

The Word of Youth

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The road and the miles tae Dunkeld

Together with the appointment of Fr Tom to the role of Vicar Episcopal, with responsibility for the Faith Youth Formation of Youth in Dunkeld Diocese, the Perth Catholic Youth Project's Coordinator, Frankie McGuire has agreed to take up a new post responsible for supporting parishes and others working with young people across the whole of Dunkeld Diocese.

After four very successful years working in all three Perth parishes Frankie, a teacher at St John's Academy in Perth, will be working a few days each week at the Diocesan Centre in Dundee where he will coordinate the development of youth ministry.

One of the first jobs he is looking forward to getting involved with will be gathering together a group of young people to go to the next World Youth Day, in Krakow, Poland in 2016.

He feels that the Perth Project is in good hands and is staying in touch with the young people here - and their leaders.

Earlier this year Justyna Jablonska began her role working alongside Frankie. Now she is taking more responsibility for the day to day running of the Perth project and looks forward to developing it further.

Justyna has already built on the success of the Holiday Club initiated by the parish's evangelisation group and has been working closely with primary staff and pupils at St John's.

Says Frankie, "Work with the young people in Perth is in safe hands. I look forward to continuing my work with the young people of Perth."

"It seems that Perth's success has become the launch pad for Bishop Stephen's plans for young people in his Diocese."

"The support that the Youth Project has enjoyed from the parishes here is Perth is key to



its success. Fund raising meals, donations and other gifts have made so many things possible

what other groups could only dream about."

"It is my hope that we can repeat this success many times over."

Earlier this year, Frankie and the youth team led a group of youth and adult pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. In 2012 he led a group to Rome and there have been several visits to Iona and other religious centres.

Certainly he will have an opportunity to share these experiences with other parts of Dunkeld Diocese.

The young people of the Perth Catholic Youth Project look forward to meeting other young people from across the diocese as they work with Frankie in his new wider role in the Church.

Looking to the Future

Could this be you?

Now, as a senior in college I am not a princess or a wedding cake maker. As I grew up I realised that I could not continue to plan my life around things that could change. I decided it made sense to anchor my life in the one thing that would never change, the one thing that would continually satisfy me - seeking the will of God the Father and living my life asking for His help and direction.

<http://lifeteen.com/anchored-life-listen-gods-will/>



Race Night raises £2300 for pilgrims

The atmosphere was electric, the odds of success were obvious, there could be no losers at an event designed to raise funds for the Perth Catholic Youth project's pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in July.

Local businesses sponsored whole races up front, the horses themselves were quickly snapped up by those who fancied their chances to make a quick fortune. Only the jockeys were left to be auctioned on the night itself.



Best bar staff at St John's

"It was a massive show of support from parishioners and the business community," reports Frankie McGuire, the project's coordinator.

"Our young people acted as hosts, running

the raffle and helping to prepare the buffet."

Parents too were on hand with their backing for the event.

Dundee and Perth Catenians, notably the evening's compere Hugh O'Neill, gave the event their backing whilst seeking to enlist new members for themselves!

Well done to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening. £2300 was raised and a great time was had by all.



A great family occasion



Nail biting moments



Concentration needed - its like Bingo with legs!



Entertainment for all generations



Donald and Mary Lou keep an eye on the tote.



Latest plasma screen technology means everyone can see

Pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela 2014



Perth pilgrims arrived in Santiago de Compostela in time for the Feast of St James the Apostle. The Perth Catholic Youth Project, led by Frankie McGuire were joined by a group of twelve parishioners and friends of St John the Baptist parish, together with their parish priest, Fr Tom Shields. The group had set off from Sarria eight days earlier, to walk the final 70 miles of the traditional pilgrimage route from the south of France known as the Camino Francés. Their destination was the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela and the Shrine of St James where the remains of the Apostle are contained in a silver casket.

PERTH CATHOLIC YOUTH PROJECT



Holiday Club – sign up soon

Our next Holiday Club is on Friday 24 October, starting at 9.15am for pupils from P3-P7. If you would like to join in the fun please give your name to your teacher - or to Justyna Jablonska who will be at the door of the church after Mass today.

Holiday Clubs are organised by the Perth Catholic Youth Project, working across all three Perth Parishes. The youth workers have good links with the city's Catholic schools, St John Academy and Our Lady Primary School.

Every Wednesday, in St John the Baptist's church hall, the 3GY Youth Group is open for all children from P7-S6, and every Sunday the parish youth workers are available, after Mass, to answer all your questions about their work.

During school breaks,

and holidays Holiday Clubs are organised for Primary school children from P3 to P7. Previous Holiday Clubs have been a great success. At Easter, eighteen children from P3-7 took part in a wide range of activities such as playing games, singing songs, doing lots of crafts and much more!

Our next Holiday Club will be held during October Holidays. As always the theme will have a scriptural base and there will be lots of fun. The theme is the Holy Spirit.

If anyone parents/adults would like to help by volunteering a few hours on the day please speak to Justyna today. We are grateful for the support we have received from parishioners for previous Holiday Clubs. If you can help by donating any arts and crafts materials or snacks we would be pleased to receive them.

There is NO CHARGE for the Holiday Club but please sign up by Thursday 9th October so that we can plan ahead for you.

I am a member of the 3GY youth Group that operates in this church. Together with other young people from our group, under the leadership of Frankie McGuire, we have decided to respond to the current situation of Christians in Iraq and do our best to help all those in need. These are some of the oldest Christian communities in the world. As you might all be aware many Christians in Iraq have been given a choice, they can convert to Islam, pay a religious levy or die. Those are the conditions offered to Christians and other religious minorities in northern Iraq by members of the ISIS. According to a local source, every two or three days a Christian is killed, kidnapped or abused. Among those people are also women and children.

I feel lucky and blessed to live in a country where I can freely express and deepen my faith by participating in weekly youth group meetings, where I can enjoy the company of my friends, and learn new ways to get closer to God. It makes me feel sad to know that children in the other part of the globe do not have that privilege. That is why we came up with the Evening of Solidarity with Iraq. Over the past few weeks during our youth group meetings we decided to split in to three different groups. Each one of the groups is responsible for different parts of our evening of reflection, prayer and fundraising. We came up with many ideas, gather our best recipes, and did what we could to make sure that this evening will be memorable, and will help us gather enough donations for all those suffering in Iraq.

Now on the behalf of the rest of the 3GY group I would like to invite all of you to come and join us, on Saturday 4th October at 7.30pm for a service of prayer, followed by teas and coffee, baking and bric a brac sale in order to raise funds for Aid to the Church in Need. I would also like to encourage you to take today's parish bulletin where you can find all the information about other ways in which you could participate in this event. There is still hope for Christians in Iraq, but only if we act now. Thank You.

Read by members at all Masses on Sunday 28th September

Evening of Solidarity for Iraq

7.30pm, Saturday 4th October
in St John's Church Hall

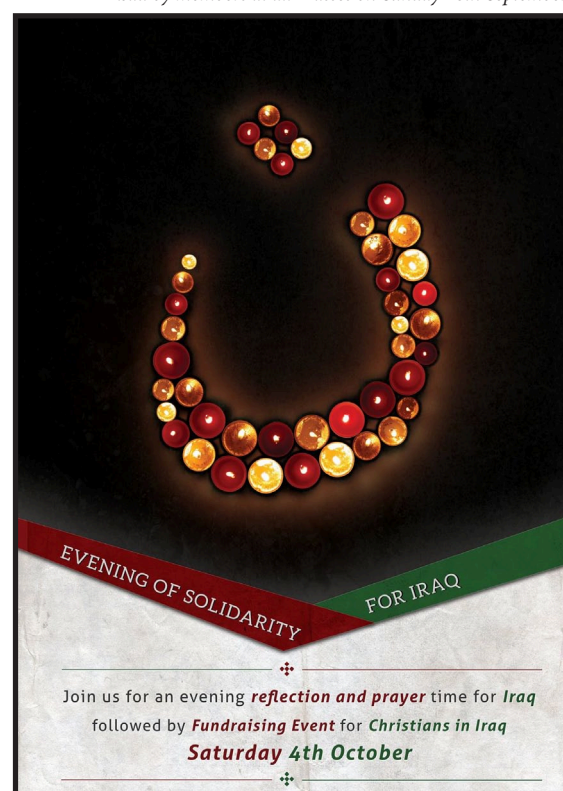
You are invited to a

Service of Prayer

*followed by teas, and coffee, bake
and bric-a-brac sale in order to raise funds for*

Aid to the Church in Need

Donations for the Cake and Candy stall can be handed in from 6pm (Saturday 4th). Bric-a-brac welcome too and at the Youth Group meeting (Wed 1st) from 6pm-8pm - or at other times to members of the Perth Catholic Youth Project - Tel 01738 635074



A wet day at Largs and Millport...



...but still lots of reasons to be cheerful

Scotland's Young Cath



Youth of Scotland with their Bishops



Altar Servers from St John's and Our Lady's, Perth



Archbishop Cushley blesses the Palms before the procession starts

Catholics Gather in Perth

Looking ahead to our journey to Krakow 2016

The young people of Scotland gathered in St John's, Perth for a National Event to mark Palm Sunday this year. It was an opportunity for many who had attended last summer's Scotland Rio World Youth Day to catch up - and perhaps to plan for the next one.



In 1984 at the close of the Holy Year of Redemption, over 300,000 young people from around the world responded to the invitation of His Holiness John Paul II for an International Jubilee of youth on Palm Sunday in St Peter's square. Looking out to the crowds who answered his invitation he said, "What a fantastic spectacle is presented on this stage by your gathering here today! Who claimed that today's youth has lost their sense of values? Is it really true that they cannot be counted on?"

It was at this gathering that the Holy Father entrusted to the youth what is now known as the World Youth Day Cross, to be carried throughout the world as a symbol of the love of Christ for humanity.

So on Palm Sunday in 1986 the Catholic Church celebrated its first World Youth Day and since then a further 12 celebrations - 1987- Buenos Aires, Argentina; 1989- Santiago de Compostela; 1991- Czestochowa, Poland; 1993- Denver; 1995- Manila, Philippines; 1997- Paris, France; 2000- Rome, Italy; 2002- Toronto, Canada; 2005- Cologne, Germany; 2008- Sydney, Australia; 2011- Madrid, Spain, and in 2013- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - each with a theme set to inspire a new generation of young Catholics.

The Mass in St John's was celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and Bishop Robson and other Scottish Bishops supporting their youth groups who had travelled from Dumfries and Galloway, Argyll and the Isles, Paisley, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Motherwell and St Andrews' and Edinburgh. A group of 3GY members from Perth read the Passion, led by youth workers Frankie McGuire and Justyna Jablonska.

Fr Stephen Grattan, who coordinated the event through the Scottish Catholic Youth Service, thanked the bishops and all who had helped to ensure the success of the event. The gathering had begun with a period of catechesis which led to the great procession of palms through the street leading to the church.

Now our young people's sights are set on Krakow in Poland when, in 2016, the world's youth will once again gather in large numbers to pray and to celebrate. The dates for your diary are July 25 - August 1, 2016 - and details of how to sign up will be available very soon.



Justyna, Natalia, Harris and Col read the Passion during Mass



Communion for the Youth of Scotland



Priests and Bishops lead the procession to Mass



Learning to pray as a family



Help is at hand



Story time



Getting arty



Hunt the eggs



Time to be creative



The Holiday Club



Baking with a surprise result!



Always smiling - time for a song



Happy Easter!!!



Making time to say sorry

Its all non-stop and go for in the movies

CAMERON WIGGAN REPORTS FROM PERTH'S HOLLYWOOD

I enjoy making stop motion animation. I first got into animations when I did a workshop in Edinburgh. I then got a Hue Animation Kit and have done many animations since then.

When I was in p6 I did a animation for a presentation at school instead of doing a BORING POSTER!!!! My animation was on Victorian flight and that was just the first how do I say this hits. then the biggest came waching the stars. My guitar teacher, Ronnie Hunter, has a band and he wanted

a animation for his music video so he so I mentioned I do a lot of animations in my spare time and he asked me to do an animation for it.

I got a story board and set to work. when i had finished it was put on you tube and the best part is i



Come along to 3GY on Wednesday evenings and you will find there are chances to get involved in a wide range of activities

With our best wishes for the new year's CARITAS volunteers



October - Month of the Holy Rosary

In a word, by focusing our eyes on Christ, the Rosary also makes us peacemakers in the world. By its nature as an insistent choral petition in harmony with Christ's invitation to 'pray ceaselessly' (Luke 18:1), the Rosary allows us to hope that, even today, the difficult 'battle' for peace can be won.

WYO's retiring editor, Ruaridh Blain reports, "I had the privilege of joining my classmates on the journey to the Caritas Ceremony in Glasgow."

"I had felt a bit of pride and honour of seeing my friends going up to collect their award and seeing some of their interviews being shown on the big screen It was sad having to say goodbye to my friends and colleagues after six years of chatting and having fun."

Ruaridh was the founder of the Youth Group Magazine, now in its 12th edition. He has reported from Rome, Santiago de Compostela, Glasgow and Edinburgh (where he was famously chased by a stuffed rhinoceros). We wish him well with his studies at the Napier University.

Service Projects that Engage Young People with the Church

Academic Peace Diaries raise funds for Justice and Peace



3GY's Maria Foley interviews Justyna about the calendar project

Justyna is not only our youth group leader but also a final year art student at Dundee University and it is good that she can pass these skills onto us.

"We have two calendars one of them is not finished because as you can see I have a run out of the gel pens. Which unfortunately happens sometimes. And this is how they look like now. So all we need is right now is to print the cover. And this hasn't been done yet because yesterday I phoned the Justice and Peace Commission and I told them that we would like to donate money to them from selling our calendars."

"So we are going to sell our calendars and donate money to their charity. And they were very pleased and happy that we are doing such a good thing here. They have also decided that they would like us to write an article which they could use in their magazine and also on their website. And they also would like copies of the calendar so they could tell people on their website or magazine that if someone would like to buy our calendar they should contact us so we could sell the calendar directly to them. And on the back of our cover we will put information about Justice and Peace, Commission Charity.

Justyna worked closely with a group of children from 3GY through each step of the design process.

"For each month we chose the Saints or Blessed People in our Christian community and the famous quotes from them.

This could be a little bit confusing to most other people but the highlighted dates of the month have been selected there because it's special date for that celebrant. And on the back of the cover it would be explained why we did this.

Maria asked Justyna about the designs.

"With the help of the youth group, designing this kind of work was very easy for me."

"There were two basic variations considered, one was a wall calendar and other was desk calendar."

"We decided to make wall calendar because it was easier to design and produce so it didn't require folding it."

"We had to design that calendar in special software so we could use cutting and writing machine for it which I think he's very good results - as we all agreed.

Making digital copies of this kind of calendar is very time consuming. But once done it prints multiple copies in the very quick time. Copies are on sale for £8 each.

BUY ONE GIVE ONE FREE

During the Spring Term members of 3GY have been involved in a number of Service Projects where they research and respond to the needs of others.

One such project was called Christian Coupons. It began with looking at the familiar Buy One Get One Free offers in supermarkets.

CARITAS volunteer Sammy Kelly led a group of 3GY members to explore how such a scheme might work to the benefit of people who were in greater need than ourselves.

"Often these offers just promote greed," Sammy told our reporter. "We don't really need two of everything and also it has been shown in the press recently that these offers only benefit the supermarkets' profits."

"Our idea is to Buy

Marta adds her finishing touches to the collection bin



One GIVE One Free instead."

The group plans to encourage parishioners and friends to think about this when next buying an item of clothing.

"Each time you buy something new you should have a good look in your wardrobe to see if there is a item of clothing you no longer really use."

Some staff and pupils from St John's will be returning to Romania in the summer and will be able to take clothes to the orphanage supported by the Lawside Project."

There will be members of 3GY available at the back of the Church to collect your donations - please be generous and think of others.

Ready to answer the call from those in need



The project led by Andrew Crines responds to Natural Disasters around the world



Working with Youth Leader Marie Laurie this team supports Mary's Meals

Perth Catholic Youth Project Dates for your diary

Come along next term – our theme is ‘Christ is Calling’

Term	Theme	Outing	Outing	Worship	Notes
AUTUMN 2014 (Aug-Oct)	The Profession of Faith	Dundee – swimming and cinema 14th September Minibus	Enchanted Forest - Pitlochry Sunday 5th October Mini Bus	Our Lady's Parish, Letham Theme 'I Believe'	Will introduce 'Year of Catechisms' focus on Eucharist and the Creed. 'Aid to the Church in Iraq' prayers for peace, bake and boot sale.
WINTER 2014 (Christmas) (Oct-Dec)	The Sacraments of Faith	Glasgow - pizza and bowling Sun. 2nd Nov by train	Edinburgh – Winter festival/ skating Sunday 14th Dec by train	St John's Theme 'Christ be beside me'	Christmas Concert Production Youth hPrayer Advent Prayer Vigil (Blessed Sacrament)
SPRING 2015 (Easter) (Jan-Apr)	The Life of Faith	Braehead XScape Tobogganing Sun 25th Jan Minibus	Go-karting Cambusland Sun 1st March Minibus	St Mary Magdalene's Theme 'A Life Worth Living'	Peacemaker Awards Lenten Retreat
SUMMER 2015 (Apr-Jul)	Prayer in the Life of Faith	Loch Lomond Boat, Dumbarton Rock Castle and Sea Life Centre Minibus	Alton Towers tbc	St John's Theme 'Deep within my heart'	Summer Adventure Weekend July 2015 tbc

3GY QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Put on Christ’ and your life will be full of his love; it will be a fruitful life.”

Pope Francis speaking to young people at World Youth Day 2013 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

