

The Word of Youth

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Get the
correct
'App'
for life

Apple launched their hugely popular and multi-billion pound iPhone and iPods with the catchy and well know slogan 'there's an app for that.' The idea that one could fulfil almost any entertainment and technological task by popping onto the app store and downloading one of the 1000s of apps was a great selling point of the Apple products. On reflection, the popularity of the App Store is a reminder that our world has a lot of exciting options to offer our young people and the technologically able adult.

I will risk the wrath of Apple by suggesting that there isn't always 'an app for that,' and, in fact, even when we allow ourselves to believe that our advanced technology and 21st century culture offer all we need in life, of all the many thousand apps not one can buy us true love, living community or real human relationships – but there is 'A parable for that.'

'There's a parable for that,' has been the theme of 3GY this term and it was chosen particularly to reflect the focus of the term- our production of Godspell. Godspell brings the Gospel of Matthew to life through song and a modern interpretation of the parables, showing them in a different light from the traditional setting. What we have found

extraordinary about Godspell is that the parables not only come to life, but grow in their relevance and practical application in our own lives as we reflect and pray on their meaning after every rehearsal.

In addition to our weekly preparations for Godspell, this has been a very busy term for the young Catholics of Perth. We have enjoyed trips to the swimming pool and cinema in Perth and to the Science Centre and Imax in Glasgow; A group of pupils from St John's Academy were supported by 3GY, SVDP, the Parent Council and school fund to take part in a beautiful pilgrimage to Iona in March, where we had a great time; Pupils in primary 4 at our primary schools have been preparing for their sacraments with a retreat day at St. John's Academy – the result of a fruitful collaboration between the staff of the schools, the Chaplains, the Youth Project, twenty two CARITAS participants completed and submitted their final submissions, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. More details have been lovingly prepared inside our fourth edition of WoYo. A very warm thank you for your continued support of our efforts to grow sustainable and exciting youth ministry for the young people of Perth. Remember, success won't come easily: 'There's a parable for that.'

Frankie McGuire

A trip to that 'Dear Green Place'

On Sunday It was good fun, we did lots of fun stuff and, even though we missed the train, it was great eating chips and hanging out with Emilia. We missed having Harris and Ruaridh.

Lauren Fairley

On the Glasgow trip I really liked the train journey and the Glasgow metro – it showed us how the underground system works. We went to some great places like Glasgow Science Centre, where we could see fantastic works of scientists. I particularly enjoyed the 'un-strung' motion sensor harp. We saw a great science show, where the staff demonstrated how light and colour works and how our other senses help us to experience the world. Glasgow is full of funny and exciting stuff: I really liked walking along the river front and the chance we had to see the beautiful city; We had fun pretending to perform on a small stage we found next to the water; Some people think that graffiti is bad, but we found the most amazing and artistic street art of a huge lion that was authorised by the city; I enjoyed Holy Mass in the Cathedral, which was very nice – I liked the architecture of the place, the gold and purple decorations, the carved angels and art work were all very beautiful. It was great to be able to talk to the others on the trip, and I hope to go on more trips like this.

Natalia Konopka

AT HOME IN THE FAIR CITY



The start of the day was tiring when we were walking it was FREEZING. We finally got to the swimming pool, which was great fun – we played 'sharks and fishes.' The outside swimming pool was steamed up, which made it good for playing in. The cinema was great; I got a massive slush puppy and we went to watch 'War Horse,' which was emotional and made most of us cry- even Matthew! It was a great day and it was a good end.

Harris Blain

*'Of all the small nations of this earth,
perhaps only the ancient Greeks surpass
the Scots in their contribution to mankind.'*

Sir Winston Churchill



What is the CARITAS AWARD?

"Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force. . ."

The Pope Benedict XVI CARITAS AWARD encourages and promotes the ongoing faith journey of young people. It recognises that some are already active and committed within their homes, schools, parishes and dioceses and it invites others to respond to God's call of love. It supports and celebrates the faith witness which young people give within their communities.

"The Christian's programme is a heart which sees where love is needed and acts accordingly."

This new award asks young people to use their faith **learning** as a starting point for further faith **reflection**, leading to actions which show their faith **witness**. Participants in the Caritas Award have been supported in deciding how they can develop and use their gifts in a way that witnesses to God's love ("Caritas") in their communities.

Twenty-two S6 pupils at St John's Academy have recently submitted their evidence of faith witness, faith learning and faith reflection to the Caritas Award board. Caritas has seen a tremendous level of cooperation and support between the school and our parish communities – a model that we will continue to develop next session.



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The young people taking part have contributed a great deal of their time and energy to witness activities in our parishes and have been involved in a number of ministries and services including: visiting the elderly and sick; church cleaning; Rainbows and Brownies; 3GY youth group meetings and events; children's liturgy, parish socials/events and a lot more! Thank you, firstly, to those parishioners who helped these young adults to have the best possible experience of the busy life of our parish communities and thank you also to S6 pupils themselves for their invaluable – and rather energetic – service.

Successful candidates will attend a national award ceremony at the Clyde Auditorium in Glasgow with thousands of other award recipients from all over Scotland in June – well done!

Youth Mass

In Perth we have recently started a tradition of a termly Youth Mass – inviting young Catholics and their families to a different Perth Catholic church each term to celebrate the Eucharist, take part as readers, choose and play music, welcome parishioners and add a 'youth flavour' to the Sunday worship of the community.

Youth Masses are a great way of encouraging young people to put their stamp on worship and to show the community what they can do to enrich the liturgical life of the Church. Our Youth Mass this term was held at St Mary Magdalene's in Craigie. The theme of the Mass was to call young people to 'walk together' with Christ through the challenges of life and also called upon the wider community to stand shoulder to shoulder with our youth as they follow their – often difficult – paths.

This Lenten Mass was made particularly special by the presence of the Scottish Youth Cross – a reminder of the sacrifice of Christ and a focus for prayer, pilgrimage and unity for all young people of Scotland. Following Mass a group of young people and parents set off on a fun and prayerful Cross Walk to St Mary's Kinnoull where we finished with some Taizé music and prayer. Thank you to all who made our Youth Mass possible. Please show your support by coming along to the next youth Mass at St John the Baptist's on Sunday 24th June.

Poem

Every year we hear the stories

*Empty tomb, surprised grievers,
Runners with news and revelation,
Unexpected encounters,
Conversations on the road,
Tales of nets filling with fish,
And breakfast on a seashore*

*And every year
The dull and dead in us
Meets the Easter challenge:*

*To be open to the unexpected,
To believe beyond our security,
To welcome God in every form,
And trust in our growth and transformation.*



Joyce Rupp

IONA TRIP MARCH 2012



Iona was a long journey for the participants, some of whom are not used to travelling so far from home, and from the beginning they had to try hard to get to know one another. It was impressive to watch people gel and find their role within the group - over the weekend people really came together. We were very lucky to have the backdrop of stunning countryside and phenomenally good weather.

As an observer I enjoyed watching people change and behaviour evolve. A particular highlight for me was our final Mass at Iona Abbey, and the experience of meeting some of my old teachers from Lawside Academy in Dundee!

Pauline Ward



Iona was very good and exciting; it gave me a chance to be closer to my faith than ever before. The countryside was amazing - it was so beautiful and I had never seen anything like it. We had great fun helping to cook our own dinner and playing games. Frankie took us to Iona Abbey and on a walk to St Columba's Bay, where we had Mass on the beach and built a cairn. Overall, Iona was brilliant.

Matthew Clark

Iona was legend! It was muddy though, but great.

Lauren Fairley



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Godspell brought Matthew's Gospel to life through the medium of song. Set in the modern day, a group of young people act out various parables, showing them in a different light from the traditional setting. This provides an opportunity to reflect on the relevance of the parables within our lives to day. In Act 2 the enthusiastic group proceed to present the story of Holy Week, but by finishing their re-enactment on Good Friday, they concentrate our thoughts on the messages that are being given to us to consider, both from the parables and Jesus' other methods of teachings.

GOSPELL

A Musical for Holy Week

THANKS TO THE CAST

Jesus - Aaron Calder

John the Baptist/Judas - Kirsten Waddell

Lamar - Tim Simcock

Jeffery - Matthew Clark

Herb - Chris Coady

Robin - Clare Mackenzie

Peggy - Emilia Kenyon

Sonia - Lauren Fairley

Gilmer - Ruairidh Blain

Joanne - Joanne McLaughlan

Chorus - Wiktoria Choroskowska, Justyna Olszewska,
Olivia Lindsay, Craig Fairley, Alannah Hardie

Musicians - Colin Laurie (Guitar), Joe Riley (Guitar),
Andrew Crines (Guitar)

Vocal Coach – Iona Lewis

Support Team - David Bald, Ruari McPhee,
Liam Pearson, Natalia Konopka, Harris Blain

Publicity - Andrew Mitchell, Catriona Weiss,
James McCrory

Props/Costumes - Marie Laurie, Fiona Taylor

Musical Director - Piano - Michael Ellacot

Producer/Director - Frankie McGuire



Sunday 20th May - 3GY trip to
M&D's
 Strathclyde Country Park



With 5 terrifying White Knuckle rides,
 over 20 kids' rides, 18 hole Miniature Golf,
 Glow in the Dark - and much more

Come to 3GY on Wednesday night 6.00-8.30pm
 to find out more and book your place!

Sunday 17th June - 3GY trip to
Blair Drummond Safari Park



From the Wildlife Animal Reserves to the Adventure Playground
 and many more attractions, there is plenty of fun
 and excitement for all the family.

Wild Animal Reserves, Adventure Playground, Boat Trip
 around Chimp Island, Pets Farm, Lemur Land, Flying Fox,
 Giant Astraglide, Sea Lion Shows, Bird of Prey Centre
 & Displays & Pedal Boats.

Get yourself along to 3GY Wednesdays 6.00-8.30pm
 to find out more and to book your place!

Summer Calendar 2012

TERM	SUB THEME	Day Out 1	Day Out 2	YOUTH MASS	OTHER NOTES
SUMMER 2012 April - May - June	Keep Walking - Keep Talking Reaching God Together	M&DS - Theme Park Sunday 20/05 Mini-Bus	Blair Drummond Safari Park Sunday 17/06 Mini-bus	Theme: Final Youth Mass and summary of theme Sunday 24th June St John's	Marathon for 3GY 27th May Family Fun Day June (tbc) ROMA Pilgrimage to Rome July 2012

Fund Raising Activities for 3GY Rome Trip

Following the success of our French Meal
 we welcome parishioners to an



Italian Meal

FRIDAY 1st JUNE 7.30pm



In St John's Church Hall enjoy delicious cuisine
 from il Bel Paese (the beautiful country!)

Hosted by the young people of 3GY - tickets free
 - make your donation once you have enjoyed your meal

For tickets please contact Frankie McGuire 01738 635074



International Mass and Meal

I have always been amazed by the colour, scale and spectacle of international events like World Youth Day and the Papal Visits. Not purely for superficial reasons, but also because they shed light on the magnificent and unifying force of God's love in the world. Through these great celebrations of humanity and humanities love for God, it is clear to see how special an experience it is when people share their traditions and origins for one another.

Perth is a small and increasingly diverse city with young Catholics from all over the world. To recognise and celebrate this, we at AGAPE decided tentatively that a celebration of our common Christian heritage, coupled with the diversity of our native cuisine, language and entertainment, would provide an opportunity to bring people together in a new and exciting celebration. On Thursday 22nd March in St John the Baptist's church we celebrated Mass in three languages and indulged in some fantastic Polish, Indian and Scottish foods. Some people were brave enough to sing, dance, and entertain. From tentative beginnings we went on to have a very good night and, hopefully, this will be the start of a rich tradition of similar international events.



AGAPE

18-35 Catholic Society

Why should you come along?

SOCIALISE

Meet new people the same age as
you in Perth;
meet new friends; socialise;
belong;
be part of a community and
build relationships
and support networks.

DEVELOP YOUR FAITH

Share ideas about your faith;
take part in retreat days away;
strengthen your sense of belonging
to the community of the Church
and so renew your parish;
grow in an intelligent faith through
input and discussion,
challenge and affirmation.

7pm, THURSDAY 26th APRIL
FILM NIGHT/PLANNING MEETING
@ 20 MELVILLE STREET

ASK THE PARISHES

What is the origin of the chocolate Easter egg?

The stone was rolled away from the Tomb, and so we roll eggs at Easter.
Marie Laurie

We eat Easter eggs to celebrate the resurrection.
Ruaridh Blain

The Roman guys put a rock at the entrance to the Tomb, and somehow it rolled away.
Chris Coady

It's the rolling away of the stone that sealed the Tomb.
Fiona Taylor

It is a symbol of the stone rolling from the Tomb.
Pauline Ward

Chocolate!!!
Olivia Lindsay

The rolling away of the stone when Jesus rose from the dead.
Matthew Clark

The Tomb, where Jesus was put, had a rock in front that was the shape of an egg.
Lauren Fairley

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

3GY QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I commend to you, my little children, these my last words: Love one another unfeignedly. Peace. If you keep this course according to the example of the holy fathers, God, who strengthens the good, will help you, and I dwelling with him shall intercede for you. He will supply not only enough for the needs of this present life, but also the eternal things that are prepared as a reward for those who keep the Lord's commandments."

St Columba

EASTER QUIZ

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. What is traditionally eaten in the UK on Shrove Tuesday?
2. Mardi Gras or carnival takes place around the World on Shrove Tuesday. What does Mardi Gras literally translate to in English?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. Why do Christians fast during the forty days of Lent?
5. Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday commemorates the Last Supper, but which Jewish festival took place at the same time as the Last Supper?
6. In the UK the reigning monarch gives money to the poor on Maundy Thursday in a ceremony that historically included the washing of the feet of the poor. Who was the last monarch to perform this ritual?
7. Which artist painted the famous mural in Milan depicting The Last Supper?
8. Which of Jesus' disciples betrayed him?
9. Where did the arrest of Jesus take place?
10. What was the name of the Roman governor who tried Jesus?
11. Jesus was crucified at Calvary also known as Golgotha, what do these words mean in Hebrew?
12. The agreement signed in 1998 bringing a virtual end to the troubles in Northern Ireland was known as The Good Friday Agreement, but what other name is it commonly known?
13. Who was the male star of the 1980 British film, "The Long Good Friday"?
14. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Christ, who was the first person to speak to Jesus after he had risen from the dead?
15. Easter is a movable feast and can occur between March 22nd and April 25th, how is this date decided?
16. From what does the name Easter derive?
17. On what thoroughfare in New York does the annual Easter parade take place?
18. Who wrote the song "Easter Parade"?
19. Who wrote the poem entitled "Easter 1916" about the Irish Easter uprising?
20. Which Scottish football club play their home matches at Easter Road?

1. Pancakes; 2. Fat Tuesday; 3. It is known as "Ash Wednesday" in Western Christianity or "Clean Wednesday" in the Eastern Orthodox Church; 4. To replicate the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness; 5. The feast of the Passover; 6. This was last performed by James VII in 1689; 7. Leonardo da Vinci; 8. Judas Iscariot; 9. In the Garden of Gethsemane; 10. Pontius Pilate; 11. The place of a skull; 12. Belfast Agreement; 13. Bob Hoskins; 14. Mary Magdalene; 15. It is the Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox; 16. It comes from the Germanic word for dawn; 17. Fifth Avenue; 18. Irving Berlin; 19. W.B. Yeats; 20. Hibernian.

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3, 5-6