

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Camps 2023

April 2023

The annual Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps provide a wonderful opportunity for young people from across the diocese to come together for one week during the Summer holidays, to meet new friends, renew friendships and the share and grow in their Catholic faith in a safe and fun-filled environment.

The Summer Camps are a long-standing part of the youth activities of the Plymouth Diocese and are open to all. Once again the Junior and Senior Camps, with a very kind permission from Abbot David, take place at Buckfast Abbey, with accommodation based at Grangehurst House. It has been a joy to share our Camp experience with the community at Buckfast on a year-by-year basis, enjoying the space and prayerfulness of the Abbey and its site, and giving the opportunity to explore Buckfastleigh and the surrounding area.

The St Petroc's Camp, for the older young people, is taking place at St Rita's Centre in Honiton.

This year our intention is to return the Camps to the pre-Covid format, meeting at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, for the Junior and Senior Camps, and St Rita's in Honiton for the St Petroc's Camp.

Junior Camp	30 th July - 4 th August	(Grangehurst) (School Years 3-6)
Senior Camp	6 th August - 11 th August	(Grangehurst) (School years 7 -10)
St Petroc's Camp	14 th August - 18 th August	(St Rita's, Honiton) (School years 11-12)

Camp fee: £230

HOWEVER.... This year we are being challenged by a variety of activities which are taking many of our young helpers away at the time of the Camps, notably World Youth Day and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, and so, as always, we are pleased to welcome people, young adult right up to any age, to help on the Camps. This will involve completing an application form and a D.B.S. check, as would happen in the parish environment if you work with young people. Safeguarding training is also provided.

If you know of anyone who may be able to help us and are able to offer us a week of their time to assist in the day to day running of the Camps, please ask them to get in touch with me to discuss how they might help. All our helpers have to be recruited as volunteers and undergo D.B.S. checks through their parishes.

Please help the Camps by ensuring that they are advertised in your parishes. There will be advertising materials which have already been available through the Plymouth

Diocesan Youth team, are available from parish priests after Easter but bookings are now open and can now be made using the Online Booking Form located through this QR Code.



Or use the hyperlink:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pJQuB8Rhk5>

More information is available from summercamps@pcrdtr.org.uk

Please distribute this material in your parishes, and advertise the Camps through your parish newsletters, share it through your Catholic schools, and help us to give the young people of the diocese an experience this Summer which will be memorable, enjoyable and Faith-filled.

With blessings,

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