in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock on Sunday 11th January. More details and registration opens soon, but save the date and come and join us. There's no charge for this event.



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**BUY OUR CHRISTMAS CARD:** available now, show your support for Youth ministry in Galloway by sending your friends and family a Youth Office Christmas Card this year. Cards are £1 each, or 6 for £5 with 41p from each card going towards supporting our work.

**JOIN THE 200 CLUB:** For only £5 per month you can join the Youth Office's 200 Club and be in with a chance to winning monthly cash prizes: 20%, 10% and 2 x 5% of that month's draw. Join the growing number of people from across the Diocese and beyond who are helping support our work, and taking home cash prizes at the same time. For details, and to register, go to: [youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club](#) or email us for a registration form.

The winning numbers from the September draw: 1st – 7, 2nd – 4, 3rd & 4th – 16 & 10. All winners have been contacted.