**APM Youth Report 2023**

The Youth Group continues to meet once a month on a Tuesday night from 6.30-8.00pm for those in Secondary school.

We had a regular 5 coming up until September when we then had a further 2. So now we have 7 regularly, but all girls.   We play games/ice breakers, share food and then some faith Input this could involve YouTube, arts and crafts , discussions.

During the last year we had a summer fun picnic and games on the lawn at Our Ladys  when we had an additional 3/4 families join is.  We also organised games for the Brass on the grass event  where we had around 30-40 young people of all ages.

The other new event we organised this year was our Youth Mass  on the first Sunday of advent.  We had our young people welcoming, doing the readings and bidding prayers.. which they had written, and the offertory.  Several altar servers received their 1 year medals and the youth choir sang.  We had a really good number of families, the Scouts  were represented and the Scout  Leaders  helped  with the refreshments  as many of the children and families joined us for pizza and games afterwards In the hall.

Discussions are ongoing to find ways to extend the youth work in our parishes…

Ideas are

a post confirmation group;

an annual Youth mass and ways to develop this

Ways to perhaps get involved with the Redcaps on the Lourdes pilgrimage with Fr Andrew and Joan of Arc…. This could be fundraising

.

The main areas of concern are a a need for more helpers and the lack of boys.