

# The Word of Youth

3GY Publication

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I am very pleased to introduce to you the second edition of our 'WoYo' youth magazine – written and arranged by the young Catholics of Perth. A lot of hard work has gone into producing this action packed bundle of fun. In this edition you will find the second of a wonderful series of articles by RUARIDH BLAIN; the experiences of one of our Youth Leaders at WYD in Madrid; accounts of the 3GY Dunolly Adventure Outdoors weekend; the 3GY calendar for the year (take note!) and a lot more! Thank you to everyone who supports the young Catholics of Perth - Frankie McGuire



## Bring on Brazil 2013

**In the sweltering heat, weary and dehydrated, thousands of young Catholics stood gathered outside the Madrid airfield. Later that afternoon, a small number of us had left the airfield to find shade, food and water only to find ourselves stranded outside on our return. Nobody knew why...the police and stewards had formed a guard around the entrance gates. The airfield was already rammed with hundreds of thousands of pilgrims eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Holy Father for the Vigil Mass. There were thousands more still arriving in their droves with their camping mats and sleeping bags. We could only assume the place was full as it had already seemed overcrowded.**

And so, we stood for hour upon hour in the hope that the gates would re-open and we could rejoin our friends in Christ to celebrate this Vigil Mass together. Would frustration and impatience boil over? Tired and thirsty, I thought 'there could be a riot here'. If it were a music concert or a football match there probably would have been. But no, nothing. I looked around us...there was understanding and patience. Peace. There were nuns nearby singing and clapping. They were filled with joy and many others joined in...Germans, French, and South Americans. Us Scots? We sat down together in a circle and prayed the Rosary. It was surreal. After being reunited we slept in the

dirt together - 192 different nations. Italians at our heads and Spaniards at our feet.

It was this experience and in the many other wonderful days in Salamanca and Madrid that the true presence of God was visible within my fellow youth. Over the 13 days we attended Holy Mass, Solemn Vespers, activities in the diocese, Catechesis sessions, chastity seminars, the Festival of the Nations, the Scots College, the Santiago Bernabeu football stadium, the Cathedral. We swam in the pool, we played music, football and tennis. We sang on the buses and trains... 'Shine Jesus Sine', 'Ubi Caritas', 'The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond', 'Donald Where's Yer Troosers' and the legendary 'Ye Canny Shove Yer Granny Aff The Bus'.

We were aged 17 to 31, all individual characters and at different stages of our faith but we all brought something special to our group. We had something in common too... the Spirit planted in us had brought us together. And together we grew, and continue to grow, as a young people rooted and built up in Christ. Bring on Brazil 2013.

*by Liam Pearson*



# 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!

## 3GY's Dunolly Adventure Weekend

In this issue we have articles written by some of the people who went together to Dunolly in Aberfeldy for a wet, muddy and dizzy weekend of outdoor activities and fun!

At the start of the summer holidays 3GY set off for Dunolly. We were looking for some fun and to have a laugh with our friends. Our group leaders were: Frankie McGuire, Fiona Taylor, Ruari McPhee and Joy Peplinski. Before we set off we were really excited because we didn't know what to expect from the Dunolly trip but especially from each other. I also didn't know if Ruaridh would snore, if James would ever get to sleep, if Harris would ever calm down or if Lauren would ever stop talking.

By Matthew Clark



"The best bit about Dunnolly was hanging with my mates".  
Harris Blain

"I enjoyed the gorge walking the most"  
Ruari McPhee

"The tree climb was really fun"  
Lauren Fairly

"When I fell into the water three times!!"  
Ruaridh Blain

"I enjoy just chilling with my mates"  
Matthew Clark

## Spot the Celebrity Catholic



Believe it or not, some of these famous stars are Catholic: can you guess which ones?



# 3GY Calendar 2011-12

TERM	SUB THEME	Day Out 1	Day Out 2	YOUTH MASS	OTHER NOTES
<b>AUTUMN 2011</b>  August - September	Is it easy to be a Christian in the World today?     Hope and Expectation	<b>Perth - Swim, Picnic and Film</b>  Sunday 11/09 Walking	<b>Glasgow - Tour and Museum</b>  Sunday 18/09 Train	2nd October Our Lady's Parish, Letham  <b>Theme: Young 21st Century Christian</b>	
<b>WINTER 2011</b> (Christmas)  October - December	The Lord is Our Help     Hope and Expectation	<b>Dundee</b>  Sunday 06/11 Mini-Bus	<b>Edinburgh - Winter festival/ skating</b>  Sunday 11/12 Mini-Bus	10th December St John's after day retreat.	Parents are invited to join their children for a 'Parent/ Child' retreat day on Saturday 10th December (venue tbc). The theme of the retreat is 'Hope and Expectation.'
<b>SPRING 2012</b> (Easter)  January - April	"There's a Parable for That"     Walk and Talk	<b>Perth - Swim, Chips and Bowling</b>  Sunday 05/02 Walking	<b>Glasgow - Theatre trip (tbc)</b>  Sunday 04/03 Train	25th March St Mary Magdalene's  <b>Theme: 'Journey Together'</b>  After Mass all young people are invited to join us on our 'Cross Walk.'	"Godspell", Tuesday 3rd April. (Tbc) Rehearsals every Wed. From 01/02, (All day Inset 15/02) and Sundays 26/02, 13/03 and Sunday and Monday 1-2/04
<b>SUMMER 2012</b>  April - June	Keep Walking - Keep Talking Reaching God Together	<b>M&amp;DS - Theme Park</b>  Sunday 25/05 Mini-Bus	<b>Stirling Castle - Blair Drummond Safari Park</b>  Sunday 17/06 Mini-bus	24th June St John's  <b>Theme: Final Mass and summary of theme</b>	<b>ROMA Pilgrimage to Rome July 2012 (Tbc)</b> One week Big fund-raising push this term!





## First Holy Communion by Miranda McBeal

As I left Mass one Sunday, I was struck by the sight of the Primary 3s who were about to make their First Holy Communion. So cute! And it made me think of my own First Holy Communion.

I was supposed to be radiant in my white dress and veil- a floating angel who had somehow lost her way back to Heaven. Everyone would stare and point (but in the good way, not like the time I tucked my skirt into my pants and everyone could see they had pictures of Minnie mouse on them- a scene made even more embarrassing by the fact I was 15 at the time). And yet I look back at the photographs on my First communion in the same way that Britney Spears must look at the pictures of her baldy head. Why? Because my parents had decided that my friend's first communion dress would be fine for me to wear too. I understand the reasoning- it had been offered and it was a lovely dress. However, there was one major problem with this: she came up to approximately my shoulders.

And so it came to pass that I stood at the altar in a dress with sleeves that ended at my elbow, and with a skirt that gave the world a lovely view of my white socks. And don't get me started on the cap which held the veil on. It hurt. And not just because it was designed for someone whose head was two hat sizes smaller, oh no; my mum had 'secured' it with approximately 200 kerby grips. There were prisoners in Alcatraz who were less 'secure' than that cap.

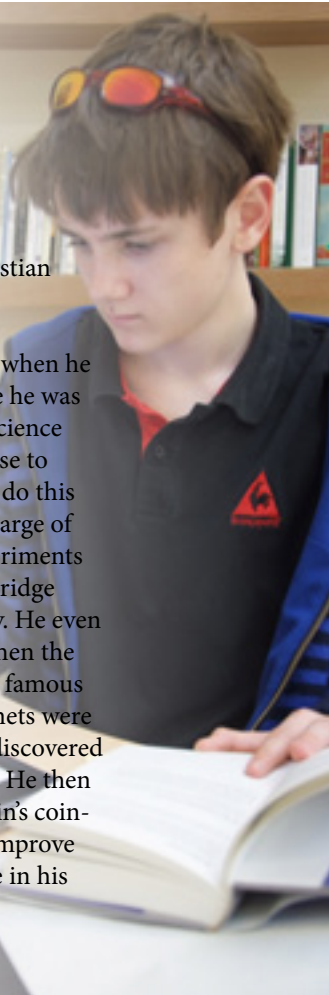
*RUARIDH BLAIN presents*

## SCIENCE Vs RELIGION (Part 2 of 5)

This time we are looking at Sir Isaac Newton and the Christian church. So I hope you enjoy this Science vs Religion

Sir Isaac Newton was born on Christmas day in 1642 and when he was born the doctor believed he would not live long because he was a small and weak baby. He then became very interested by science but his teacher didn't think he was very brainy child. Isaac use to do experiments at home so he can work hard at home (don't do this at home) and when he was sixteen his mother put him in charge of running the family farm but spent so much time doing experiments that the sheep guzzled the corn field. He then went to Cambridge University where he read every maths book in the university. He even forgot to eat supper because he was so devoted to maths. When the plague came in 1665 he went back home and was hit by that famous apple. Back in those days many people believed that the planets were moved by the angels themselves but after Sir Isaac Newton discovered the three laws of motion people didn't believe that anymore. He then was appointed warden of the royal mint and reformed Britain's coinage. He died when he moved to the countryside to try and improve his health but fell sick and at the age of 88 in 1727 by a stone in his bladder.

*Next time: Hadron's collider*



## ASK THE PARISHES

This week we ask the young people of the parishes if they were to ask God one question what would it be?

"What can we do to really make the world a better place?"

Frankie McGuire

"Did you create the big bang?"

David Harrow Age 12

"Do you visit earth much?"

Amelia Kenyon Age 12

"What is it like to be God?"

Lauren Fairly Age 11

"Can you end famine and bring world peace?"

Matthew Clark Age 14

"Why is there war?"

Bradley Lamond Age 13

"Why is there suffering in the world?"

Ruaridh Blain Age 14

"What is the meaning of life and don't say 42!!"

Anna Durkin Age 15

If you would like to discuss these questions or add any questions of your own come along to 3GY.

## 3GY QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind."*

James 1:5-6, NRSV