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Youth Mass Pack

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Use this resources pack in preparation for World Youth Sunday Mass to help your Young People to prepare for their Mass. You will find all of this information individually on the WYS website.

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How to use the World Youth Sunday Livestream in your Parish

On Friday 20th November, schools across England and Wales celebrated World Youth Sunday in their schools with the 7th annual World Youth Sunday Livestream.

This livestream features Prayer, Music and activities for Primary and Secondary schools. Below are suggestions of how the stream can be used in your parish.

Livestream Party

Schedule a longer Youth Group session to watch the half of the livestream that is aimed to the age of your group , this could be on the Friday before World Youth Sunday or after the Parish Youth Mass to celebrate the achievement of the Young People.

Youth Group sessions

The livestream can be split into individual sessions ran by different organisations across England and Wales. These can work as a Youth Group session which can introduce your group to the wider Catholic church and can be used to celebrate the year of St Francis.

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Mass Readings

Sunday 22nd November

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

As for you, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.'

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

The Word of The Lord





Mass Readings

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Near restful waters he leads me;

he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,

for the sake of his name.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

You have prepared a table before me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell

for length of days unending.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

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Mass Readings

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Second Reading

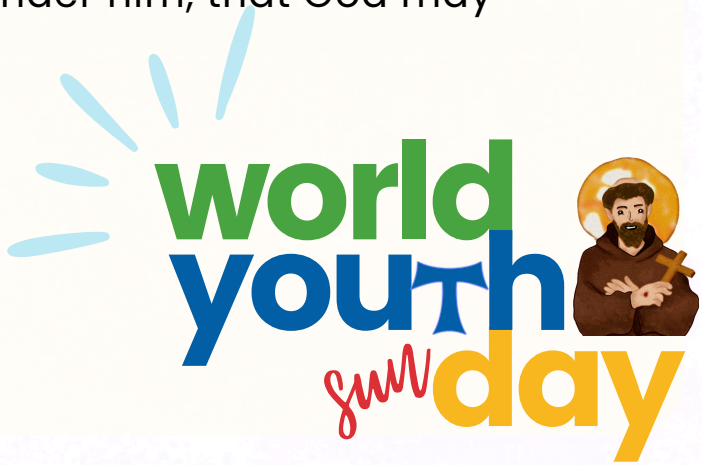
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.'

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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Mass Readings

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Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

‘’At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘When the Son comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” Then the righteous will answer him, saying, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?” And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.” ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, saying, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?” Then he will answer them, saying, “Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Bidding Prayers

Below are a selection of suggested Prayers of the Faithful in the recommended order set out in the Roman Missal. Please feel free to use and adapt then in accordance with your local traditions. It is recommended that each prayer is proclaimed slowly and followed by a noticeable silent pause, after which the reader says the invocation that is customary for the local congregation, e.g.

Reader: Lord in your mercy R. Hear our prayer

Priest: Brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we proclaim His sovereignty and seek His help in all of our needfulness. On this World Youth Sunday, we pray especially for our young people and those who work with them; that all may realise Christ's love for them.

For the Church and her leaders. That they will be guided in their decisions by your Holy Spirit making the Kingdom of God a reality on earth. We ask that you strengthen them in their leadership and faith, particularly in their work with young people.

For peace in the world and especially for those who suffer persecution because of their faith. May they know the constancy of God's love for them, especially in times of war and conflict.

For world leaders. That they may be guided by the Wisdom of God and His Divine Law.

For young people, especially those in our parish. That they experience Christ's love for them in all that they do and come to know more deeply that they are valued members of our community.

For those who work with young people and our Diocesan Youth Service. That God will strengthen them in their faith and bless them abundantly in their ministry as they support young people in seeking God's call in their lives.

For ourselves. That our lives may be a witness that Christ is the ruler of our hearts.
For those who are sick. That they experience Christ the King's healing and comfort in their time of need.

May Christ the King bring to eternal life in His kingdom those who have recently died. Especially…
Mary is the Mother of the Great King and reigns with him in the Kingdom of Heaven - may she pray for us her children on this great feast of her Son's Kingship…Hail Mary, full of grace…

Priest: Lord our God and Universal King, listen to our prayer which we make in trust and in humility and as we commend our young people to your care, bring us all to eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

If your young people are writing the Bidding Prayers for Youth Sunday, you can use this template below and cut the sections of paper if different individuals or small groups are writing a Bidding prayer each, for example. On each slip is the intention for the prayer, with space to write their prayer too.

For the Church and her leaders....

For peace in the world...

For world leaders...

For young people, especially those in our parish...

Bidding Prayers

For those who guide us/young people...

For everyone here...

For those who are sick...

For those who have died...

We ask Mary to join us in prayer...

Homily Notes

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Youth Mass

Use this to start your Planning session with your Youth Group. It is good to tick this off as you go so that you know what has been organised

Part of Mass	Young People	**Role:** What will this role include? What needs to be prepared? What do they need to do on the day?	Ready?
Welcome			
Opening Hymn			
First Reading			
Response			
Second Reading			
Bidding Prayers			
Offertory			
Offertory Hymn			
Communion Hymn			
Recessional Hymn			
Post Mass			

Music Ideas



Music Ministry plays a vital role in the Mass. It not only deepens the congregation's connection with God but also creates a sense of community. Additionally, it can reflect the readings, celebrations, or feast days observed by the Church.

Since this is a Youth Mass, it presents an opportunity to introduce the Parish to new songs and showcase talented young musicians who may not have performed in Mass before.

When selecting hymns or songs, consider the following points:

- What part of the Mass are they intended for? Choosing an appropriate song for each section of the Mass is crucial as it can influence the overall tone. For instance, selecting a song with actions may not be suitable for the Communion Hymn.
- Can the music reflect the readings? Before choosing the music , read through the liturgy of the Word to identify any songs that might connect with these readings.
- Other Celebrations. Keep in mind any additional events happening in the Church, such as special feast days or season in the Church, to ensure the music choices are fitting.
- What do the Young People want to perform? It's essential to select music that won't create undue stress and that they will enjoy singing or playing. This will significantly enhance the atmosphere of the Mass

Scan or click **here** to view our suggestions for World Youth Sunday Mass.



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Youth Group Session

This is an example Youth Group night to help plan your Youth Mass.

Arrivals

This is an opportunity to introduce your group to World Youth Sunday and this year's focus on St Francis of Assisi. Explore briefly who Francis was and how his life of faith, simplicity, service, peace and care for creation can inspire young people today.

Icebreaker Game

St Francis Human Bingo- Reflects Francis' focus on community, friendship, service and creation.
How it works: Create Bingo cards with facts or experiences (e.g., "Has helped someone this week," "Has a pet," "Has done something to care for creation," "Can name a Saint," "Has volunteered to help someone").
The group go around asking each other to sign a square that applies to them.
First to complete a row yells "Peace!"

Session 1

Inform the young people that this Mass is entirely led by them. They will take on the roles typically filled by parishioners, serving their community.
Prepare four sheets titled:
Parish: Duties include welcoming parishioners, greeting them at the door, distributing hymn books/sheets, and assisting with tea and coffee.
Readings: Volunteers will be needed to read during Mass and to help write the Bidding Prayers.
Music: Volunteers can help select the music and provide it on the day of the event.
Other: Encourage young people to share any special skills they may have, such as dance or drama, or to assist with technology or creating hymn sheets.
Explain each area's responsibilities to the young people and ask them to sign up for the one they would enjoy or feel most comfortable with for their Youth Mass. Once they have chosen, divide them into the four groups and allow the young people to practice and rehearse their World Youth Sunday Mass. Aim to give them at least 40 minutes to build their confidence in what they will present.

Session 2:

If time permits toward the end of your Youth Group, ask them to share and present their Ideas to one another. If possible, a dress rehearsal in the Church would be beneficial to eliminate any confusion regarding where to stand or what to do. If time does not allow for this during your Youth Group meeting, consider arranging a gathering earlier on Sunday for a
run-through to help ease their nerves.



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FRIDAY

World Youth Sunday Livestream For Schools

SATURDAY

Social Saturday

SUNDAY

World Youth Sunday in your Parish

For more information

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Youth Mass

Date:

Time:

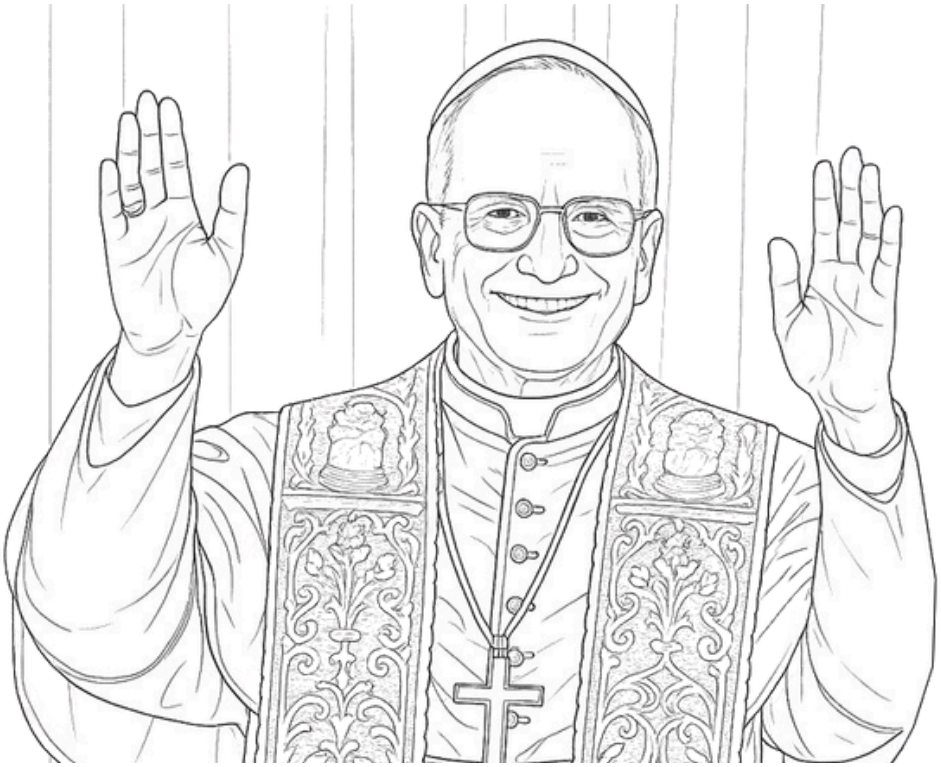
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Do not settle for less."

Pope Leo XIV

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St Francis of Assisi



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