

HRYM NEWSLETTER

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CONFIRMATION

After an extended 2020 confirmation programme as a result of the pandemic situation, the programme was completed via online sessions and a series of 6 confirmation masses were held during June – officiated by Canon John who received special permission from Bishop Declan to confirm our 134 candidates himself.

Congratulations to all!

Register for Confirmation 2021/22 by following the Parish Registration link on the front page of the church website, holyroodswindon.co.uk



FRATELLI TUTTI

The following is taken from Cafod.org.uk – visit the website for more information and to read the complete encyclical.

The Vatican released the much-anticipated encyclical by Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* on 4 October 2020, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Fratelli Tutti is a radical challenge, offering a blueprint for a world after coronavirus. It turns the world upside down, placing human dignity at the centre.

What are the key challenges to us?

The Gospel story at the heart of *Fratelli Tutti* is the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus's provocative story of the foreigner who acts as a true neighbour to the man robbed and beaten by the side of the road offers the "criterion for judging every economic, political, social and religious project" (FT, 69). This moves us to respond to our sister or brother in need, whoever they are, wherever they may come from (FT, 72). We are challenged to turn outwards, to act as neighbours, and to reach out to all those who are in need.

This encyclical calls for the creation of a new kind of solidarity to tackle the crises the world is currently facing. Pope Francis calls on us all to play our part in building peace, and to focus on becoming a neighbour to others – in particular to welcome migrants, and to resist racism, prejudice and discrimination.

Pope Francis mentions some specific threats to social friendship, peace, and dialogue, such as: political nationalism, racism, trickle-down economics, relativism and consumerist individualism, a lost sense of history and memory, the death penalty, and the development of weapons of war.

As Catholics we can first of all [pray for unity and peaceful dialogue between nations and communities](#), without which we cannot heal the world after the pandemic.

“...We need a “popular” youth ministry that can open doors and make room for everyone, with their doubts and frustrations, their problems and their efforts to find themselves, their past errors, their experiences of sin and all their difficulties.” Pope Francis CV234

THE ART OF ACCOMPANYING YOUNG PEOPLE

In Christus Vivit, Pope Francis issued a call to create a popular youth ministry with a different style and pace that reaches out to everyone. His premise is that rather than imposing our own agenda, the adult Church should be working alongside young people, accompanying them and enabling them to realise their true God-given potential.

Pope Francis' wrote his letter Christus Vivit – meaning 'Christ is Alive' – after the bishops of the Church spent two years listening to young people from all across the globe. It is a document for young and old alike. Pope Francis proclaims his vision to make the Church a place for all young people and calls the Church to do more to accompany young people as they journey to discover and fulfil their mission in the world.

At Holy Rood, HRYM Leadership has been training with Million Minutes to develop our ministry along these lines. Million Minutes is a catholic organisation which enables youth action and advocacy activities that give voice and support to young people (aged up to 25) to transform their lives and their world. It is our hope that our future activities and programmes will reflect Pope Francis' vision for Youth Ministry in these modern times.

CHOSEN YOUTH

The Chosen Youth group consists of a group of vibrant young minds who love to use their creativity and talents to share God's love and spread His word throughout our local community here in Swindon. Have a look at their impressive website, hrymchosenyouth.co.uk, to learn about who they are and what they get up to – for example, check out the **Bible Hub** - created to enable young people to look up to God as their father, Jesus as their friend and Holy Spirit as their guide by exploring the bible scriptures. You can also message them to join the group!



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Blessed Carlo Acutis – set to become our first Millenium Saint!