

# BLAZE WORKSHOP ELECTIVES

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## SATURDAY 1:30PM

### **FOLLOW THE LEADER: FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS - Ronan McGinniss**

Jesus lived 200 years ago, so what does it mean for me to try and live like Him? This will be a fun and enjoyable workshop in which we will discover many ways that we can make Jesus a part of our everyday life.

Ronan oversees Youth Impact, a dynamic Catholic youth organisation based in Perth and Adelaide and ministering across Australia. He speaks to approximately 20,000 students each year and is passionate about evangelism, leadership development, and making faith and life enjoyable!

### **DOES YOUR KULTCHA RESPECT YA? - Mick Tome**

The simple reality is our culture has become increasingly hostile to Christian values, resulting in a grave disrespect for human life. Pope John Paul II described this situation as the Culture of Death. But what is it and how did it happen? And more importantly, what can we do about it?

Mick is currently studying a Master of Theology at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne. He has been involved in ministry to young people for over 20 years and is actively involved in helping others discover ways of responding to our society and culture as Christians.

### **HEARING GOD'S CALL - Mark Lysaght**

Career, job, profession and vocation? What does this mean for me in my life? Where do I start? Has God written something on my heart? Hear how others have understood what God's call is for them and how they live it out today.

Mark is the Vocations Promotions Officer for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. He works exclusively with people asking the big questions in life, such as 'why am I here?' and 'what am I supposed to do?' He brings a wealth of experience from the business world, a bachelor degree in social science and over 16 years involvement in Catholic youth ministry.

## SATURDAY 3:30PM

### **REAL TALK: GOD'S PLAN FOR LOVE AND LIFE - Kym Keady**

What does God say about sex... and why?? How far should I go with my boyfriend/girlfriend? How should I act around people of the opposite sex? We will talk about YOU, and God's plan for you. What did He have in stall for you from the beginning of time? What is God's plan for life and your love life? This workshop will include personal sharing as well as learning about sexuality in an honest, down to earth way.

Kym is the founder of the 'Real Talk' program, which she has been presenting in schools and parishes since 2000. She is also a counsellor with a strong background in youth ministry. During her teenage years, she learnt the hard way about wrong choices in sexuality, and is passionate about helping young people discover the truth about God's plan for sexuality.

### **IS JESUS JUST A SUNDAY GUY? - Chris Lysaght**

I know Jesus and I know how good it is to have him as my friend. The thing is, some of my mates don't know who Jesus is, and some of my close mates don't even know that I know Jesus. Sound familiar? This workshop we will work on tricks of the trade on how we can share Jesus with our friends!

Chris is Youth Coordinator for Darra-Jindalee Parish within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. He has a diploma in Youth Work and has been in working with young people for 13 years in both New Zealand and Australia, including roles as a parish youth worker and volunteer, high school campus minister and diocesan events coordinator for the Diocese of Christchurch. Recently married and a brand new baby boy in the family, life is all go!

### **HAVING FUN WITH DRAMA - NET Ministries (Laura Moore)**

Whether you are a proficient actor or have never done any drama in your life, this workshop is a chance to be interactive, get moving and stretch your imagination! It aims to equip you with the skills to construct dramas for use in youth ministry, and to have some fun along the way! Are you up for it?

NET (National Evangelisation Teams) is a Catholic peer to peer youth ministry that puts into action the church's mission to evangelise and disciple young people. Laura is originally from Melbourne, and has spent two years on a NET Team for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and now works in the NET Ministries office.