

LATEST NEWS FROM KYT

Updates on our projects and upcoming opportunities



NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Or as it is now known...World Youth Sunday!

Theme: "Stand up. I appoint you as witnesses of what you have seen" (Acts 26:16)

The role and presence of young people in the Catholic Church has always been of the utmost importance, and the Catholic Church in England and Wales has a rich history of recognising this every year by celebrating National Youth Sunday. Now, though, what once was a national event held on a local level, will become a global day of celebration. World Youth Day was previously a separate day of celebration, set up by Pope Saint John Paul II, who said that "All young people must feel that they are cared for by the Church. Therefore, may the entire Church on a worldwide level be more and more committed to young people." The first ever World Youth Day was held on Palm Sunday in 1984 and has since been celebrated locally on this day in all corners of the world. In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day and invites us all to celebrate it on the Solemnity of Christ the King, on Sunday, 21st November 2021, the same day as what would have been National Youth Sunday. It will be a day to recognise and celebrate young people and their invaluable contribution to the life of the local, national and universal church.

LATEST RELEASE:

The brand new edition of our annual report is live and ready to view on our website:

www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/annualreport

GET INVOLVED:

We are asking young people from across our Diocese to speak at Masses in their local parish to raise the profile of young people and the work of KYT in our parishes. Please support our efforts to share this good news. There is a script available if there is a young person willing to speak in your parish.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Mental Health Training

Become a Youth Mental Health First Aider. This is a certificated course and qualifies you through Mental Health First Aid England. This online course qualifies you as a Youth Mental Health First Aider and we have a few remaining places on offer for the upcoming course. This course is £99 for 2 places and the dates are Nov 23, 24, 30 and Dec 1st. Times are 6.30pm - 9pm. The course will be run virtually and is certified by Mental Health England. This course is heavily discounted and open to parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. To register email maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Bethsaida Training Course for Parish Youth Leaders

The Bethsaida course is the training programme, created by the Kenelm Youth Trust, designed to enable volunteers to gain the tools and knowledge to begin parish youth ministry in their community. Bethsaida has successfully supported volunteers and led to the opening of over 60 parish youth groups across the diocese.

Each course consists of a series of workshops combined with practical experience of youth work in your parish or deanery. If you are interested in a course for your parish, get in touch and we will organise an information evening for parishioners interested in volunteering, or give you information on courses starting in your area. For more information contact: maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Fearless Retreat 2022: March 18th-20th

Fearless Retreat 2021 took place earlier this month with over 60 young people from youth groups from across the Diocese having a fantastic time. We look forward to welcoming more young people to be a part of this experience very soon!

RESOURCES:

To aid with the celebrations of World Youth Sunday, there are lots of resources available for young people, parishes, schools and families at www.worldyouthsunday.com including homily ideas, bidding prayers, assemblies and a national online gathering for young people all provided by CYMFed.

NEW APPOINTMENT:

We are delighted to announce that Fr Chris Yule has been appointed as the new spiritual director to The Kenelm Youth Trust. Fr Chris has a wealth of experience to share and we are excited to begin this journey together.

