




# GALLOWAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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**Youth Office**  
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# EASTER YOUTH DAY

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION - HIS LOVING SACRIFICE FOR US.

**MASS · GAMES · TALK · ACTIVITIES · PIZZA · BBQ · SOCIAL**


**SCAN TO REGISTER**

**SATURDAY 18TH APRIL**  
**ST TERESA'S, DUMFRIES**  
**FREE - LUNCH INCLUDED**

Free event for Youth in P5-S4. Free transport available from: Saltcoats, Ayr, Kilmarnock, and Cumnock. Scan the QR code to register and book your seat.

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# 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**    £160 PP  
 Open to Youth in P7-S4 in 2026/2027 (currently P6-S3).

**EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**  
**Register before Easter and only pay £140, with a £50 deposit!**

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE**  
 SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO [YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK](http://YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK)  
 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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**REGISTER BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT.**

**2026 ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT**  
 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - £140

We look forward to returning to Gowanbank SU Centre in November for our 2026 Advent Retreat where we're inviting YOU to be one of forty young people taking part in a weekend of outdoor activities, games, prayer, discussion, Mass, and reflection with friends old and new! Over the weekend you'll spend time with friends trying new activities, reflecting on Christ's love for you and his call for you, but most of all, having fun! Open to young people in P7-S4 (current P6-S3). The weekend costs £160 with an early bird discount to £140 if you register before Easter Sunday, which includes everything: transport, food, accommodation, and activities! When registering, you'll only be asked to pay a £50 deposit, with a further £45 due in June, and £45 in October.

For more information, and to register, scan the QR code or go to our website and click on 'Youth'.

**SAVE THE DATE...**  
**7TH – 11TH AUGUST 2027**  
 Something big is coming and **we want you to be part of it.**  
 Join us at the Easter Youth Gathering to be the first to know...

### DON'T MISS THE BIGGEST YOUTH EVENT OF THE YEAR – THE GALLOWAY YOUTH EASTER GATHERING!

Join with young people from across the Diocese for a day of fun, faith, and friendship, spent with friends and making new friends!

Join us on Saturday 18th April from 11.00 – 4.00 pm in St Teresa's Church, Dumfries as we gather to celebrate Easter. Open to young people in P5-S4 from across the Diocese. The day consists of a wide range of different (and fun) games and activities with old favourites and new games making appearances! We'll also be hearing two short talks on the theme of the Holy Spirit and spending time in prayer and reflection.

The day is completely free of charge with lunch – a BBQ and Pizza – provided free of charge, as well as sweets, crisps, and juice. Last year we welcomed over 60 and we're expecting even more this year!

Free transport is provided from: Saltcoats, Ayr, Kilmarnock, and Cumnock to help you to take part, with the day itself running from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. When registering, you can reserve your seat on the coach and we'll be in touch nearer the time to confirm the exact pickup time in your area.

Interested? Scan the QR code or go to our website to register to take part, and remember, if it's your first event you also need to complete an Annual Consent Form.

## YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)



**AN EVENING WITH BISHOP FRANK**



**SUNDAY  
29TH MARCH**

**ST JOSEPH'S  
KILMARNOCK**

**MASS - 5.30 PM  
TALK - 6.30 PM**

**CAN'T JOIN IN PERSON?  
FOLLOW ONLINE!  
REGISTER AT  
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**YOUNG ADULTS EVENING:** The next Young Adults evening takes place tonight (Sunday 29th March) when Bishop Frank will be joining the group for "An Evening with Bishop Frank". He'll be discussing a wide range of different topics, as well as taking questions from the group. The evening **begins with Mass at 5.30 pm** (Please note the earlier time due to Palm Sunday) in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, before continuing in the hall from 6.30 pm.

Want to join but don't live in the area? It's now possible to follow all of our Young Adults' talks online. If you're a Young Adult in S5 to age 30 living in the Diocese, you can follow the talk via Microsoft Teams, just go to our website and complete the registration, and we'll email you a link to the meeting to join in.

When following online, you'll be able to see and hear everything that's happening, as well as to ask questions and to take part in discussions.



**SPRING SOCIAL**

**SATURDAY 25TH APRIL, 3.00 PM**  
TEN PIN BOWLING, LASERQUEST, DRINKS AND TIME TO SOCIALISE.

**VENUE TBC**  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



**SPRING SOCIAL:** To celebrate Easter our Young Adults are planning a spring social on Saturday 25th April at 3.00 pm. The afternoon will include ten pin bowling, laserquest, and a chance to meet other young adults. The venue will be confirmed depending on interest. To register your interest in taking part, please scan the QR code and we'll be in touch with the details nearer the time.



## GALLOWAY YOUNG ADULTS ROME 2026

In October, 14 Young Adults accompanied by Fr Kevin and Margaret, two of our Youth Leaders, will be travelling to Rome for a five day Spiritual and Cultural pilgrimage. In preparation for their pilgrimage, the group will be running a number of fundraisers – why not come along to support their work and to meet some of the group who'll be taking part. Their first fundraiser is a:

**QUIZ NIGHT**

St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock  
Saturday 23rd May, 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

Tickets £3 per person. Raffle included, donations welcome.  
Maximum team size: 6 persons.

## SUPPORT OUR WORK

**JOIN THE 200 CLUB:** Join the 40+ members who've already become part of the Youth Office 200 Club and help support our work while being in with a chance of winning cash prizes. 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](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk/200-club) or email us for a registration form.



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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)

**Go to [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk) to register today and help support Youth Ministry in Galloway.**

The Youth Office is licensed to operate a 200 Club under license no SAC/298.

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The winning numbers from the February draw: 1st – 28, 2nd – 9, 3rd & 4th – 13 & 32. All winners have been contacted.