



# Our Lady of Dolours Youth At Chatswood

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HOLA! Mi nombre es Stephy. Mucho gusto! Translation: Hello! My name is Stephy! Nice to meet you! I am one of the nine interns who have chosen to undertake the WYD internship program. So what does it involve exactly? Basically, from August 2009 until August 2011 we are to complete 400 hours of service within the church whether that be in the youth, music or children's ministry ... just to name a few. We record all our hours in a log book which is approved by Suzanne, our pastoral

associate and then it gets sent off to the Broken Bay Diocese.

In August 2011 we get to fly to MADRID for World Youth Day to celebrate our unity with other young Catholics around the world. I can't believe that the first 6 months of the internship have so quickly flown past. In this month's edition of YAC we do a recap of the last 6 months with an update from one of our interns, profiles of all the interns plus a few fun things that I'm sure will get you thinking. ENJOY!

Stephy.

## Drum roll please... Introducing Our Interns!

### FRANCESCA A.K.A. FRANKIE



**Studying/working as:** Liberal Arts & Science @ USYD/ Student

**Toothbrush colour:** Blue

**Fave song:** Changes all the time but what's been in my head: Prelude in G Minor Op.23 No.5 by Rachmaninoff

**What I <3 about being an intern:** I love being able to meet and make friends with such amazing dedicated and talented people. I also love being able to put my skills to good use by helping out!

### MICHELLE A.K.A. CHELLIE



**Studying/working as:** Commerce Liberal Studies @ UNSW/ Student  
**Toothbrush colour:** Purple and orange

**Fave song:** The Man Who Can't Be Moved – The Script

**What I <3 about being an intern:** What I love about being an intern is helping out in the church, singing and looking forward to the experience of World Youth Day again!

### STEPHY



**Studying/working as:** B Arts Psychology w/ DipEd @ Macq/ Childcare Assistant

**Toothbrush colour:** Pink

**Fave song:** Stronger- Keri Hilson

**What I <3 about being an intern:** Being an intern means doing what I love but just recording the hours. Working with people who share a common goal and actually achieving it is an awesome feeling.

## Drum roll please... Introducing Our Interns! (Continued)

### RYAN



**Studying/working as:** Accounting @ UTS/  
Tax Consultant  
**Toothbrush colour:** Blue  
**Fave song:** Too many to say  
**What I <3 about being an intern:** Getting a chance to help the community and give back through music and the intern program.

### JEREMEY A.K.A. JEZ



**Studying/working as:** Architectural Computing @ UNSW/ Casual @ Timezone  
**Toothbrush colour:** Purple  
**Fave song:** Kiss the Rain - Yiruma  
**What I <3 about being an intern:** Nothing really, the work we do is what we want to do and being an intern is just an unnecessary label to me. What I love about the internship as a *concept*? It is a welcome kindle to young people everywhere to step up and embrace what can be done and what needs to be done in the community. It simply benefits everyone.

### MARIUS



**Studying/working as:** Accountant  
**Toothbrush colour:** White  
**Fave song:** My Heart Will Go On- Celine Dion  
**What I <3 about being an intern:** Getting to know all the youth in my parish

### ELAINE



**Studying/working as:** Information resource officer  
**Toothbrush colour:** I swear by the electric toothbrush. It's white and blue!  
**Fave song:** Surprisingly, I don't have one but I have a favourite book – The Time Traveller's Wife  
**What I <3 about being an intern:** My two fave things about being an intern is I am helping the church and knowing I'll see the Pope in WYD 2011!

### KAREN



**Studying/working as:** IT Insight Analyst  
**Toothbrush colour:** Blue  
**Fave song:** Morning After Dark – Timbaland Feat. Nelly  
**What I <3 about being an intern:** Getting in touch with Him spiritually and encouraging other young adults to praise and worship Him.

### ELISE



**Studying/working as:** Bach of Science-Marine Biology @ UTS/ student  
**Toothbrush colour:** Blue (the best colour!)  
**Fave song:** Summertime – New Kids on the Block  
**What I <3 about being an intern:** I love being an intern because of the great experiences, the amazing people, my personal journey of faith, the new things I'm constantly learning and having the opportunity to go to Spain :)

## Intern Update by Frankie

Hello hello! My name is Fran and over the last 6 months I have been leading the Youth Choir with Ryan and seeing how we can best work together with the Youth Band, which I've joined. (The choir is looking for more members if you're keen!) I'm planning for upcoming events such as the Youth Music Jam Session, a possible 'Talent Quest' and somehow integrating the two with the Hot Cross Bun Drive with Steph. I've been throwing around ideas about getting together Spanish classes for the interns because as you know, we're all travelling in 2011 for World Youth Day. Last year, I worked on the Christmas carols night held in Harrington Hall, Carols at Chatswood train station & the Christmas Eve youth mass! I help keep the Church looking nice, work on the YAC Bulletin and have attended the BBI Youth & Campus Ministry launch (see photo on back pg). There are many things I do in between that aren't so big & there's a lot that goes into music!

~Fran<3

## Prayer

Stephy: Does anyone else love the smell of new stationary and text books? LOL. Maybe it's just me. Below is a really nice prayer which I think relates to where a lot of us are right now.

Loving God,  
each day as I step further into my future,  
give me the courage, knowledge and  
patience that I need.

Remind me that you always journey with me  
and that you will never lead me into anything  
that you won't lead me through.

Thank you for the gift of my life.  
May the way I live be my gift back to you -  
with your love and guidance

In Jesus' name

Amen

## How Much Do You Know About Lent? Test Yourself!

The official (liturgical) colour of Lent is red. True or False? (False. It's violet/purple – representing royalty and repentance.)

Lent lasts for 40 days, not counting Sundays. True or False? (True.)

The word Lent comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning “midwinter.” (False. It translates “springtime” since that is the time of year the season generally falls in the Northern Hemisphere.)

The 40 days of Lent are a reminder of the Bible story in which Jesus spends 40 days alone in the wilderness and is tempted by the Devil. True or False? (True. It also recalls the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness and is a number used in Jewish texts to indicate formation.)

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, when people often have the sign of the cross made of ashes placed on their foreheads. True or False? (True.)

The ash is supposed to represent the story in which Jesus places dirt or ash on a blind man's eyes to make him see again. True or False? (False. The ashes represent humility and our own mortality – from dust we came and to dust we shall return.)

Many people give up something during Lent. The point of this practice is to show your willpower. True or False? (False. It is a practice of self-denial that allows room in your life for God to do something new.)

Fasting is a common practice in Lent but the one day people don't fast during Lent is Sundays. True or False? (True. People traditionally do not fast on Sundays as Sundays are to be reminders or a foretaste of the joy of the resurrection.)

The phrase “Glory to God” is traditionally never spoken during Lent and does not make its return until Easter. True or False. (False. “Alleluia” is what many churches abstain from saying in worship during Lent.)

The last few days of Lent form part of what is called “Holy Week.” True or False? (True.)

## Where Is God When You Need Him?

### The Visitor

Ruth looked at the letter one more time. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address. She read the letter one more time...

**Dear Ruth,**

**I am going to be in your neighbourhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit.**

**Love always,  
Jesus**

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer."

She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. Five dollars and forty-five cents. "Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least." She threw on her coat and hurried out the door.

A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey and a carton of milk .... leaving Ruth with a grand total of twelve cents to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady! Can you help us, lady?" Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans that she hadn't even noticed the two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags.

"Look, lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's gettin' cold and we're gettin' kinda hungry, and, if you could helpus, lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and frankly she was sure that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to. "Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him."

"Yeah, well, okay lady. I understand. Thanks anyway." The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned, and headed back into the alley.

As she watched them leave, she felt a familiar twinge in her heart. "Sir, wait!" The couple stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them. "Look, why don't you take this food. I'll figure out something to serve my guest." She handed the man her grocery bag.

"Thank you, lady. Thank you very much!" "Yes, thank you!" It was the man's wife and Ruth could see that now that she was shivering.

"You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one." Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then, smiling, she turned and walked back to the street .... without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest. "Thank you, lady! Thank you very much!"

Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him. She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox. "That's odd. The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day." She took the envelope out of the box and opened it ....

**Dear Ruth,**

**It was good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal.  
And thank you too, for the beautiful coat.**

**Love always,  
Jesus**

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

<http://www.homeless.org.au/rebeccas-community/the-visitor.htm>

## Fr Janusz writes

Dear Friends,

Lent—through its threefold dimensions of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving (charity)—calls us to look at our whole selves. Each of these dimensions zeroes in on the relationships of our lives: prayer (to our God); charity (to our neighbour); and fasting (to ourselves). Forty days is enough time to strengthen all of these relationships in order to become more life-giving and more love-giving. It is time enough for us to discern what pulls us away from a deeper relationship with our Saviour and what draws us closer to our God and to each other. Now is the acceptable time . . .

Fr Janusz Bieniek CSMA

PARISH PRIEST

### Bible Passage — The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Then the Devil came to him and said, “If you are God’s Son, order these stones to turn into bread.” But Jesus answered, “The scripture says, ‘Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks.’” Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, “If you are God’s Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says, ‘God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.’” Jesus answered, “But the scripture also says, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. “All this I will give you,” the Devil said, “if you kneel down and worship me.” Then Jesus answered, “Go away, Satan! The scripture says, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!’” Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

*What do you think Jesus might have had to give up to go out in the wilderness by himself?*

*Why do you think Jesus resists these temptations?*

*What do you do when you want time alone to think, pray and reflect?*

## How Can I Get Involved?

- † Our ‘Deepening Friendship’ Lenten Group is every Thursday from 7-8.30pm Meeting Room 1. Just show up(: Contact [Suz-anne@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:Suz-anne@chatswoodparish.org.au) for more info!
- † New keyboardist and bassist needed for youth band. Contact John: [johnnyvbu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnnyvbu@hotmail.com)
- † Singers needed for youth choir. Contact Ryan or Frankie: [ryanbalboa@hotmail.com](mailto:ryanbalboa@hotmail.com) or [fmelinton6@gmail.com](mailto:fmelinton6@gmail.com)
- † Creative people needed for monthly YAC bulletin. Contact Stephy: [stephyadan@hotmail.com](mailto:stephyadan@hotmail.com)
- † Readers needed for youth mass. Contact Elaine: [elainephang@gmail.com](mailto:elainephang@gmail.com)
- † Youth masses are every Sunday at 5.30pm! We’d love to see you(:

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Two of our parish interns Marius and Francesca at the Broken Bay Institute Youth and Campus Ministry Launch!