

Local Section



St Boniface Youth Group

Shirley, 1st and 3rd Friday's of the month
Ages 8-10, 6.00pm-7.15pm
Year 7+ , 7.30pm- 8.45pm



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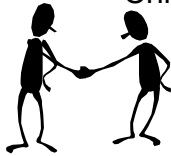
Youth Group, Immaculate Conception
All ages, every Monday evening, 6-8pm.

Sparklers and Flames

Christ the King and St Colman Church Hall, Bitterne
Ages 7-13 6.30pm-8.30pm

Saturday: 21 Jan, 25 Feb, 24 Mar,
21 Apr, 19 May, 23 Jun, 21 Jul (BBQ)

**Come along and have some fun –
lots of games and activities and time to share!!**



Winchester Youth Group

There will be games, quizzes, an art session, the chance to hear about some connections with other parts of the world, to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones. As usual pizza will be provided. Secondary School ages. Dates to be confirmed.
Contact: Moira on 01962 861123.

Come to the feast

This is in the parish of St Swithun Wells and is focused on helping us develop a deeper understanding and richer experience of coming to Mass. It will be during the months of April and May. Wednesday evenings. Special meetings for youth people.

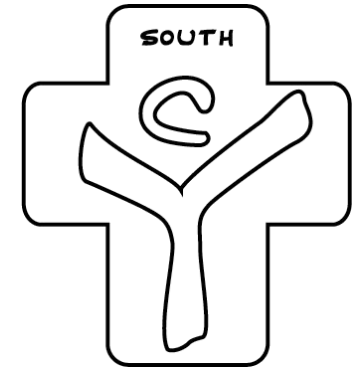
Play- Pizza - Pray

New Group in Holy Family Church. For young people in years 4-6.
Sunday: 22 Jan, 26 Feb, 25 March, 22 April, 27 May.
Directly after the 11am Mass. 12.00pm-1.30pm

YC SOUTH

Young Catholics South

Youth Ministry for the Pastoral Areas of
Southampton West and East, St Swithun Wells
and Hampshire Downs



Hello...

New **Website**. www.ycsouth.org.uk. Check here for latest activities and news. We will continue to add new features so keep an eye on it.

Flame event in Wembley is coming up in March. This is a National gathering of young people for those in year 10 or above and includes young adults. They have some great speakers and bands with an Olympics theme. They even have a Nun who was a former Olympian. Let me know if you want to go as there might be a minibus travelling up.

Something that I am very excited about is the trip to **Lourdes**. I have been many times in the past and it is an amazing experience. People have told me that it has been a life changing experience for them. Be warned though that many people become addicted to going and it becomes the highlight of their year. For those aged 14 to 16 we are running a trip at the beginning of August and for those who are 17 or over you can volunteer as a helper with the Catholic Association assisting those who might not otherwise be able to travel.

For more information on any of the events in this newsletter please contact me, details below.

Please keep all those involved in youth ministry in your prayers, the volunteers and the young people. All are wonderful and all deserve a great deal of thanks.

God bless and take care.

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Lourdes

Lourdes, France, is a fantastic place. A pilgrimage to Lourdes is always memorable and deeply moving, even life changing.



Lourdes YCSouth

5-11 August 2012 Age: **14 to 16** years.
This will be a great opportunity to visit Lourdes with a very special youth pilgrimage.
Cost: Approx £400
Contact Peter McGeady for more information.

Catholic Association Pilgrimage

24-31 August 2012 Age: **17+**
This pilgrimage is looking for volunteers to act as helpers to other pilgrims who require assistance. Serving others is a very powerful way to experience Lourdes. Contact: www.catholicassociation.co.uk

Young Christian Leadership

For post Confirmation.

We are looking to start a new course soon aimed at leadership for young people. This will be useful for CV's, Uni applications and life. Nothing too heavy. This will be a relaxed and fun way to learn more about team work and to discover your skills.

Wednesday: 8 Feb, 29 Feb, 14 March and 28 March
Holy Cross Resource Centre.
7pm-9pm.



Inspire

Inspire is a group for young people.

A mixture of activities, games and learning about our faith
This year's programmes will start shortly in



St Patrick's, Southampton: Starting again in March.
St Edward's, Chandlers Ford: Feb 1, Feb 22 (Ash wed)
Holy Cross, Eastleigh: March 7, March 21
St Stephen's, Winchester: Feb 2 ,final one for the moment.



Catholic Events

Flame - Wembley Arena

Saturday 24th March 2012

Come and join thousands of young people from across the country to celebrate your faith as the world prepares for the Olympics. There will be lively music; speakers – local and international – who will set hearts on fire with messages of hope, faith, challenge, justice, and leadership in adversity;
a dynamic atmosphere of joy and participation
Respect, Friendship, Excellence



A coach will be available.

Speakers include:

Barry and Margaret Mizen -	parents of Jimmy who was killed aged 16
Fr Timothy Radcliffe, OP -	author and international speaker
Sr Catherine Holum, CFR -	Franciscan Sister and former Speed Skater who completed in the 1998 Winter Olympics.
Fr Christopher Jamison, OSB -	Director of the National Office for Vocations. Former Abbot of Worth.
Mgr John Armitage -	Priest from London and has helped create the Pope John Paul II Foundation for Sport.

The very entertaining David Wells will be MC and the day includes modern Christian music.

DAMASCUS

Youth Event in Guildford
24-27 August 2012

DAMASCUS is one of the youth initiatives from St Joseph's Catholic Church, Guildford. In a nutshell DAMASCUS is all about coming to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus and sharing faith, fun and friendship with other teenagers (13-18 years) in a relaxed and inspirational setting.

<http://www.damascusyouthevent.com/summercamp.html>

Worth Abbey

As seen on TV

Young Adult and Teenage Retreats. Highly recommended
Contact Worth Abbey to find out more.
<http://www.worthabbey.net/cloister/young.htm>