

Welcome to the latest issue of **Youth News!**

In this issue there is information about the Papal Visit later on this year as well as some information on Cardinal Newman, who is due to be canonised as part of the visit. There is also news about various events being held this Summer for young people. Walk the World is a sponsored walk being held over the Bank Holiday weekend. It is an opportunity for WYD participants to raise money for their pilgrimage to Madrid and for other young people to raise money for CAFOD. As we approach the World Cup there are some resources available for young people. Finally, there is a day for Confirmation catechists this Autumn. This will help in the preparation of candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Cheers, Dave.

Walk The World! - Saturday 28th August

An opportunity for young people (and not so young!) to walk (approx 8 miles) and raise funds for World Youth Day and CAFOD around Stubbington and Lee-on-the-Solent along the South Coast.

The walk should be suitable for all and is approximately 8 miles along flat terrain and follows a circular route.



The day will start with a short liturgy and there will be checkpoints along the route to reflect on the work of CAFOD and the message for World Youth Day.

For further details and to register your group of young people contact Dave. dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



The Papal Visit

This September, Pope Benedict will be visiting England and Scotland as part of an Official visit. He will be meeting the Queen and speaking at the Houses of Parliament. There will also be a prayer vigil in Central London. Resources are being produced for young people to help focus on this event. (The only visit of the Pope to the UK was in 1982 when Pope John Paul II came!). These will be on the Youth website when they become available.



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World Youth Day

The Diocesan group for the World Youth Day pilgrimage is starting to take shape. Over 150 young people and leaders from all over the diocese are starting the preparations to meet with the Holy Father in Spain next year.

The group are planning to spend time in San Sebastian, as part of the Days in the Diocese programme, before moving on to Madrid for the WYD celebrations.

As part of the preparation, participants gathered in Cosham on Palm Sunday (World Youth Day falls on Palm Sunday in the years there is no international gathering!) where they

reflected on this year's message from Pope Benedict.

They tried out their Spanish language skills and started to get to know each other.

The next participants' meeting is on Sunday 27th June at St Joseph's, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, 2pm - 5pm.



The future is in the hands of those who know how to seek and find sound reasons for life and hope. If you are willing, the future lies in your hands, because the talents and gifts that the Lord has placed in your hearts, shaped by an encounter with Christ, can bring real hope to the world!

Pope Benedict XVI, WYD Message 2010

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (Mk 10:17)

Extracts from Pope Benedict's WYD message 2010

This Gospel passage shows us clearly how much Jesus was concerned with young people, with all of you, with your expectations and your hopes, and it shows how much he wants to meet you personally and to engage each of you in conversation. Christ interrupted his journey to stop and answer the young man's question. He gave his full attention to this youth who was moved with an ardent desire to speak to the “good Teacher” and to learn from him how to journey through life.

Like the young man in the Gospel story, perhaps you too are experiencing situations of uncertainty, anxiety or suffering, and are yearning for something more than a life of mediocrity. It makes you ask yourselves: “What makes a life successful? What do I need to do? How should I plan my life? “What must I do for my life to have full value and full meaning?”

Do not be afraid to ask yourselves these questions! Far from troubling you, they are giving voice to the great aspirations that you hold in your hearts. That is why you should listen to them. The answers you give to them must not be superficial, but capable of satisfying the longing you truly feel for life and happiness.

In order to discover the life-project that will make you completely happy, listen to God. He has a loving plan for each one of you. You can confidently ask him: “Lord, what is your plan, as Creator and Father, for my life? What is your will? I want to carry it out”. You can be certain that he will answer you. Do not be afraid of his answer! “For God is greater than our hearts and knows everything” (1 Jn 3:20).

Receive the Gift - Day for Confirmation Catechists

An opportunity to look at how we help our young people prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We will focus on prayer, the use of scripture and music and liturgy, as well as what to do post-confirmation. The day will be an opportunity to meet with other confirmation catechists and to share good practice.

To book a place contact Eileen Stephenson on **01329 835583** or email estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

“...the very essence of Confirmation, through which the faithful receive the Holy Spirit as a Gift.”

Apostolic Constitution of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 16th October
St Swithun Wells Primary School, Hillcrest Ave, Chandlers Ford,
SO53 2JP

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Refreshments provided—Bring a Packed Lunch



Cardinal Newman

During the Papal Visit in September, Pope Benedict will beatify (he becomes "Blessed") John Henry Newman. Cardinal Newman is a leading figure in the history of the Catholic Church in this country.

He was born in 1801 and was brought up in the Anglican Church. He went to Oxford University to study and then went on to teach there as well as being ordained as a vicar in the Church of England.

He became influential in the Oxford Movement which sought to renew the Church of England. However, his views were not accepted and he lost his position at Oxford. He was received into the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi in 1845 and was ordained a priest in Rome in 1847.

Newman was interested in education, writing works such as, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, the *Grammar of Assent* and *The Idea of the University*. He set up a Catholic University in Dublin and a school in Birmingham, where he also worked tirelessly amongst the poor.

He was made a Cardinal in 1879. Through his extensive published writings and private correspondence he created a greater understanding of the Catholic Church and its teachings, helping many persons with their religious difficulties.

At his death in 1890 he was praised for his unworldliness, humility, and prayerful contact with the invisible world.

He was declared Venerable on 22nd January 2001.



Radiating Christ

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go.

Flood my soul with Thy spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.

Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus!

Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as Thou shinest,

so to shine as to be a light to others;
the light, O Jesus, will be all from Thee;
none of it will be mine;

it will be Thou shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise Thee in the way Thou dost love best by shining on those around me.

Let me preach Thee without preaching,
not by words but by my example,
by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do,
the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to Thee.

Amen



The theme for Pope Benedict XVI's 2010 visit to the UK is

Cor ad cor loquitur

Heart speaks unto heart.

Cardinal John Henry Newman chose the words as the motto to go on his coat of arms.

"Some Definite Service"

God has created me to do some definite service; God has committed some work to me which is not committed to another. I have my mission.

I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I have a part in this great work, I am a link in the chain, a bond of connection between persons.

God has not created me for naught - I shall do good, I shall do God's work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep God's commandments and serve the Lord in my calling.

Therefore I will trust my Lord. Whatever, wherever I am, can never be thrown away.

I ask not to see . I ask not to know . I ask simply to be used.

From around the Diocese

We are in the middle of the Confirmation season and Bishop Crispian is travelling around the Diocese celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember all the candidates and their families at this time.

A number of youth groups have started up in the last year and are flourishing, these include **Park Gate, St James' Reading, St Edmund Campion Maidenhead and Gosport parish.**

Peter McGeady has taken up his post of Youth Development Leader for Young Catholics South (covering the Three Rivers, Hampshire Downs and the two Southampton Pastoral Areas). He has gathered youth leaders together to share what is happening in the various parishes as well as starting to plan for the future. He has set up a blog

<http://youngcatholicssouth.blogspot.com>

The Portsmouth Youth Justice and Peace group have been working hard in preparing for the Summer Fayre at the Cathedral.

Let me know what is happening in your parish/pastoral area and I will share it in **Youth News.**

Brightlights : 16-19 July

An amazing Catholic festival which draws hundreds of young people from around the country, and has internationally renowned speakers, performers and musicians.

This year's line up includes: - top bands Sounds of Salvation, Dan Shields, and RISE theatre - Abbot Christopher, from Worth Abbey - Fr Stan Fortuna, the rapping Franciscan Friar from New York - Sr Judith Rossi, an inspirational speaker - Fr Stephen Wang, author of the blog "Bridges and Tangents".
Age: 16+

For further details contact: **01727 829209** or go to www.brightlights.org.uk

sanctuary@walsingham

Catholic?

In your late teens/twenties?

Sanctuary@Walsingham is THE International Prayer Festival of 2010.

26th-30th August 2010.

It gives you the time and space you need to think about your faith, in amazing surroundings and a stress free environment. You can attend walks, talks, services and workshops which will make you want to explore your faith.

Don't worry if you're a bit strapped for cash; just give what you can afford.

For more information, email info@youth2000.org or call

020 8675 2743

Year for Priests

As we come to the end of the Year for Priests, here is a short reflection on the nature of priesthood.



My dear friends accept us as we are;

The priest is not an angel sent from heaven.

He is a man, chosen from among men,

a member of the Church, a Christian.

Remaining man and Christian,

he begins to speak to you the Word of God.

The Word is not his own:

he speaks it because God has told him to proclaim his Word.

Perhaps he has not entirely understood it himself,

perhaps he adulterates it,

but he believes, and despite his fears,

he knows that he must communicate God's Word to you.

For must not some one of us say something about God,

about eternal life, about the majesty of grace in our sanctified being:

must not some one of us speak of sin

and of the judgement and mercy of God?

So, my dear friends, pray for us, carry us,

so that we might be able to sustain others

by bringing them to the mystery of God's love

revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Fr Karl Rahner SJ quoted in Mister, Are you a Priest? Edward Daly, Dublin 2000



Speaking up and speaking out!

An opportunity for young people (14+) to receive training on how to speak about the work of CAFOD. The session will involve media training and will enable you to speak confidently and effectively.

The session will be run in two venues (see box on the right).

To book a place, contact Dave dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

01329 830947 or the CAFOD Portsmouth office: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk 01252 329385.



Sunday 26th September

Stella Maris Centre, St Michael's Square, Southampton, SO14 2AD

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Sunday 10th October

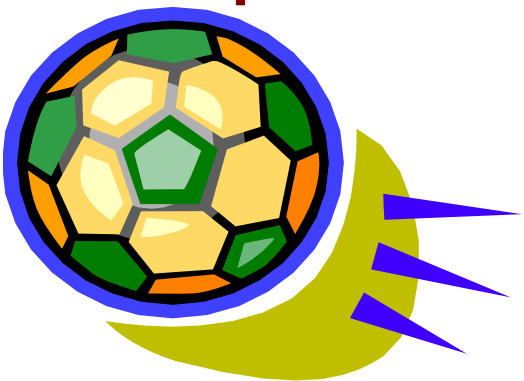
Christ the King Hall,

408 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley, Reading, RG2 8NR

1.00pm—5.00pm

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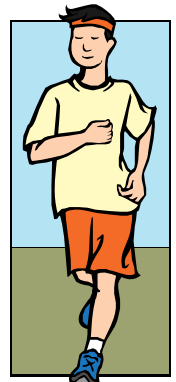
World Cup Resources



CAFOD have produced ten easy-to-use activities for young people in youth groups and schools exploring global justice aspects of the World Cup and how football is used in CAFOD's work around the world.

There is an interactive quiz and images to use in an act of worship. For further details go to

www.cafod.org.uk/youth-leaders/sports



JUNIOR AND MINI GREAT SOUTH RUN

Sat 23rd October in Portsmouth

Are you aged 3-8 or 9-15? Then you could take part in the Mini (1.5km) or Junior (2.5km) Great South Run and raise money for Cafod! For more information or to register for the race please contact Helen Hinde on hhinde@cafod.org.uk or 020 7095 5333.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND : Sat 9th - Sun 10th October

FAITH AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Saturday 9am – 9pm Sunday 9.30am – 5.30pm

St Mary's College, Bitterne Park, Southampton

- Speakers to include Charles & Sue Whitehead, Steve Murray, Jim Graham, Jenny Baker & David Matthews
- Workshops & Seminars
- Dramas by Steve Murray & Local Youth Groups.
- Worship by Tom Bonard, Steve Szymanski & friends
- Children's groups for all ages and a Young Adult stream.



For more information and a booking form go to www.celebrateconference.org (click on Southampton).

Alternatively contact Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058 or email: peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk

Future Dates

Sunday 27th June	WYD Participants ' Gathering St Joseph's Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ 2pm - 5pm
29th June - 4th July	The Life of Christ Wintershall Estate www.wintershall-estate.com
Saturday 28th August	Walk the World Starting and ending at Immaculate Conception Church, Stubbington, PO14 2PL From 9.30am
26th-30th August 2010	Sanctuary@Walsingham International Prayer Festival of 2010. Walsingham, Norfolk info@youth2000.org
Sunday 5th September	World Youth Day Participants' Gathering Venue tbc 2pm – 5pm
16th -19th September	Visit of the Holy Father to Scotland and England www.thepapalvisit.org.uk
Sunday 26th September	Speaking Up for CAFOD Training for Young People Stella Maris Centre, St Michael's Square, Southampton, SO14 2AD 1.00pm – 5.00pm
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Saturday 16th October	Receive the Gift Day for Confirmation Catechists St Swithun Wells Primary School, Hillcrest Ave, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2JP 10am— 4pm estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Sunday 21st November	National Youth Sunday
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