

# USEFUL LINKS - MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is an age old profession, and something that goes on in many different forms and faiths around the world. This means, luckily for us, that we are never without great people from all over constantly creating great resources, opportunities, events, and all kinds of things that we can use for our youth groups.

Take a look below at some links that we think you might find useful. We've added in what we like about these websites, apps and pages, and what you might like too.

## WEBSITES

**[www.synodfruits.org.uk](http://www.synodfruits.org.uk)** - great informative website helping to share the fruits of the 2018 Synod and soon the 21-23 Synod too though free resources!

**[www.alpha.org/youth](http://www.alpha.org/youth)** - Courses exploring life faith and meaning, made especially for young people. Take a look at what youth Alpha can offer, and get in touch with any of the BCYS team about running it - we can help you!

**[www.caminohouse.com/projects-1](http://www.caminohouse.com/projects-1)** - Camino House brings together the experience and skills of three experienced charity and faith sector leaders. Free and apt resources to download to use with your group

**[www.millionminutes.org](http://www.millionminutes.org)** - Dedicated to enabling young people to transform their lives and lead change in their community. With resources on Catholic Social Teaching, accompanying young people and strengthening the future of the Church through them.

**[www.faithcafe.org](http://www.faithcafe.org)** - A whole library of easy-to-run, TV-quality resources is available and is categorised into four main areas: Faith Formation, Sacraments, Youth and General Resources

**[www.youcat.org](http://www.youcat.org)** - Great articles based around and for young people on relevant issues and topics for today. They also have Gospel reflections written for young people each week to help them better follow and comprehend Gods message.

**[www.blessedissh.net](http://www.blessedissh.net)** - excellent resources, articles and explanations, as well as interviews and links. Not only aimed at girls, but a great resource for young people. You can also sign up with your email to receive daily reflections from them which are relevant and enlightening

# APPS

**HALLOW** - This app puts a treasury of prayers at your fingertips. Each day includes prayers for the morning, evening, and night inspired by the Liturgy of the Hours; the entire text of daily Mass; meditations on the daily Gospel drawn from classic writings of the Church Fathers as well as insights from recent spiritual masters; essays on the lives of the saints, both well-known and obscure; and sacred art masterpieces with commentaries.

**UNIVERSALIS** - This app is also a website, and contains the Church calendar for up to a year, daily readings and mass. Illustrations in the 'About Today' page. It has Mass Today (combining the Order of Mass with the readings and prayers), Spiritual Readings, Angelus, Lectio Divina and the Rosary. A range of "Daily Books" for you to read in instalments, day by day. And the best thing is, no Internet connection is needed to access it!

**MAGNIFICAT** - Gives you access to the daily readings along with various articles, Hymns for the Month, Lectio Divina, and resources for blessings and prayers. One of the great things about this app is that you can set alerts to remind you of morning, evening, and nighttime prayer. This is not a free app, but it is low cost and gives you access to a wide variety of materials. There is a free trial month when you first download the app!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Being in the know about great social media pages that will positively influence our young people is a great way to help them to curate a more positive home page, and to keep up to date with the issues they are facing as children of God today. Here are some Instagram pages.

@carissimaedei - Beautiful and informative artwork, really cheap prints, and feast day calendars, as well as great posts that break down big feast days and their importance, purpose and origin - and so much more

@catholiconline - beautiful and inspiring quotes, photography, information on saints, break down of saints stories, lives and feasts. Inspiring snippets to remind us why we believe in what we do, and important scripture to break up the mundane scrolling on your phone.

@bustedhalo - faith shared joyfully! an American account sharing articles and podcasts, and good news faith stories. Answering frequently asked questions and covering hot topics in the news from Catholic perspective.

@goodcatholicmedia - Digital content that aims to inspire you to live a more joyful Catholic life.

# BOOKS

Mass Exodus: Catholic Disaffiliation in Britain and America since VII – Stephen Bullivant

Christus Vivit – The Pope's 2019 Synodal Exhortation and letter to young people

Forming Intentional Disciples – Sherry Weddell

At the Table with Jesus – Louie Giglio

10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (& Answer) about Christianity – Rebecca McLaughlin

Dare to Bloom: Trusting God Through Painful Endings and New Beginnings – Zim Flores

Youcat – youth Catechism

Docat – Catholic Social Teaching

Docat II – Prayer book

