



Parish Youth Maynooth Newsletter

Your newsletter about what's happening for young people in our parish

Hello from your Parish Youth Leader

Hi there! My name is Emma. I've been the Maynooth Parish Leader since December 2023.

I love my role and since being appointed I have been working on many exciting projects.



I hope you enjoy this special edition of the parish youth newsletter for World Youth Day 2024! Read ahead to find out what has been happening for young people in our parish and messages of hope for our youth as we prepare to start the jubilee year "Pilgrims of Hope".



Dates for your Diary

29th November - Light of the World event in Maynooth Education Campus Sports Hall.

30th November - Confirmation candidates for 2025 are invited to 7pm Mass

6th December- Family Adoration Group 3pm

6th - 8th December - Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

15th December - Do This In Memory Mass 10am

24th December - Childrens nativity, more details to follow...

Feast of All Saints



On November the 1st we celebrated the Feast of All Saints. We had some little saints join us for Mass. Can you recognise any? We have St Michael, St Hugh, St Stephen, St Helena of Hungary, St Nicolas, St Martha, blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and blessed Carlo Acutis and many more. Thanks to all the children who joined us for Mass and the party in the pastoral hall after! We hope you enjoyed this special day

Leadership Training with TYs



On November the 11th we welcomed some Transition Year Students from Maynooth Post Primary to the pastoral centre for a leadership day. The TYs learnt about the skills and different types of leadership. Each student received a certificate of participation. These TYs have signed up to help with Confirmation Connects and helping the parish with decorating the Christmas Tree. Watch this space...

Young Adults



MAYNOOTH YOUNG ADULT PARISH GROUP

The place to be if you are 18 years or older,
wish to take an active participation in the church,
and wish to grow in your faith through shared moments
of prayer and togetherness.

Scan this QR code to join our
WhatsApp group and stay
informed!

JOIN NOW



CONTACT US

For more info please contact:
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Youth 2000

Youth 2000 is a Catholic youth organisation that organises lively faith festivals, retreats, prayer groups and other events for young people aged 16-35 across the island of Ireland.



WWW.YOUTH2000.IE
REGISTER ONLINE

**CHRISTMAS
RETREAT 2024**

6th - 8th December
**DOMINICAN COLLEGE
NEWBRIDGE
CO. KILDARE**

AGE 16-35 | FREE BUSES - BOOK ONLINE
DONATION ONLY

Register for the Christmas
retreat at
<https://youth2000.ie/>

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP IS BACK!

EVERY MONDAY 8PM
ST. CATHERINE'S CHAPEL,
NORTH CAMPUS

**Youth 2000 weekly
Maynooth prayer group
Monday, 8pm in St
Catherine's. Ages 16-35
welcome**

Event for all Secondary Students



LIGHT OF THE WORLD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL FAITH COMMUNITIES AND CHURCHES IN CO. KILDARE PRESENTS

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YOUTH EVENT

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FRI 29 NOV 2024	EVENT 7:30 - 9PM HANG OUT 9-9:30PM	VENUE MAYNOOTH EDUCATION CAMPUS SPORTS HALL, MOYGLARE ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE
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World Youth Day 2024

Pope Francis' message for World Youth Day 2024: "Hope conquers all anxiety and weariness

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The Message of Pope Francis to young people for the 39th World Youth Day, which will be celebrated in dioceses round the world on 24 November 2024, is entirely focused on the Jubilee and the theme of “Hope that does not disappoint”.

“Last year we began travelling along the path of hope towards the Great Jubilee by reflecting on St Paul’s expression ‘Rejoicing in hope’ (Rom 12:12). To prepare for the Jubilee pilgrimage of 2025, this year we are drawing inspiration from the prophet Isaiah, who says: ‘Those who hope in the Lord [...] walk and do not grow weary’ (Is 40:31)”.

“Today, we too live in times marked by dramatic situations that generate despair and prevent us from looking to the future with serenity: the tragedy of war, social injustices, inequalities, hunger and the exploitation of human beings and the natural environment,” continued the Pope in the Message published on September 17. “Often the ones who pay the highest price are young people. You sense the uncertainty of the future and are not sure about where your dreams will lead. In this way, you can be tempted to live without hope, as prisoners of boredom, depression and even be drawn into risk-taking and destructive behaviors (cf. *Spes Non Confundit*, 12). For this reason, dear young people, I would like the message of hope to reach you. Today too, the Lord is opening a highway before you, and he invites you to set out on it with joy and hope.” Each person’s life is a “pilgrimage”, the Holy Father emphasizes, “a journey that pushes us beyond ourselves, a journey in search of happiness. The Christian life in particular is a pilgrimage towards God, our salvation, and the fullness of all that is good.” But the journey also includes tiredness, fatigue, and sometimes the boredom that comes with repetitiveness. “In some cases, anxiety and inner fatigue are brought on by social pressures, the need to attain certain levels of success in our studies, our work and our personal life. This produces a certain despondency, as we find ourselves running from one thing to another in an empty ‘activism’ that makes us fill our days with a thousand things and, in spite of this, feel that we never manage to do enough and never quite measure up. This tiredness is often accompanied by a certain boredom, the apathy and dissatisfaction that affects those who never set out, choose, decide, take risks, preferring to remain in their own comfort zone, closed in on themselves, seeing and judging the world from a distance, without ever ‘dirtying their hands’ with problems, with other people, with life itself. This kind of tiredness is like a wet cement in which we stand; eventually it hardens, weighs us down, paralyzes us and prevents us from moving forward. I prefer the tiredness of those who are moving forward, not the ennui of those who stand still with no desire to move!”

When faced with the risk of apathy, or the tiredness of the 'spiritual desert', the Pope suggests an antidote to young people. "The solution to tiredness, oddly enough, is not to stand still and rest. It is to set out and become pilgrims of hope. This is my invitation to you: walk in hope! Hope overcomes all weariness, every crisis, and every worry. It gives us a powerful incentive to press forward, for it is a gift received from God himself. The

Lord fills our life with meaning, sheds light on our path and shows us its ultimate direction and goal."So , the invitation is to set out towards the Jubilee "not as mere tourists, but as pilgrims". Pilgrims, says the Pope, "immerse themselves fully in the places they encounter, listen to the message they communicate, and make them a part of their quest for happiness and fulfilment. The Jubilee pilgrimage is meant to be the outward sign of an inward journey that all of us are called to make towards our final destination."

The Holy Father's wish is to meet the young people in Rome in 2025. "I encourage you to approach this experience with three fundamental attitudes. First, thanksgiving, with hearts open to praise God for his many gifts, especially the gift of life. Then, a spirit of seeking, as an expression of our heart's unquenchable thirst to encounter the Lord. And finally, penance, which helps us to look within, to acknowledge the wrong paths and decisions we have sometimes taken."

When the young people arrive in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father writes, they will be "embraced" and welcomed by the great colonnade created by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. "The entire colonnade appears as two open arms, an image of the Church, our mother, who embraces all her children. In this coming Holy Year of Hope, I invite all of you to experience the embrace of our merciful God, to experience his pardon and the writing off of all our 'interior debts', as in the biblical tradition of the jubilee years. In this way, embraced by God and born again in him, you too can become open arms to embrace your many friends and peers who need to feel, through your welcome, the love of God the Father. May each of you give even just a smile, a warm gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope and thus become tireless missionaries of joy."

Messages for the Youth in Maynooth:



Hello!

My name is
Emma, I am the
Maynooth
Parish Youth
Leader

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My Message for Young People

You are the future of the
Church, and your unique
gifts and passions are
vital to its growth and
renewal. Embrace the
teachings of love,
compassion, and service,
and let them guide your
actions.

Hello!

My name is Fr Tom Dalzell



I have been parish priest of Maynooth since July. Before coming to Maynooth I was Moderator in Ballybrack Killiney and Loughlinstown parishes.

My Message for Young People

Thank you to all our young people who contribute so much vitality to our parish. And thank you to Emma, our Parish Youth Leader, for all she does for and with our younger parishioners and visitors. In Christus vivit, Pope Francis says that "the love of God and our relationship with Christ do not hold us back from dreaming; they do not require us to narrow our horizons. On the contrary, that love elevates us and inspires us to a better and more beautiful life. Much of the longing present in the hearts of young people can be summed up in the word 'restlessness'...As St. Augustine said: 'You have created us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you'. Here in Maynooth parish, I would encourage all our young people to strive, with the help of God, to combine restlessness and inner peace.



Hello!

My name is Kang Jinjun

I am a Catholic priest
from China who is
currently studying
pastoral theology at St.
Patrick's College.

My Message for Young People

As a priest, I want to say to you: In the journey of life, maybe you have felt lost and lonely; Maybe you are looking for true love, happiness, or inner peace. Remember that you are God's special creation! Your life is unique and full of meaning. God loves you, and He will never give up on you. No matter who you are, no matter what your story is, God is always waiting for you and eager to walk with you.



Hello!

My name is Fr Samuel Hagos

I am from Tigray, Ethiopia.
And I am studying
Pastoral Theology in
St. Patrick's College
Maynooth. I am doing
placement in St. Marys
Maynooth Parish.

My Message for Young People

I want to say something
about Peace . If there is
peace, everything is smooth.

"lord said to his disciple,
Peace be with you'. The
whole world should have
the lord's peace equally.
However in many places
there is violence and war.
Therefore, let us be united
in prayer with those who
are suffering from Violence
and hardship. May the
peace of the lord Jesus
Christ Flowing like a river in
this world

Hello!

My name is Jiajia



I'm from China, and I studied Youth Ministry in SPCM last year. I am currently doing a Masters in Education and I volunteer in the parish.

My Message for Young People

As a young person who started my journey in youth ministry, I've seen how faith and community can transform lives, offering purpose and belonging. If you feel distant or uncertain, know that God's arms are always open, waiting for you to take a step toward Him. He never gives up on you, and neither should you. You are loved, you are valued, and you are never alone.