

Birmingham Catholic Youth Service

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ALTON CASTLE RETREAT

for Young People from
Staffordshire Parishes
March 12-14th 2010
for young people in Y5 – Y9
£65 per person
Booking forms soon...

Activity Day
Saturday 6th February
Shugborough Outdoor centre.
For young people aged 8+.
Activities will include;
climbing, caving, BMX bikes.
The cost will be £15pp, and
booking forms are now available
from www.bcys.co.uk

National Youth Sunday 2009
Sunday 22nd November
The resources for 2009 are
available online at
www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk

**Deanery Quiz
(North Staffs)**
Sunday 24th January
Holy Trinity, Newcastle.
Teams of 6 young people
(of mixed age)
are welcome.

Youth Prayer group...

We are starting a prayer group for Y10+. This is a follow up to our recent Soli House retreat, but is open to anybody.

Our first meeting will be held at Our Lady & St Werburgh's Clayton on Sunday 13th December at 6.30pm until 7.30pm.
Do come and & join us...

Resource Boxes

Our resource boxes are currently being reviewed and should be available for youth groups and parishes in the New Year. In the meantime, if groups would like to borrow any of the existing resources, I can make arrangements for this.

World Youth Day 2011

Plans are currently being put together for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Madrid in the summer of 2011.

If you, or somebody you know will be between the ages of 18 & 30 in August 2011, then please think about joining our group. There will be information evenings all over the Diocese in the New Year, please look out for these...

CymFED conference

This is an organisation that exists to help shape and support Catholic Youth Ministry in England and Wales.

They are organising a national conference in London designed to inspire and support all those looking to connect young people with the Church - Youth leaders, Parish Volunteers, Chaplains, Catechists and Priests.

The speakers really are the best in the field and include;

Bob and Maggie McCarty, Fr Timothy Radcliffe, Abbot Christopher Jamison, OSB, David Wells and Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster.

If we could get enough of us together to go along we could organise transport. Either take a coach, mini bus or a make block booking on the train.

I would like to know what initial interest there might be, then I can look into making arrangements. You never know, your parish priest might even like to pay for you to go!

For further information have a look at <http://www.cymfed.org/>

Soli House Weekend

38 young people from the Staffordshire & Birmingham areas came together for a weekend at Soli in October.

They enjoyed small group activities focussing on the theme of 'follow me, a celebration Mass, free time in Stratford, but very importantly, time to get together with old friends and to make new ones.

As a follow up to our retreat, we are thinking of starting a regular prayer group.

See above ...

2nd Friday (Young Adults Mass)

For 18's-30's

St Michael's, Moor Street,
Birmingham, 7.30pm

Mass, Music,
Social & Food

5-a-Side Football Tournament for Staffordshire Parishes

2010 Tournament

Sunday 12th June

More details later...

Parish Leaders Network Meetings

- North Staffs Deanery
Tuesday 12th January, Holy Trinity, Newcastle,
7.30pm
- Stafford/Lichfield Deaneries
(no dates are planned at the moment)

If you are involved (or would like to be involved) in youth work in your parish, come along & see what's going on.

Forthcoming events:

2009

November 22nd

National Youth Sunday

December 13th

Youth Prayer Group, 1st meeting

2010

January 12th

Leaders networking meeting (North Staffs)

January 24th

Quiz night (North Staffs)

February 6th

Activity Day - Shugborough Outdoor Centre

February 27th

CYMFed Conference, London

March 12/14th

Alton Castle Weekend (Yr5 - 9)

June 12th

Area 5-a-side Tournament

North Staffs Deanery Music Group

The group now meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, between 7.30 & 9.00pm, at St Gregory's Longton

We have provided the music for Mass at various parishes recently. If you would like them to come to your parish - let me know.

Also, we are now looking to add a small youth choir to the group, so if you, or somebody you know enjoys singing, you would be welcome to join us.

VITAL Young Leaders' Course

A very successful course has recently been held at Painsley Catholic College, as an after school activity, and we are currently in the middle of a course involving the young people of 2 youth groups; SS George & Martin, Birches Head & Our Lady & St Werburgh, Clayton.

The course is for young people (14 - 18), and includes; communication & listening skills, human development, group work & leadership, and prayer & liturgy.

Skills, all of which are all relevant to young people in many areas of their lives.

The next course will be in the New Year at St Dominic's School, Stone.

Website

The BCYS website is due to undergo a re-vamp. Please do keep an eye on this in the very near future - www.bcys.co.uk