

Opportunity for those aged 18-35 from St Francis Parish, Maidstone

World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, Korea, Tues 2nd August to Mon 9th August, 2027

As a parish, we are looking to support two 18-35 years olds (as of August, 2027), to go to Seoul, South Korea, with Archbishop John Wilson and a wider group from the Archdiocese of Southwark, to join thousands of other young Catholics.

For more information on World Youth Day, see: <https://wydseoul.org/en>

The cost of the pilgrimage is expected to be approximately £3,000. Including:

- Flights
- Accommodation (shared rooms)
- Insurance
- Meals
- Local transport
- World Youth Day registration

Final costs will be confirmed around 11 months before travel.

We would ask the two young adults selected to raise some of the money themselves (sponsored activities etc.), whilst the parish will commit to making up around 2/3rds of the cost through our own fundraising, subsidising the overall cost. Inability to pay out of your own funds should be no barrier to applying for this opportunity.

How are we going to select two young adults to have this opportunity?

We are asking those who will be aged 18-35 in August, 2027, to apply using the form overleaf. Please give this form to one of the clergy team or deliver to Grove House before Monday 18th May, 2027. During that week, the Parish clergy, along with a couple of Parish representatives, will consider the applications, and as long as the people show a real desire to attend and engage in our parish community, the names will be entered into a draw. The two names selected will then be announced the following weekend, and they will be contacted. We hope this allows for an open, transparent and unbiased process for those interested in this exciting opportunity.