

## Xpresurslf

On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> April, Cloyne Cathedral welcomed near sixty young people and adults to its very first youth service. As people arrived there were drinks and biscuits, opportunity to chat, and badges, stickers and plastercine with which to get creative.

The service itself was themed around a song by Casting Crowns asking the question, who am I? The Midleton youth group had worked on this song and pulled particular themes from it and depicted these themes in graffiti with the help of Ben Johnson, which were displayed in the Cathedral during the service. A series of Vox Pops put together by Emily were shown asking the questions "What defines me?" and "How do you express that?"

With music in the background, groups circulated through different X spots, where they creatively Xpressed their relationship with God around the themes of identity, forgiveness, guidance and prayer. From hammering prayers of forgiveness into a big wooden cross, to lighting candles, to reading scripture creatively and drawing trees representing ones life and getting painted fingers; each person was individually enabled to respond within the service.

Afterwards people were encouraged to stay and chat. There was a great energy in the building, a great sense of anticipation and momentum built for coming youth services. Praise God for a great event!

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