

The Word of Youth

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WELCOME from Frankie!

3GY is our fantastic new youth project for high school age young people in Perth. I want our time together to be a chance for young Catholics to come along and meet other people from the area. What we're interested in are the interests, hobbies, abilities and skills that only you can bring to 3GY - using your Gifts for the Glory of God. I am very proud to introduce to you the very first edition of "The Word of Youth" (or WoYo for short!), our monthly youth newspaper and a great example of what can be achieved by our young people.

3GY Dunolly trip

During the summer holiday the 3GY group went on a trip to Dunolly Adventure Outdoors. The group had a wonderful and exciting time there and we will have some of their comments and moments for in the next edition of 'WoYo.'

RUARIDH BLAIN presents SCIENCE VS. RELIGION

PART 1 of 5

Hello. I'm Ruaridh Blain, and I'm the person who will show you five parts of history where science faces views from the Christian church. So, I hope you enjoy this first issue featuring a famous scientist: GALILEO vs. the Christian church.

Galileo Galilei was born in the year 1564 in Italy. In those times the church believed that the earth revolved around the sun. When Galileo was younger he wanted to study mathematics but his dad forced him to study medicine instead. Even though he got more pay with medicine, he sneakily studied sums until finally his dad gave up. Galileo then became a professor of maths at Pisa University and began to study the night sky.

Now, most people think that Galileo invented the telescope but that is not true: Galileo only *improved* the telescope. However, he did prove that the earth revolved around the sun. He then asked his mate - who happened to be the Pope at that time! - if he could publish his findings in a book. The Pope agreed, on one condition - that he publish the Christian side in it as well. But Galileo was convinced that his views were the only correct ones, and after the book was published, people noticed that it was all one-sided. Galileo was put on trial for heresy. Galileo was put under house arrest, where he stayed - still studying the stars - until his death in 1642.

NEXT WEEK: Sir Isaac Newton

French Food Extravaganza!

The French Night, on July 16th, saw a group of young people and leaders host a delicious evening of French food, music and hospitality. Thanks to the generosity of our 40 quests and the quality of the service offered by our young people, we managed to raise over £900 to subsidise the Dunolly adventure weekend and buy some new materials for the 3GY group. Pictures of the night at the back of the church.

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3GY

Every Wednesday from 6-8pm
in St John's Church hall

Join the WoYo youth paper team; do arts and crafts; play Warhammer or football; play games; be fed and watered; or just hang out and make new friends!

Hope to see you there!

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Confessions of a Teenage Catholic

by Miranda McBeal

Now, I understand that Sunday mass is a time for reflection and learning, thanks and praise. Literally – *now* I understand that. But at age 9 it tended to be that place where my brother and I were dragged to sulking once a week, and made to sit on very hard seats (it was a happy day when St. John's got those red cushions!) and be, well, a bit restless. (I'd like to mention at this moment that neither Father Tom nor Monsignor Hendry were parish priests at that time – had they been I would never have been bored, and therefore never even dreamed of engaging in the time-passing pastimes I'm about to mention...

One was innocent enough: I used to pretend that the curly arms at the edge of the pew were little ski-slopes for my fingers. I used to hold Finger Winter Olympics and pit my pinkie against my index fingers in ski-jumping events.

However, then there was Elbows.*

For those who don't know this game (and I've done my research – I have friends who played this too), it can only be played after the Creed, when the congregation kneels. Then, when you join your hands in prayer and rest your elbows on the pew, you attempt to push your opponent's elbows as far over to their side as possible. Sort of an elbow-wrestle if you like. My brother and I would launch into this game every week without fail; the challenge made greater by the Herculean effort it took not to giggle while the very quiet was going on. Technically, the winner would be whoever forced the other's elbows over the furthest the fastest, but in reality the game only lasted until our dad finally saw what we were up to and gave us a look that clearly said a skelp was coming our way if we didn't cease and desist. We ceased and desisted every time.

*We'd like to make it clear at this point that neither WoYo or 3GY encourage the playing of Elbows during mass – and if you do, and your dad catches you then we'll be denying all knowledge!

Spot the Celebrity Catholic

Believe it or not, two of these famous reality TV socialite chicks are Catholic: can you guess which ones?

Kim Kardashian



Kendra



Nicole Ritchie



Paris Hilton



3GY QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"What we are is God's gift to us.
What we become is our gift to God."*

-Eleanor Powell

ASK THE PARISHES

This week, we asked the members of 3GY: "Why did you join 3GY, and why do you think your friends haven't joined so far?"

"When I heard Fiona talking about it I thought it would be really interesting. A couple of my friends have come but most of my friends probably would only last a week."

Lauren Fairley, age 11

"Loads of stuff to do, like arts and crafts. My friends are shy, and probably not sure that it was their kind of thing."

Trisha Kowalinska, age 14

"Because there's so many things to do and it's so much fun and Lauren Fairley told me to come! Other people don't know what they're missing out on."

Emilia Kenyon, age 12

"I joined 3GY to meet new people, engage in fun activities and help give something back to the parish community. I strongly advise young people to come along!"

James O'Donnell, age 15