

Saturday

3:15 pm Theme workshops

8:30 pm Evening Prayer: Service of Light with candles to celebrate the Easter mystery



Sunday

8:45 am Breakfast

10:00 am Sunday Eucharist

Young People's comments from last year:

“Taizé was an experience where you can develop in faith but also have fun along the way! ADYC and the Taizé pilgrimage have made me proud to be Catholic.”

“I think Taizé has helped me to be a better person in life & to help others more, it has also made me want to go to Mass more, which makes me feel good.”

“Deepened my faith and made me realise there's people my age like me!”

“Amazing experience, where 1000s young people from all over the world to express their faith and have fun.”

Trip details and costs

We depart from the Diocese on the 4th July and return on 13th July. We will be travelling by coach.

Cost inclusive of full travel, accommodation and food is £380 (TBC). You will need a valid passport, and a European Health Insurance Card.

We shall be staying in dormitory accommodation. There are shower and washing facilities on site. It can be hot in France at that time of year, but it can also rain. Come prepared!

Opportunities for shopping are minimal. Limited amount of spending money required.

Bookings

To book a place please complete booking form below and send a deposit of £100 (cheques made payable to ADYC) to **ADYC, Cathedral Road, Armagh, BT61 7QY**. Electronic banking available.

Deposits are non refundable.

Name:

Age: Date of Birth:

Address:

Tel: Mob:

E-mail:

PLACES ARE LIMITED!!

All pilgrims must attend 3 preparation days

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Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission

Taizé Experience

4th—13th July 2015

For Young People aged 16-20



Taizé in France is an extraordinary place – quite different from anywhere else. Someone once said it combines a religious monastery with the feel of a very large youth camp.

“You may arrive at Taizé behind German and Spanish, Swedish and Greek, French and Russian, Irish and British vehicles. But the spirit of openness, solidarity and encounter overcomes any barriers you might expect.”

During the week we are planning in the summer, we shall be joining young people from all over Europe. Young people of different backgrounds meet at Taizé: those who are Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, believers of other religions, and those of no faith.

The meetings at Taizé are about searching, listening and thinking about what it means to be a human being, and how we can do something to bring justice, peace and hope to our world.



We camp, eat out of plastic bowls, stay up late and spend amazing amounts of time singing, talking and sharing. No one who has been to Taizé comes back unchanged. So why not journey with us and see what there is to discover?



What are the meetings about?

The meetings provide a space where young people can meet people their age from other countries and talk about important things. At the same time it is also possible at Taizé to discover how to be on your own.

Three times a day everyone gathers with the community in the church for prayer with songs, a scripture reading and silence.

Each day, the brothers of the community introduce a Bible reflection organised by language, followed by a time of discussion in small groups.

Between the meals and times of prayer there is plenty of free time. In the evening there is a great time of socialising at 'Oyak' Café. There is singing, dancing and all kinds of spontaneous entertainment in the midst of the crowd. And the church is always open for those looking for quiet.

Nothing is compulsory about Taizé. The wonderful sense of freedom there makes the times of prayer and meeting tremendously compelling. You just want to take part in everything because there is so much to be learned and experienced there.

However, Taizé is not a holiday resort. Our trip is to experience life as part of a faith community. As such, it can be a powerful experience, and we will also be expected to join in and volunteer, for example by serving the meals, washing-up and keeping the site tidy.

A typical day at Taizé

Monday to Friday

8:15 am Morning Prayer, then breakfast

10:00 am Introduction to the day with a brother of the community followed by small group discussion

12:20 pm Midday Prayer, then lunch

2:00 pm Optional song-practice during the afternoon international small groups or practical work

3:00 pm Workshop or Cleaning

5:00 pm ADYC Time & Daily Mass

7:00 pm Supper

8:30 pm Evening prayer, then vigil with songs in the church, or free time. On Fridays, evening prayer is followed by a vigil around the cross.

9:30 pm Free socialising time @ 'Oyak'



Recreation time @ Oyak, Taizé after Evening Prayer