

YOUTH UNITED

Let's Celebrate! #blessed



Welcome to Youth United's very first publication!

Here you will find the latest updates on everything Youth United, upcoming events happening in your Church and special messages from our Parish Priest, Fr. Marce.

We pray that Youth United will become a part of your Church life, a place you can call home, and a place where you can make awesome friendships!

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YOUR YOUTH UNITED LEADERS

We want to give a huge shout out and welcome to our awesome Youth United Leaders! These guys are the voice for you, if you have a vision or passion you want to make happen in your Church life or just want to chat then come and see them!

Your Youth Leaders are here for you to just hang out, pray for you and make your Church life one that you will remember!

Let's get to know some of our Youth Leaders!

Katrina Abifares

What do you love about Youth United?

I love being able to connect with the younger kids and be a positive role model and someone they can talk to, since I help in Children's Liturgy it made sense to continue to help teach and guide them as they grow.

Tell us something interesting about yourself?

I love to cook!

Favorite bible passage?

I have 2!

Be alert, stand firm in faith, be brave, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

She is strong and respected and not afraid of the future. Proverbs 31:25

Evelina Afoa

What do you love about Youth United?

What I love about Youth United is that it's brought us - not just the youth, but also our helpers - together. It's allowed us to be a part of something that contributes to our faith and spirituality, and that's really special. We've also all met so many great people along the way and I know that we have yet to meet so many more, it's exciting!

Tell us something interesting about yourself?

Outside of church, I'm a full-time university student QUT and studying a double degree in Business and the Creative Industries. I also have a part time job as a learn to swim teacher, so working with kids has definitely become a passion of mine that I've been able to transfer to my role as a youth leader as well.

Favorite bible passage?

For as long as I can remember, my favourite bible passage has been Hebrews 13:1, "Let brotherly love continue". It reminds me to treat everyone equally and with love, which I think is really important to live by.





Youth United's events have been a huge success!

What a huge success Youth United events have been so far!

We hope you enjoyed the events as much as we have! Our team tribe games are a hit with our Red Team taking the number one place on our tally board!

Our "pop up café" is giving Starbucks some competition with our pretty awesome drinks on the menu, our very first coffee machine made an appearance on our BIG soccer day!

Our very own Youth United café will be popping up for big events and fundraising days. If you are interested in becoming a Youth United Barista and want to put your awesome drink making skills to the test have a chat to our Youth Coordinators or Youth Leaders!

We have learnt a lot from our first two events, and are so excited with all your ideas and feedback on what you want your youth group to look like. Our Youth United Leaders have come up with some awesome ideas for you guys from all the feedback we've received.

We would like to thank all our volunteers and Youth Leaders for making our events a success. A special thank you to Fr. Marce for all his guidance, vision and support!

Youth United's next BIG event!

Don't forget to put Friday 21st of July @ 6.00 pm in your diaries! Youth United are hosting a Movie Night Party from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. If you're feeling brave like our Youth Leaders, come in your favourite pj's! Our evening will kick off with a bonfire where you can roast marshmallows, sip hot chocolates and enjoy a hot dog with lot! Before we start our movie, grab some treats from our lolly buffet! We hope to see you there!

#bringafriend

STAND ON YOUR GROUND!

St. Paul, who was converted to Christianity in the year 45 AD, was the greatest Christian missionary ever. During his missionary stints, Timothy was his constant companion since Paul started his missions in the year 40s AD. In the later years, St. Paul appointed Timothy as Bishop of Ephesus, which is part of Turkey today. Bible scholars believed that Timothy must have been in his late 30s when he became a Bishop. He was too young for that big position in the Church and perhaps he was too hesitant to accept the responsibility because at that time Ephesus and the whole of Turkey was still surrounded by pagans and so Paul sent his first letter to Timothy and challenged him' thus:

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Our society today is sick, and many young people are journeying to nowhere. They have no sense of direction in life. Like the life of the pagans in Ephesus at the time of Timothy, life of most of our young generation today becomes seemingly boring, useless and empty. Their soul is searching for the truth, searching for the true meaning of life. They are hooked inside the dark tunnel. They want to get out from it and want to see the light. They need some young leaders who could challenge them and guide them onto the right path to God.

Young people who are involved in the Church are the bearers of that light outside the tunnel. To make that light genuine, young people are urged by God, through St. Paul, not to take their young age as a stumbling block to bear the presence of God to others. They have to set as good examples to others by behaving well in the way they talk, the words they use in their conversations with friends and their moral values in life. Remember the common adage: actions are more powerful and more convincing that is why actions speak louder than words.

It is no use walking anywhere to preach to young people about God unless our walking is our preaching.

Stand on your ground!

Fr. Marce

EVENTS CALENDER JULY - DECEMBER



Friday 21st July @ 6.00pm
Youth United Movie Night

Sunday 27th August @
9.30 am
Youth United Morning Tea
Fundraiser

Sunday 17th September @
2.00 pm
Youth United Event

Sunday 15th October
Mass of All Nations

Sunday 5th November @
9.30 am
Youth United Fundraiser

Weekend of 2nd December
Date TBA
Youth United End of Year
Event

What's your **PASSION?**



Youth United would love to make you Church life even more awesome! If you have a talent or passion for public speaking, singing, music, photography, or are tech savvy and would love to learn how to operate the AV system during a Mass, we would love to hear from you! Come have a chat to our Youth Leaders about what your passion is!

Prayer Requests

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Philippians 4:6

Sometimes when life may become a little overwhelming, something just isn't going quite right, you have a huge exam or something exciting has happened to you, it's awesome to know that there is a team of people that will pray for you!

Youth United are taking on prayer requests for all those who may need someone to pray for them.

We have prayer cards available at every event and at the back of the Church for those who may like to have the Youth United team pray for you.

Spread the **WORD**

Interested in owning your very own Youth United shirt to show off to all your friends and spread the **WORD** about how awesome St Edward's Parish is?

For \$25.00 you can own your very own Youth United shirt!

For more information please see Steve or Maria.



*Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations!
Mark 28:19*

We here at the Parish of St Edward the Confessor, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES. Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au or www.stewardsdaisyhill.org.au

We are also compelled to adhere to the Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>