



RC Diocese of Galloway

# Youth Office

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## Subject: First Communion Celebration Day

Dear Parent/ Carer,

On behalf of the entire Youth Office Team, we offer our prayers and congratulations to your child and yourself on their celebration of First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion, the first of many, is a hugely special moment for your child in their faith life as they grow closer to God by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. To mark this occasion, we invite your child to join us on **Saturday 25th July from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm** in St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, as they gather with First Communicants from across the Diocese to celebrate. During the day we'll have:

- A range of different games and activities, facilitated by our S3 Junior Leaders.
- Two short talks reflecting on the importance and meaning of Holy Communion.
- Mass with the young people, with young people invited to be involved in a range of ways.
- Lunch: pizza, BBQ, crisps, sweets, and juice.

The day is completely free of charge, all that your child needs to do is register using the information overleaf! We recognise that joining one of these events for the first time can be daunting for children, and so you are welcome to stay for some/ all of the day, we'll also provide tea, coffee, biscuits and lunch.

Following the First Communion Celebration, we would also like to invite your child to get involved in youth events in the future, details of which can be found overleaf. Our events aim to bring young people in P5 (as of August 2026) - S4 together in:

- **Friendship** with one another: spending time with friends and making new friends.
- **Faith** through the celebration of Mass, talks, and reflections to grow in knowledge and love of God.
- And most of all, to have **fun** whilst taking part.

While our events do have a Catholic focus, young people of all faiths and none are invited to take part, with the majority of our events being free of charge. Over the last twelve months we have welcomed over 200 young people to our events with all giving very positive feedback, .








We'd love to welcome your child along to some of our upcoming events – see the information overleaf.

God bless,

Fr Kevin Rennie

Youth Chaplain  
Diocese of Galloway

## Upcoming RCDG Youth Events – All free of charge!

<b>First Communion Celebration</b>		<b>Saturday 25th July – 11.00 AM – 4.00 PM</b> <b>St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock</b>	
Join us for a day of fun, games, activities, and celebration as we celebrate YOU celebrating your First Holy Communion. We can't wait to welcome you along to show you what we do at Galloway Youth and to invite you to get involved – while also enjoying lots of cake and celebrations! Scan the QR code to register.			
<b>Summer Youth Gathering</b>		<b>Saturday 15th August – 11.00 AM – 4.00 PM</b> <b>St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock</b>	
Join with young people from across the Diocese as we gather for our summer social – we'll have games: old favourites and new ones, pizza, talks, Mass, and lots of fun! Free transport is provided from: Dumfries, Cumnock, Ayr and Saltcoats to/ from Kilmarnock – scan the QR to register and to book your seat on the bus!			
<b>Whithorn Youth Pilgrimage</b>		<b>Sunday 30th August</b> <b>Newton Stewart &amp; St Ninian's Cave</b> (Free transport provided)	
Join us as we gather to celebrate St Ninian, the patron saint of our Diocese! Ninian was the one who first brought Catholicism to Scotland and every year we mark his Feast by going to St Ninian's Cave. We'll have our usual mix of games, activities, pizza, and fun, before joining the Diocese for Mass on the beach. Free transport is provided from: Saltcoats, Kilmarnock, Ayr, Maybole, Girvan, and Dumfries – scan the QR code to register and to book your seat!			
<b>Youth Evenings</b>		<b>Various Dates – 5.00 – 7.00 PM</b> <b>St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock</b>	
<b>20th September</b>	<b>25th October</b>	<b>15th November</b>	<b>13th December</b>
Join us for our monthly Youth Evenings as we gather with young people from across the cluster. Each evening begins with a short Mass at 5.00 pm, following which we'll head across to the hall for games and activities led by our S3 Junior Leaders, a short talk on the theme of the evening, and lots of pizza, sweets, crisps and juice. There's no need to register for each evening, but if you're coming for the first time, scan the QR code to complete a Consent Form.			
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