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PERTH CATHOLIC YOUTH PROJECT - SUPPORTING ST JOHN'S, ST MARY MAGDALENE'S and OUR LADY'S

“What do you think we mean when we say: Faith opens doors for us?” was the question I recently asked a Primary 7 class, and the answer was: “People hold the door open for us at the church so that we can get in.” It wasn’t a complicated answer and it wasn’t loaded with philosophical or theological vocabulary, but in his own way this 10 year old boy captured the focus of our Year of Faith 2012-2013. Recognising that a fuller life of Faith is no further away than through an unlocked door; we are challenged to ‘open the door,’ look and explore. The normal fast paced rhythm of our lives doesn’t make it easy to spend time thinking about what and how we believe – it is easier to keep our Faith locked away and, if we are not careful, forgotten. Fortunately we are not alone; we are not asked to step through as individuals, but as a community. That’s why I was so impressed by the response of that P7 boy; people do hold the door open for us just as we share what insight and experience we have with others.

I remember hearing of football games being played ‘behind closed doors,’ and the controversy of the circumstances surrounding fans not being allowed to watch the game. When we ourselves lock our Faith away and try to pretend that it is something personal and special to us as individuals, when we keep our Faith

Faith opens doors for us



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Pope Benedict XVI

behind closed doors that is when others become suspicious and disinterested. The Good News isn’t to be locked away but to be shared with the world.

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We are all responsible for the future of our Church and for the evangelisation of a world that is losing the

plot. I believe we can make a difference by giving the very best that we have to offer as Catholics.

Every celebration, act of worship, relationship, teaching and devotion; every word, every step and every act of charity that we draw our strength from can open the door of Faith: In the Sacraments our young people glimpse God’s plan for the world and unconditional love for them; in our communities we share joy

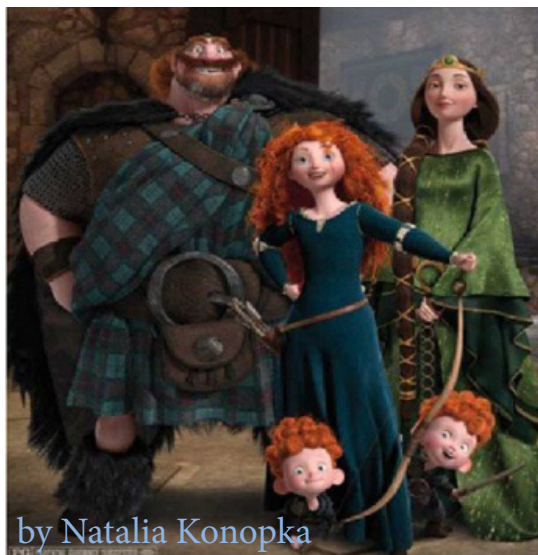
and fullness of life with our youth so that they can build lasting friendship with one another and, therefore with Christ; in our schools young people are asking the questions they need to develop in their Faith.

The Catholic Youth Project exists to support all of this and to offer as many opportunities as we can for young people to experience the joy of an encounter with their Faith in Jesus Christ. Let’s open the door for them.

Brave people 'Brave' movie

On 26th August we went to see 'Brave', the movie, which everyone enjoyed. Ruaridh and Harris bought giant juice and popcorn which fell down making a lot of mess.

Brave is story set in the medieval highlands and is about Princess Merida, her royal family, and the adventure they have together. Merida is a little girl who loved her father, she got from him very special gift for her fifth birthday. It was a longbow. Everyone was surprised because it was a strange gift for a girl. When she became a teenager she was best archer in the land and she liked to play with weapons. In her free time she got on her horse and went to the forest and practiced archery.



by Natalia Konopka

Her mother wanted her to be the queen as this would be good for the kingdom. Merida's mum planned her marriage but she wasn't ready for this. When they try to talk they was argue because both of them were talking only and they didn't listen to each other.

The actors were very Scottish and the scenery too. It was just like home. We could notice that it was very characteristic highland landscape which lot of as really like in the movie was also some Scottish legends.

Before the movie 3GY went swimming. They said it was very funny because had a lot of fun mucking around.

The characters Merida, Harris and Fergus all inspired Ruaridh. He couldn't choose between them for a favourite. Fergus was Joseph's favourite character. He thought that was a very good movie and he enjoyed it a lot.

The story centres on a Highland Games event that was very interesting because we have just enjoyed a summer of Olympic Games.



New Leader for 3GY

Having joined the Navy aged 15 and after a 25 year stint as a fire-fighter, Gordon was used to a very regimented system, something handy in helping keep 3GY under control! He has recently become an Apostle of the Sea. This means he's giving practical, and spiritual, support to seafarers who are far away from their home country, who often have very little English. At 3GY he is vacillating between assisting with the football group and being generally useful, getting extra food, helping in the kitchen and keeping order during the learning sessions.

3GY sledging at Braehead's Xscape in Glasgow



We can do it.



Having a whale of a time.



Race you to the bottom.

3GY Go Ape @Aberfoyle

There is nothing like a bit of fun and just a little fear to bring young people together. Both fun and fear in equal measure were experienced in the 3GY trip to GoApe located in the middle of the beautiful scenery of the surround-

ing Queen Elizabeth Forest Park.

Oh, and let's not forget, arguably, the course's main attraction - two of Britain's longest zip wires, each stretching over 400m long, flying customers 150 feet above the ground and over

a 90 foot waterfall.

A mecca for thrill seekers, adventure lovers and those that just want to get out and have some fun. The monkeys, big and small, returned home safely.



"It was terrifying to begin with - but great at the end."



Relieved to be back on terra firma!



Taking it all in their stride.

"We counted them out - and counted them in."

Our Gifts for the Glory of God



Baking

3GY's Arts and Crafts group have been learning some new skills this session. The delicious smell of home baking has sweetened the youth group in recent weeks. Under the leadership of Fiona and Marie, the youngsters have shown off their baking skills.

Cupcakes were made on the theme of halloween and they demonstrated their artistic flair through their decorations which included witches, spiders and broomsticks.

This was perfectly complimented by the carefully carved pumpkin, with its spikey smile and evil eyes.

Wiki and Patryja found that licking the spoon made the process a whole lot more fun. Everyone found Weronika and Leah's cupcakes irresistible!

Model Making

In addition to Warhammer this group has been branching out into model aircraft. The delicate operations occupy the members for endless hours in intricate assembly and painting. Gordon has brought experience to the group and his advice is much appreciated.

The patience required develops good skills, Harris and Chris are often found in deep concentration during the activity.



Arts and Crafts

Just recently a new activity has become popular. With the help of Eileen Leslie the Arts and Crafts group have learned how to Scrapbook.

Using their Scrapbook the group are telling the story of many of the different activities that 3GY have become involved in the parishes. The garden make-over, ice skating in Edinburgh and M&D's.

This will be an exciting time capsule for future generations to look back on their work.

Sports

The Glorious Game. It may not always be the most harmonious of activities but it certainly brings youngsters together. On the lighter nights, a group of boys and girls make their way down to the North Inch, where they play football together.

Unfortunately, with the coming of winter, trips to the North Inch are off until spring but luckily the hall at St John's works just as well!

WOYO

The publication of the Word of Youth is the task of a small group of volunteers. They report on the different things that are happening at 3GY. Katriona and Natalia coordinate the flow of articles and, as journalists, source good news stories.

The magazine is regularly on sale in the parishes and is a popular window on the work of the Perth Catholic Youth Project. This is produced together with the www.3GY.org.uk website and both provide the members with an opportunity to look back on the events of recent months.

Right now the group is updating the website with photo slide shows from recent events.

With the start of the Year of Faith it is planned to spread the word through articles about what the Year of Faith means to us as young Catholics.

Music

Caritas workers Megan Daily and Emily McGuinness found that they got off to a melodic start when they gathered an enthusiastic group of 3GY members for the first session of the music group with the help of keyboard and guitar and the support of Frankie's flute.



Mass and Retreat for young people

Thanks to all who celebrated the Youth Mass at Our Lady's in Letham, with the parish community, in September - our next one will be in St John's on Saturday 8th December at 6.30pm - followed by pizza in the presbytery. During the day, ahead of the Youth Mass, there will be a retreat lead by Frankie McGuire and the youth team to St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull.

The day will include games, a movie, reflection and, weather permitting, a walk to the top of Kinnoull Hill. All young people between 11 and 18 are warmly invited to join us. Transport will be available from St. John's Melville Street leaving at 10.30am. More details and permission slips will be available at the back of the Church. Please return them to Frankie or another member of the youth team.

YOUTH RETREAT

St Mary's
Monastery

With games, a movie,
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of Kinnoull Hill

**SATURDAY
8th December**

followed
by

Youth Mass
in St John's
6.30pm



Fan The Flame

The theme, set for the Youth Group for this year, is Fan The Flame. It was inspired by the Church's Year of Faith. This theme entails growing in faith together and within oneself. Also when looking at the deeper message in 'Fan The Flame' we can look into the sense of baptism, where a candle is lit and handed over to your parents before being given to you as a symbol of passing on the flame, the faith, onto you.

We are asked to 'fan the flame', of our faith, which starts off as a small ember inside us, which grows and grows with each act towards faith in which we choose to commit to.

Even the little things we do everyday, putting money in a charity box, helping someone carry their shopping bags or even just lending someone your ear for them to get things off their chest, these all contribute to faith and feed the flame that shines brighter and brighter with each act of faith.

Even if it is unknown to us at the time and so, unknown to us, our faith grows as a result.

By John McLuskie



Another of 3GY Youth Project's popular themed meals

Indian Christmas Meal

Saturday 15th December

7.30pm, St John's Church hall

*Enjoy some wonderful Indian cooking
and absorb the scents and sounds of
an Indian Christmas celebration.
Indian outfits (not compulsory)!*

Tickets £7 includes entry, canapés and a complimentary drink. As always you will pay in addition what YOU think the meal is worth. Tickets available at the back of the Church or from Frankie An alternative is available for those not accustomed to Indian food. BYOB



Wacky and his Fuddlejig

The Holiday Club proudly present a performance of this children's Christmas musical play, original story Stanford Summers. at 7.30pm on Friday 7th December. Refreshments provided.

Patrycja's personal challenge

"If you don't put the work in you're not going to get the results."

3GY essay competition winner writes on an Olympic theme

Danielle Brown had a wonderful childhood but when she was twelve her feet started to hurt and become weak. By the age of thirteen she was terrified that she wouldn't be able to play any sport. When she turned sixteen, doctors diagnosed problem.

She took medicine for the pain but she decided to stop taking them because she realised she was losing her memories : "I can't really remember much of my life between the ages of 16 and 19 because the drugs made me forget" she said.

Commonwealth gold

She wanted to carry on with sport. She loved archery. Since she was 15 she has been training hard for it. Danielle Brown, who has only been shooting for eight years, won a team gold at the Commonwealth Games.

Danielle loves pressure and she always aims high. When Danielle is actually shooting her focus is not on her pain.

Hard Training

When it comes down to archery Danielle is single minded to what she wants. She knows exactly where she wants to get and how she will do it.

he knows her competitors train hard as she does. Danielle trains for 7-8 hours everyday. The thing about archery is that everyone can do it and have a good time with it.



Having Fun

You don't have to be an expert. It's not always about winning a gold medal or having your name on a leader board it's always about having fun and meeting your competitors.

One Aim

Archery is a personal challenge because the sport is focused on one aim and you are the only individual. You only count on yourself. If you don't put the work in you're not going to get the results out of the competition.

Ambition

My opinion about archery is I love Archery because I love challenges. People with good eye sight and strong arms can specifically do this



sport. My godfather taught me all about archery and that's when I started to do the sport. I like to train a lot to be good as my Godfather.

Future Plans

I read books all about archery and all the tips to make my performance better, trust me it does help! I even draw random characters and it's all to do with archers. My godfather went to several 'Ar-

chery Games' and he had been practising shooting a lot. One day my Godfather asked me to fly to Poland to join him in archery shooting in 'Grunwald' Medieval Battle where people round the world came and dressed as knights, archers, maids and kings but I couldn't because I had to go to school. But I told him I would be there next year.

By: Patrycja K

3GY QUOTE OF THE MONTH

One of the elders said: "Just as a bee, wherever she goes, makes honey, so a monk, wherever he goes, if he goes to do the will of god, can always produce the spiritual sweetness of good works."

Thomas Merton
(1915-1968)

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3GY 2012-2013 YEAR PLAN

THEME: Happy and Supported in Faith

TERM	SUB THEME	NO.	DO 1	DO 2	YOUTH MASS	OTHER NOTES
AUTUMN 2012 (Aug – Oct)	<i>Our Faith</i>	8	Perth swimming and cinema	'Go Ape' Aberfoyle	(Sun) 23 rd September – Our Lady's Parish, Letham	Will introduce 'Year of Faith' focus on Eucharist and the Creed. Exposition every Wed. Benediction on Wed 27 th Oct
				Sunday 23 rd September Mini-bus	Theme: Fan into a Flame	<i>Leader Meetings:</i> Sat. 11.08 and Sat. 22.09
WINTER 2012 (Christmas) (Oct – Dec)	<i>'Happy Christmas'</i>	9	Braehead Xscape Sunday 4 th November Minibus	Edinburgh Winter festival/skating Sun. 09/12 Minibus	Saturday 8 th December Day Retreat at Kinnoull Monastery followed by Youth Mass Theme: Happy Christmas	Guest Speaker on Justice and Peace Second half of term Advent Focus on Joy of the Incarnation <i>Leader Meetings:</i> 27/10 and 01/12
SPRING 2013 (Easter) (Jan – Mar)	<i>Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life</i>	12	Dunfermline Glen, Abbey and bowling Sun. 27/01 Minibus	Dundee Discovery, meal and Camperdown CP Sun. 10/02 Minibus	Sunday 25 th March St. Mary Magdalene's Theme: 'Go in Peace'	"Born for This", Tues. 26 th March. (Tbc) Rehearsals dates and times tbc. <i>Leader Meeting:</i> 12/01, 09/02 and 23/03
SUMMER 2013 (Apr – Jun)	<i>Take this all of you</i>	11	New Lanark and Bothwell Castle Sunday 19 th May Minibus	Alton Towers Sunday 16 th June Minibus	Sunday 24 th June St. John's Final Mass Theme: 'Take this all of you' and summary of theme	<i>Leader Meetings:</i> 20/04 and 01/06 Dunolly Adventure Centre July 2012 (Tbc)

Make a note for your diary

Year of Faith Advent Quiz

1. The Year of Faith began on October 11, 2012. What anniversary does this mark?
 - a) The 10th anniversary of the election of Pope Benedict XVI.
 - b) The 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
 - c) The 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II.
 - d) The 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic.
2. How long is the Year of Faith?
 - a) 10 months.
 - b) 11 months.
 - c) 12 months.
 - d) 13 months.
3. The Year of Faith began in October 2012 with a Synod of New Evangelisation. What is a Synod?
 - a) A gathering of bishops.
 - b) A council that deals with deadly sin.
 - c) A decision made by the Pope himself.
 - d) A type of religious community.
4. The end of the Year of Faith is Sunday November 24, 2013. What Solemnity is this?
 - a) Christ the King.
 - b) First Sunday of Advent.
 - c) The feast of St Andrew the Apostle.
 - d) Thanksgiving in Italy.
5. The Official Year of Faith Logo consists of a boat sailing on waves. The main mast is a cross and there are sails that contain the trigram of Christ (IHS). The background is a sun which, associated with the trigram, refers to the Eucharist. What does the boat symbolise?
 - a) The Blessed Virgin Mary.
 - b) **The Church.**
 - c) ~~The journey from this life to the next.~~
 - d) ~~The boat Jesus taught from in the gospels.~~
6. According to the apostolic letter, Porta Fidei, what does Pope Benedict emphasise that faith involves?
 - a) Conversion.
 - b) Evangelisation.
 - c) Love.
 - d) Profession of what we believe.
 - e) All of the above.
7. What is another name for a profession of faith?
 - a) Gospel.
 - b) Martyrdom.
 - c) Creed.
 - d) Evangelist.
8. There is a close connection between the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. True or false?
 - a) True
 - b) False
9. Pope Benedict has announced that he will proclaim two new Doctors of the Church, St Hildegard of Bingen and St John of Avila. What is a Doctor of the Church?
 - a) A mystical saint
 - b) A spiritual healer
 - c) A postgraduate academic degree awarded by the Vatican.
 - d) An official recognition of a saint's contribution to theology or doctrine.

Send answers to Frankie at the Youth Office 20 Melville Street PH1 5PY or frank_mcguire@hotmail.co.uk. The first completed entry will win a specially commissioned handmade item from the 3GY Arts and Crafts group!

