



## **Vox Populi**

07 November 2024

The Church in Australia needs its young people to be energised.

According to a report from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference released last year, the average age of Catholics in Australia is on the rise.

During the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis spoke to young people within the Church, urging them to remain energised.

Comparing young people to water, the Holy Father said: “When water flows, it’s good, but when water stops, it ends badly.”

Just as stagnant water gets contaminated with “little creatures,” Pope Francis warned, “the young person who is tired is the first to be corrupted.”

Next Friday night, Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood will be hosting a PraiseFest event, aimed at energising young people and bringing them into an encounter with Jesus Christ.

Fresh off the highs of the recent Ignite Conference, the PraiseFest event is for high schoolers and young adults and will feature talks, praise and worship, Compline (night prayer), adoration and reconciliation.

The more we energise and invigorate the young people of our Diocese, the more they will build up the energy and the life of the Church in Broken Bay.

The event is free to attend! You can register to attend: [Chatswood's Praisefest Pilgrims of Hope: Towards the Light Tickets, Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood, Chatswood | TryBooking Australia](#)

***Date: Friday, 15 November 2024***

***Time: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM (UTC+11)***

***Location: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood  
94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067***