



ST PATRICK'S YOUTH

SEPT 2022 - AUG 2023
PROGRAMME



PROGRAMME ELEMENTS

The programme for the year September 2022 - August 2023 will include the following elements:

- Aspal Programme "Foundations in Youth", "Scripture through the Landscape of the Holy Land" and other online programmes developed by the Archdiocese of Armagh and hosted on the Aspal online learning programme.
- Parish youth ministry moments across the Archdiocese .
- Summer Camps Planned for Summer 2023.
- Youth Coordinators can assist parishes with planning and facilitation of youth retreats.
- World Youth Day 2023 which will take place in Lisbon.
- Training and Consultative Support for parishes and pastoral areas across the Archdiocese who wish to develop structures and capacity for youth ministry.
- Pope John Paul II Award .
- Muiredach Cross Award.
- Archdiocesan Liturgy Moments and Events.
- Commencement of the "Apprenticed to Faith" programme.





ASPAL ONLINE COURSES

Aspal is an online learning platform and app developed by the Adult Faith Formation Office for the Diocese of Ossory in partnership with St Patrick's Pontifical University. Aspal, the Irish for Apostle reminds us that we are all called in order to be sent. Courses offered on the platform are designed to build skills relevant to ministry in today's world.

The Archdiocese of Armagh has developed two programmes for the platform that will be offered to anyone who wishes to engage in Youth Ministry. Each programme will consist of an introduction and six sessions that participants can access online at any time.

Online Programme Autumn 2022 - "Foundations in Youth Ministry"

This programme will be offered in Autumn 2022. The programme has been designed to assist in the formation of individuals who are interested in working with and accompanying young people. It builds upon safeguarding training and gives foundational knowledge needed to work with young people in the Catholic Church. The course is also open to clergy, parish pastoral councils, and those who wish to develop youth ministry in their community.

Online Programme Spring 2023 - "Scripture Through the Landscape of the Holy Land"

This will be offered in Spring 2023. The programme has been developed as an introduction to scripture and its intended audience is young people, youth leaders, those participating in the "Apprenticed to Faith" programme and those responsible for looking after youth ministry at parish level.

It is hoped that through participation in the course individuals will develop a greater love and understanding of scripture.



PARISH MINISTRY MOMENTS

During Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023 the youth coordinators in both the North and South of the Archdiocese of Armagh will facilitate and help individual parishes and pastoral areas to host "Youth Ministry Moments" in parishes across the Archdiocese. of Armagh.

Northern part of the Archdiocese

Autumn 2022 - 6 Evenings

Spring 2023 - 6 Evenings

Southern part of the Archdiocese

Autumn 2022 - 6 Evenings

Spring 2023 - 6 Evenings

Parishes are asked to contact their appointed youth coordinator should they wish to host one of these "Youth Ministry Moments".

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SUMMER CAMPS AND RETREATS



- Summer Camps - July 2023
- Themed parish youth retreats offered on request.

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APPRENTICESHIP IN FAITH

The Archdiocese of Armagh will offer an Apprenticeship in faith to young people aged 18-25, which would include the following elements:

- Completion of "Foundations in Youth", "Scripture through the Landscape of the Holy Land" and other online programmes developed by the Archdiocese of Armagh and hosted on the Aspal online learning programme.
- Participate and assist with planning and delivery of parish ministry moments in their parish and when available across the Archdiocese of Armagh (4hrs per week.)
- Plan for and assist for Summer Camps and parish retreats. Subject to approval based on the young persons commitment to the programme they would attend World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon.
- Subject to approval based on the young persons commitment to the programme they would travel to the Holy Land for a Pilgrimage focused on the "Landscape of the Holy Land"

Upon successful completion a number of places will be offered on either the Diploma in Youth Ministry programme in St. Patrick's College or on the Diocesan Theology Programme.

In order for this programme to work the parish must identify and select suitable individuals to minister in parishes. In addition to identifying suitable candidates, parishes must support the person/persons in their formation throughout, and in their future participation in parish life.

Parishes and interested young people are asked to contact one of the diocesan youth coordinators at the following email: armaghyouth@aracoeli.com



TRAINING CONSULTATION SUPPORT

Training, consultation and support is offered to all parishes and pastoral areas who wish to develop structures, capacity and competence in Youth Ministry that aids accompaniment of young people. Training will be tailored to suit the individual needs of each community and context.



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POPE FRANCIS ON YOUTH

Youth is more than simply a period of time; it is a state of mind. That is why an institution as ancient as the Church can experience renewal and a return to youth at different points in her age-old history. Indeed, at the most dramatic moments of her history, she feels called to return with all her heart to her first love. Recalling this truth, the Second Vatican Council noted that, “enriched by a long and living history, and advancing towards human perfection in time and the ultimate destinies of history and of life, the Church is the real youth of the world”. In her, it is always possible to encounter Christ “the companion and friend of youth”.

Christus Vivit, Paragraph 34