



**GALLOWAY  
YOUTH  
NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2026**



**EASTER YOUTH GATHERING:** To celebrate Easter, sixty-five young people in P5-S4 from across the Diocese gathered at St Teresa's, Dumfries on Saturday 18th April. Everyone had a fantastic day enjoying the games and activities led by the Youth Office's Junior Leaders and Junior Leader Mentors – who as well as helping out were studying for their exams. The young people also enjoyed hearing two talks reflecting on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of the Diocesan Year of prayer. In the morning, the talk focussed on what the Gifts are and how we're called to use them, while in the afternoon the focus shifted to the practical experience of two of our Junior Leader Mentors in using the gifts. At Mass, Fr Kevin invited the young people to open their hearts to God and to the gifts he offers so that they may better use them in their lives. Our thanks to the parishioners of St Teresa's who volunteered to assist with the cooking, and to the St Joseph's Academy Junior Choir who led the music at Mass.

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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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**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)

**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](http://YOUTH.RCDG.ORG.UK) TO SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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**2027 GALLOWAY'S SOUL**  
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 YEAR 2027/2028) - £400 PER PERSON**

All forms of registration fees, a £50 deposit is required. However one will be having participants to get involved with fundraising this year to reduce the cost per person. Should a young person raise the full amount the deposit will be refunded. For full details, scan the QR code or email youth@rcdg.org.uk.

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**YOUTH EVENINGS: OPEN TO P5 UNTIL THE SUMMER!** Our May Youth Evening takes place on **Sunday 17th May** in all four clusters: St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock; St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr; St Teresa's, Dumfries; St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan.

Join us for Mass, followed by pizza, games, activities, and a short talk. This month, our young people will be talking about the Eucharist: Christ's true and continuing presence among us, his gift of himself to all of us to strengthen and sustain us.

If you're coming along for the first time (especially important for P5) please remember to fill in an Annual Consent Form online: [youth.rcdg.org.uk](http://youth.rcdg.org.uk).

**2026 ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT**  
27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - £160.

Join us for a weekend of activities, talks, prayer, reflection and friendship as we return to Gowanbank SU Centre for our 2026 Advent Retreat! Open to young people in P7-S4 (current P6-S3). The weekend costs £160, which includes everything: transport, food, accommodation, and activities! When registering, you'll only be asked to pay a £50 deposit, with a further £50 due in June, and £60 in October.

**SUMMER PROGRAMME:** Our summer programme was announced at the Easter Youth Gathering and we've got lots coming up, including our Summer Youth Gathering and the Whithorn Youth Pilgrimage. Check out our website for more

information or to download a copy of our 'What's On Guide' for Spring/ Summer 2026.

**2027 GALLOWAY'S SOUL**  
7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2027 - £400.



In 2027, Pope Leo will travel to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day. While it isn't possible for us to travel to join him, we'll be following along and experiencing our own World Youth Day...Galloway's Seoul. The five day camp will follow a similar programme to World Youth Day and include a talk each day (Sun – Tue) from a different speaker; Mass, following along with some of the gatherings in Seoul, while in the afternoons we'll be enjoying the facilities offered by Gowanbank, with an extensive programme of outdoor activities both on and off site, as well as lots of breakout and chill out space. Young people will be accommodated on site in shared rooms with their friends and other young people of a similar age. All meals, activities, and resources are included in the cost, so there's no additional cost to young people.

We have bursaries and grants available to support any families in need, or families with more than one child wishing to take part. We'll also be carrying out fundraising with young people invited to take part to help subsidise the cost of their place. When registering, we ask for a £50 deposit however should your child raise their full fare, this will be refunded. For more details and to register, scan the QR code.

## YOUNG ADULTS (S5-30)



**SPRING SOCIAL:** On Saturday 25th April several of our Young Adults travelled to Ayr for their Spring Social: an afternoon of Laser Quest, Bowling and socialising. Everyone had a great time and can't wait to return again for a rematch with both activities being tightly fought competitions.

Are you in S5-30? Would you like to join our Young Adults group? Follow us on Social Media @rcdgyouth to hear what's coming up, or register to follow our monthly evenings in person or online via our website. After you've attended an event, you're also able to join our WhatsApp group to keep up to date with all that's going on.



# THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH (PART 2) THE MIDDLE AGES

FR PHILIP KITCHEN

SUNDAY 3RD MAY

MASS 6.00 PM

TALK 6.30 PM

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**YOUNG ADULTS' EVENING:** The next Young Adults evening takes place this Sunday (3rd May) in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock. Fr Philip Kitchen will be continuing the series, which he started in November, exploring the History of the Church, looking in particular at the Middle Ages. Even if you didn't make it to his first talk, you'll still be able to follow the next in the series which promises to be a fascinating and enjoyable insight into the Church. Mass will be celebrated at 6.00 pm, or you can come for the talk at 6.30 pm. Open to all young adults in S5 – age 30.



## 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:

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## QUIZ NIGHT

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

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

## SUPPORT OUR WORK

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

**ONLINE STORE:** Our online store is open all year round, whether you're looking for some stationery, a new mug for work or home, pens or a gift for someone. We're regularly updating our selection, go to <https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/shop> to see what's on offer.



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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)

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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**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 win 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.

The winning numbers from the March draw: 1st – 37, 2nd – 26, 3rd & 4th – 20 & 15. All winners have been contacted.

## GOOD LUCK

To all of the young people across our Diocese who are sitting their exams at this time.

St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for them.  
St Ninian, Pray for them.

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