

# ACYF BRIEF NOTE #5



## 2 August 2017

This Brief Note is provided as an update to the ACYF contacts in Australian Catholic education and in Youth Ministry offices. This includes a **Logistical Update** as a reminder of these details. We make social media announcements every week so stay tuned for the latest information.

### Registrations



We are tracking really well with registrations. We are just over an estimated 12,000 registered in groups, still a way to go so keep the registrations coming in and update your group numbers as they change, we will continue to accept registrations so **Register, Register, Register!** Early Bird closes 18 August.

### Volunteers

The call for Volunteers is now out there. Please spread this around to anyone you think might be interested in assisting. The current estimate is around 800 volunteers required to deliver the Festival. We have applications from as far afield as Western Australia!!

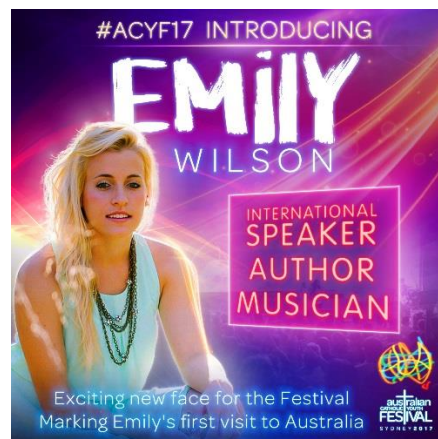
### Expo

Expressions of Interest for Expo exhibitor booths is still open. Application forms can be downloaded from the ACYF website: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/encounter-expo>

### Presenters and Performers

Emily Wilson (<http://emwilsonmusic.com/speaking-topics/>) is now signed up as is Emma Fradd (<https://emmafradd.bandcamp.com/>). Both these young women will bring a significant presence to the Festival Program. Emily Wilson is a worship speak and singer from the USA. Emma Fradd is a local artist who has a wonderful story to tell and music to bring to the Festival.

They will join with previously announced presenters and performers as well as Gary and Natasha Pinto, Christopher Lee and Therese Nicolls.



## Banners



There are still a few banners available for sale. To reduce the stock, we are having a end July sale. Buy both banners for just \$80 including delivery.

We also have promotional T shirts available for you to have your volunteers wear at pre Australian Catholic Youth Festival events these can be ordered at cost. These are a great way for you to promote the Festival.

Go to ACYF: [www.mustardseed.org.au](http://www.mustardseed.org.au)



## Festival Overview

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wednesday 6 December	Lights of Christmas Reception and Display	7.00pm	St Mary's Cathedral
Thursday 7 December	Festival Plenary #1	9.30am – 10.45am	Qudos Bank Arena,
	Festival Workshops, Expo, Justice Activity Centre, Year of Youth Leadership Centre, Games and Activities	11.00am – 6.00pm	Sydney Showground and Qudos Bank Arena*
	Festival Plenary #2	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Qudos Bank Arena
Friday 8 December	Festival Plenary #3	9.30am – 10.45am	Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park
	Festival Workshops, Expo, Justice Activity Centre, Year of Youth Leadership Centre, Games and Activities	11.00am – 6.00pm	Sydney Showground and Qudos Bank Arena*
	Festival Plenary #4	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Qudos Bank Arena
Saturday 9 December	Mega Concerts, Festival Workshops, Expo, Justice Activity Centre, Year of Youth Leadership Centre, Games and Activities	9.30am – 2.00pm	
	Pilgrimages to Mary MacKillop Place and Milson's Point, across Harbour Bridge to Final Mass	12.30pm – 2.30pm	Leaving Sydney Olympic Park Station
	Pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral to Final Mass	2.30pm – 3.00pm	Leaving Sydney Olympic Park Station
	Concert	5.00pm – 6.00pm	The Domain
	Final Mass	6.30pm – 8.00pm	The Domain

- Post school age workshops

## Logistical Reminders

### Trains

Train travel to and from the Festival is included in registration. Groups and individuals are asked to nominate the station they will be travelling from during the registration process. There will be some special trains running directly to Sydney Olympic Park (SOP) from Central (stopping at nominated stations between Central and SOP) on Thursday and Friday mornings. If there was a very large number of attendees wanting to travel from a particular station we will look at the possibility of running special trains, otherwise attendees will catch the normal commuter services to Lidcombe and change for SOP.

### Buses

Those travelling by bus will be able to either park in numbered bays at SOP for the day, or be dropped off at designated drop off/pick up areas. Some groups are planning on travelling by train in the morning and then being picked up by their bus after the evening Plenary.

### Travel Plan

All groups will receive a travel Plan for their group detailing their travel arrangements, platforms and any particular details for the group.

### Saturday

On Saturday morning there will be some Mega Concerts at Sydney Showground. The halls at the Showground will be opened to accommodate over 7,000!!! These will be amazing and not to be missed.

### Pilgrimages

On Saturday afternoon there will be dedicated trains transporting attendees to the station (nominated on registration) to begin the pilgrimage to the Domain and the Final Mass. Details on these pilgrimages are available on a presentation. Please go to <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/event-details/pilgrimage>

### Final Mass

The Final Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher in the Domain at 6.30pm on Saturday 9 December. This is a public Mass and we hope many of the families from the schools and from the parishes of Greater Sydney area will attend. Travel after the Mass will be via trains and private buses and these plans will be part of the "Travel Plan" referred to above.

### Food at the Festival

There will be a wide range of food outlets at Sydney Showground on the three days and a limited number at Qudos Bank Arena. These will range from burger shops, pizza, sandwiches, organic produce, fish and chips, ice creams, and of course multiple coffee shops!! Further details and sample menus will be made available in the next couple of months.

### Early Bird Registration

Early Bird Registration closes on 18 August, to access the early bird price please ensure registration details are complete by this date.

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