



Tolle Lege

December 2015

Farewell

The end of the year means 'farewell' to so many people. If you are among those who have completed their involvement at CTC, we wish you a fond farewell. We hope that your time here was one in which you felt genuinely at home, met interesting folk, made good friends and came to a deeper appreciation of those timeless realities for which CTC exists. If you have achieved something of all that then hopefully along with these qualities you have the confidence to realise your potential for making the world a better place. May what you discovered enrich the lives of those whom you meet, work with and serve in the years ahead.

CTC to offer Courses in Hong Kong



Signing of Partnership Agreement in Hong Kong, with Prof. Reggie Kwan (President, CIHE), Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay (Master, CTC) and Dr Graeme Blackman OAM (Chancellor, UDiv)

After 12 months of negotiation, CTC and the University of Divinity have established a partnership with Caritas Institute of Higher Education (CIHE) in Hong Kong. CIHE is the only Catholic higher education provider registered in Hong Kong. As well as its own diploma and undergraduate awards, CIHE offers a number of awards through overseas universities. After approval by the education authorities in Hong Kong, CTC will offer the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education and Graduate Certificate in Theology in Hong Kong. These are the same awards that CTC already delivers off-site at Werribee, Geelong, Shepparton and, from 2016, Craigieburn. This will be the first time UDiv courses have been offered off-shore, and is a pilot program in the University's new strategic plan.



Thanks and Farewell to Tony McCumstie

We have just received news that Tony McCumstie formally tendered his resignation effective from 18th December this year. Tony has been with the Library for more than twenty years, having been appointed Librarian at Clayton in 1993. The library was then the Corpus Christi Library but was situated adjacent to CTC and was available to all students. Tony was responsible for overseeing the mammoth task of transferring the very considerable library resources to their present home in 1999–2000. This change was effected with minimal disruption to anyone seeking access to the library: almost every volume ended up in exactly the correct place in the splendid new building. It was re-named the Mannix Library in memory of Daniel Mannix, third Archbishop of Melbourne (from 1917 to 1963). Tony, along with Rosalie Cotter and Lisa Gerber, has ensured library services are provided for the members of this College, the University and indeed for the many other folk who find this a great Catholic resource. It is all too easy to take such services for granted: resources are in place and easily accessed, problems can be readily sorted. We owe much to Tony and his team for keeping these ever-increasing resources in such fine order. Some of us will remember, others might find it startling, but the present library was once severely flooded though a malfunctioning fire extinguishing system. Tony and the team carried on quietly, ensuring uninterrupted services, despite the massive clean-up. Last year Tony stepped back from the responsibilities of librarian to less arduous tasks in the library, and he has now decided to take on still less exacting duties and will work in a couple of smaller theological libraries. We offer Tony warm thanks for many years of quiet, courteous and efficient service and wish him every blessing for the future.



Dr Brenda Niall at Church History Research Day

On Saturday 31 October research students and friends and members of the Church History Department gathered at CTC to hear Dr Brenda Niall, author of several significant Australian biographies, most recently a biography of Melbourne's third and most famous archbishop Dr Daniel Mannix, in conversation with Fr Austin Cooper, followed by two sessions in which five higher degree students gave presentations on their areas of interest and research. The conversation with Dr Niall was most engaging, as well as useful for research students, as Fr Austin drew from Brenda her insights into historical research: about choosing topics, about managing gaps in the historical record, about finding an interpretative key, about appreciating a sense of place and of time. Brenda drew on many stories from her work to illustrate the points she made. Equally importantly, she spoke about how she goes about the process of writing after the research work is completed. Her advice was to 'keep it simple.' She described her technique as imagining that she is speaking to an interested friend about the person or period and simply telling them the story as she has come to understand it. Anyone who has read her work would agree that she has a gift for making history lively and accessible without compromising the complexity of either personality or circumstances.

The presentations which followed were made by five CTC research students:

- **Deborah Kent:** *The Role of Charism in enhancing Catholic Identity*
- **Dr Helen Delaney rsm:** *Mother Xavier Maguire and the Sisters of Mercy in Geelong*
- **Diana McKinley:** *The Church Acts of 1836 and 1853*
- **Christopher Morris:** *Bruno Barnhart and a Renewed Sapiential Theology*
- **Daniel Szewc omi:** *Eugene de Mazenod and the New Evangelisation*

Each short presentation together with the questions, comments and conversation which followed proved to be both enjoyable and hopefully constructive for all participants. Thanks are due to Frs Austin Cooper and Max Vodola for organising the day.

Fr John Dupuche on air

Fr John Dupuche, a senior lecturer here at CTC, was recently interviewed by Rachael Kohn for *The Spirit of Things* in preparation for a conference on Classical Tantra held at the Janssen Spirituality Centre, Boronia, on 14–15 November. The interview was broadcast on 15 November and is available on www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/spiritofthings



New Members of Staff

Fr Matthew Baldwin: Lecturer

This semester CTC was delighted to welcome to the teaching staff Father Matthew Baldwin. In Matthew's case this is not so much a welcome to CTC, but rather a welcome back to CTC. As a seminarian at Corpus Christi College Matthew was a student here before going to Rome to study at the Pontifical Gregorian University. While there he completed a Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology. Matthew has a special interest in the areas of sacraments and grace. He is Assistant Priest in the parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel and All Hallows, Deepdene and Balwyn. Fr Matthew writes "This first year back at CTC as a lecturer has been both exciting and challenging. The welcome and support of the faculty, not to mention that of my own Parish Priest, Rev. Dr Brendan Reed and the parishioners of OLGC & All Hallows has helped my 'smooth' transition into a new life as Assistant Priest and Lecturer. After an enriching four years of study in Rome my aim is to share with my students a love of theology and a desire to come to know God and themselves through the study of systematic theology. The facts that my mother is a primary school teacher, my brother a high school teacher and that I was educated by the Salesians, all have contributed to my being here at CTC!"



Jude Caspersz: Registrar

Jude comes to CTC from a few doors down Victoria Parade, at the Catholic Education Office, where he was Project Officer responsible for R.E. accreditation & sponsorship. Before that, he had worked in Catholic primary schools in Melbourne, Alice Springs, Central Australia and Darwin since 1986. One of the big memories of his teaching career was witnessing Pope John Paul II's address to the Aboriginal people in 1986. Born in Colombo, he grew up in Australia, youngest of eight children, in West Heidelberg. He went to Parade College and finds it coincidental that he regularly sang the college anthem, "*Old Bluestone Pile*" and now finds himself working in that same 'old Bluestone Pile' and its beautiful renovation. Jude is married to Domenica, a nurse, and they have three young adult children. Earlier this year, they were fortunate enough to do some voluntary work together in Cambodia and would like eventually to return there to share their

respective skills further. He enjoys gardening and listening to the *Beatles*! (After all, as he noted, they were kind enough to name one of their best-selling songs after him). Jude is looking forward to his work at CTC and to meeting all the staff and students of the College.

Huw Sandaver: Technical Services Librarian

Hugh is excited to be joining the Mannix Library team to assist with technical services throughout the library. He has a particular interest in Information Architecture, in which he gained a Masters degree at Charles Sturt University in 2012. Hugh and his wife have a small daughter Isabella and he has been spending most of the last year looking after her. Two (naughty) cats also demand plenty of attention. He enjoys art history, especially the Italian Renaissance period and has recently done some study in this area at the University of Melbourne.



Nick Gellatly: Library Technician

Nick recently joined the team at Daniel Mannix Library as a Library Technician, having previously worked in musical instrument sales for over six years. He had originally trained to be an audio engineer and maintains a keen interest in music. He has been married for five years and enjoys playing bass guitar in his spare time. This is his first position in a library, having recently completed a Diploma of Library and Information Services.

Ordinations

CTC graduates Rev. Junray Rayna (left) and Rev. Novelito Lim were ordained for the Diocese of Cebu in the Philippines, 23 October, but will spend five years working in the Sandhurst Diocese:

Fr Junray at Wodonga and Fr Novelito in Wangaratta.



Graeme Pender (left) and Allan Ansell were ordained to the permanent Diaconate by Archbishop Hart, 14 November. Both men hold senior positions in Catholic secondary schools: Allan as Chaplain at Sacred Heart College Geelong and Graeme as Liturgy and Faith Co-ordinator at De La Salle College Malvern. Both have also been students of CTC: Allan towards a Graduate Diploma in Theology and Graeme towards a Doctoral award for studies in Australian Church History. We wish them every blessing as they undertake their new roles within the Church of Melbourne in addition to the already substantial contribution they are making to their respective communities.

Adam Crouch mgl, Rembert Fernando mgl, David Lemewu mgl, Antony Santhiagu mgl and Daniel Serratore mgl were ordained to the diaconate, and Rev. Isuru Weliwatte mgl and Rev. Lenin Thenamirtham mgl were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Dominic's Church in East Camberwell, 20 November (Pictured in order, left to right)



Rev. Arun Michael Charles sdb was ordained to the priesthood in Chennai India at the National Basilica of St Thomas 8 December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Congratulations to you all and every good wish for joy in the service of the Gospel.

CTC Study Tour September 2015: The Experience of Catholic Culture



It was both a privilege and a blessing to walk in the way of the saints on the 2015 CTC Study Tour in September that took us to Ireland, Scotland, England and Italy.

We travelled to Glendalough and followed in the footsteps of the sixth-century monk, St Kevin, and journeyed to the enchanting island of Iona off the Scottish coast to immerse ourselves in the vision of monk and missionary, St Columba. We saw the humble beginnings in Dublin of Catherine McAuley, whose foundation of the Sisters of Mercy transformed the face of Catholicism in Australia.

In Dublin, London and Rome, Blessed John Henry Newman was like a familiar travelling companion inspiring us to think expansively about the Church's tradition, a living, breathing and dynamic reality.

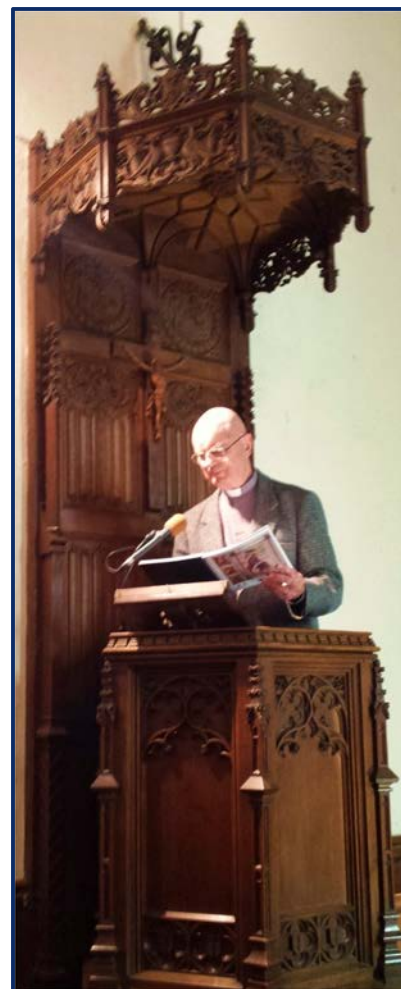


We celebrated Mass in the chapel, once a small shop in York where Margaret Clitherow secretly arranged for Mass to be celebrated before dying a martyr's death. We saw the tiny hiding spot in the attic where Edmund Campion was sheltered before he too gave his life for the faith.

At Downside Abbey we praised God in prayer for raising up the Benedictine monk John Bede Polding, Australia's first resident bishop and our father in faith. Montecassino and Subiaco in Italy put us in touch with St Benedict and the cradle of western monasticism whose spirit continues to speak to searching hearts in our own day. Each of us was touched by the heroic courage, fidelity, perseverance and wonderful vision of these great saints who contributed mightily to the mission of the Church and transformed the culture of their time. As we walked the paths of these great saints, we started to realise that they were actually walking with us, encouraging us in the path of discipleship and shaping our vision according to the Gospel of Jesus.

In the joys and frustrations of the journey, in the talking and remembering, in the sharing of meals and in the moments of inspiration and illumination, the words of the liturgy and the tradition came to visit us in a moving way:

In every age, you raise up men and women, outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of your unchanging love for us. They inspire us by their heroic lives and help us by their constant prayers to be the living signs of your saving power.



New Book by Dr Brian Boyle

On Tuesday 27 October, 65 friends and colleagues of Dr Brian Boyle gathered to celebrate the launch of Brian's book *A Friendly Guide to the Prophets*, the latest title in the very popular 'Friendly Guide' series. The College Master, Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay welcomed the guests noting how gratified the College was to mark the scholarship of yet another member of the academic staff, and noting also that Dr Boyle's book is the third title in the 'Friendly Guide' series to be written by CTC staff members. He commended Fr Brian's book as a demonstration of the successful interplay between research and the ways in which it can inform teaching.



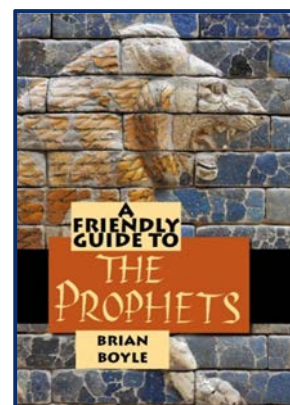
Dr Kris Sonek op, head of the Biblical Studies Department launched the book. He proposed *A Friendly Guide to the Prophets* as a convincing answer to the question 'Why should we, modern people, be interested in some obscure writings of the ancient prophets?' in that the book demonstrates the prophets' relevance and encourages the general reader 'to pick up something of the fire of these extraordinary people.'

Fr Kris noted three categories of reader to whom the book might especially appeal: 'the general reader who wants to take a sneak peek behind the curtain of esoteric biblical

exegesis, the university lecturer looking for a clear and comprehensive summary of prophetic literature, the student needing a practical tool to approach the complex and nuanced world of ancient Israelite prophecy.'

After giving a brief summary of the contents of the book, he suggested that it 'should inspire all of us to become modern prophets who do not simply accept reality as it is, but look for creative ways to change it for the better to make it just and fair.'

After the launch, refreshments were enjoyed by all as Fr Brian was congratulated individually by those present. His book, published by John Garratt, is available from the Catholic Bookshop, Lonsdale St, Pauline Books and Media in Hawthorn East, or may be ordered on line www.garrattpublishing.com.au/product/9781925009613/



Book Launch with Chapter by Dr Rosemary Canavan

Fragments of Colossae: Sifting through the Traces, edited by Dr Alan Cadwallader, was launched in Canberra on 8 October, with a chapter by CTC's Academic Dean, Dr Rosemary Canavan, entitled "Weaving Threads: Clothing in Colossae."



End of Year Mass and Social Gathering

On Friday evening 6 November, at the end of study week, staff and students gathered in the Knox room to celebrate Mass together in thanksgiving for the year past and to ask God's blessing on the future work both of those graduating from the College and those continuing their learning (or teaching) next year. Mass was followed by drinks and a very generously proportioned light meal of Vietnamese delicacies organised by the SRC, which has been capably lead throughout 2015 by Corpus Christi's Brendan Lindsay. Warmest thanks are due to Brendan and all SRC members for their substantial contribution to the life of the College. Should you wish to become more involved, a new SRC is formed at the first student meeting of each academic year.

Essay Prizes

The time for anxious worry over completing essays on time is happily over. But did you know that your essay might be worth a prize? Prizes are awarded for essays completed at any time this year, and will be presented at the annual dinner in June 2016. Please note that there is a new prize to be offered in Christian Spirituality.

- **The Archbishop's Prize for an outstanding essay in Systematic Theology**
- **The Archbishop Coleridge Prize for an outstanding essay in Biblical Studies**
- **The Austin Cooper Prize for an outstanding essay in Christian Spirituality**
(in honour of Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper omi AM)
- **The Baronius Prize for an outstanding essay in Church History**
(in honour of the Venerable Cesare Baronio, 1538–1607)
- **The Guilford Young Prize for an outstanding essay in Liturgy**
(in honour of Most Rev Guilford C. Young DD KBE, 8th Archbishop of Hobart)
- **The Francis de Sales Prize for an outstanding essay in Pastoral Studies**
(in honour of St Francis de Sales OFM Cap., 1567–1622)
- **The Rod Doyle Prize for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Biblical Studies**
(in honour of Br. Rod Doyle cfc) (provided by Garratt Publishing)

To be eligible, essays must be at least 1,500 words in length, and should have been submitted in a CTC unit beyond first level. To enter, please provide the Academic Records Office with a clean copy of your essay before the end of December.

Study Tour of the Biblical

Lands 2016

At this time of the year as our hearts and minds move to thoughts of Christmas, imagine that you might visit the place of Jesus' birth. The pictured sign at Bethlehem near the Church of the Nativity welcomes travellers and reminds us that the world is still in need of the Prince of Peace. We will celebrate Mass in one of the cave chapels at Shepherd's Field. In 2016 we will be reading the Gospel of Luke which includes the announcement by the angels to the shepherds "to you is born this day in the

city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Lk 2:11).

The Study Tour departs 12 November 2016 for 33 days returning on 15 December. We will visit Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian Territories and Turkey. The tour leaders are Dr Rosemary Canavan & Fr Anthony Dean cm. For further information, itinerary, costing and dates for information sessions please contact Jenny Delahunt jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au



Five Successful Theological Syntheses

As part of their academic formation for ordination, and to complete the Master of Theological Studies, five Corpus Christi College students have successfully completed the Theological Synthesis this year. This significant task involves the preparation of a 25,000-word written paper and a one-hour oral examination. We congratulate them and pray that their studies will be a rich resource for ministry with God's people. The title chosen by each student for their written synthesis is:

- **Fr Francis Denton:** *The Mystery of the Incarnate Word*
- **Fr Patrick Bradford:** *Revelation as Salvation History*
- **Fr Justel Callos:** *'It is the Lord!'*
- **Fr Daryl Montecillo:** *Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)*
- **Fr Stephen Bolling:** *Unless A Grain of Wheat Falls*

Honorary Researchers

The following researchers have been recently appointed Honorary Researchers of CTC:



Professor Richard Rymarz, Honorary Research Fellow. Richard is currently Head of Religious Education and Director of Research at The Broken Bay Institute. He is Adjunct Professor at Australian Catholic University and Honorary Researcher of the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. Formerly, he held the Peter and Doris Kule Chair in Catholic Religious Education, St Joseph's College, University of Alberta. His research interests include religious education and investigating the worldviews of teenagers and emerging adults in Catholic educational settings.

Dr Greg Brown, Honorary Postdoctoral Associate. Greg has extensive experience in practice and research in radiation oncology. In 2015 he graduated with the award of Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Divinity, with a dissertation titled *Cancer Storytelling: Revealing Prayer and Well-Being*, supervised by Prof. Austin Cooper and Dr Peter Price. Greg will continue his research in the area of storytelling and the use of metaphor in enhancing well-being.



Visit to a Longtime Correspondent

Prof. Norman Ford sdb has a long history of engaging with bioethical issues at the cutting edge of medical research and development. Over his career, he has had regular discussions and correspondence with Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, in his former role as Prefect of the CDF. During a recent visit to Rome, Fr Norm caught up again in person with the emeritus pope.

