

Dear Father,

RE: SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: YOUTH SUNDAY

Around this time of year I would usually be writing to you with resources, websites and other information regarding Youth Sunday.

And, of course, at the end of the letter there would be the annual reminder that the second collection on Youth Sunday goes toward supporting the work of youth ministry in the diocese, and in particular the work of Animate here at Lowe House.

You will have noticed, though, that no gift aid envelopes have been sent out this year.

As Youth Sunday this year has fallen in the second lockdown period; and we are all aware of the additional financial burden people are undoubtedly under due to the pandemic, it seems appropriate to not have the usual second collection at this time of year.

Nevertheless, although it might be hard to celebrate Youth Sunday in the usual way, Youth Sunday is still taking place and I wanted to let you know about a few things that you might like to share with parishioners on websites, social media or virtual newsletters.



National Youth Sunday 2020 (NYS) takes place on Sunday 22nd November, the feast of Christ the King. National Youth Sunday represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people - their gifts, talents and uniqueness. It also provides the Church with an opportunity to thank them for and affirm their contribution to the life of the local and universal Church.

Nationally

CYMFed has produced resources to help facilitate the celebration of National Youth Sunday in parishes and at home.

They can be accessed at www.nationalyouthsunday.com Resources are split into four categories; For You; For Parish; For School; and For Family.

Locally

Animate have created a video to celebrate Youth Sunday. It can be found on the Animate You Tube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/AnimateYouth> Then search for 'Youth Sunday 2020').

We hope the video recognises the great gifts young people bring to the Church in our diocese, whilst also encouraging and challenging those young people to be 'Saints of the third millennium'.

Also, on the You Tube Channel are other videos we are uploading monthly:

November – Taize style prayer at home

December – Advent Youth Alive Mass

January – Praise and Worship hymns and prayer

February – Lenten retreat

March – Lent Youth Alive Mass

The videos are suitable for parishioners of all ages. And once uploaded can be watched at any time, not just on one particular day or in one specific month.

We are also uploading Faith in Action Reflection Points so young people can continue with the award at home, if need be. If you would like more information how that might work please contact the Animate office.

As always, please remember in your prayers the young people who have committed to being part of the Animate team this year:

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