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Welcome from the Acting Master

Congratulations to all the CTC students who graduated on Friday 22 March at the ceremony in St Paul's Cathedral. Ninety-two of the students were from CTC. Special congratulations to Rev. Dr Chris Ryan MGL, who had his PhD conferred and was named a Vice-Chancellor's Scholar.

As we look back on the first five weeks of this semester, we are aware it has been a very challenging time. Of course the beginning of another academic year brings all the usual demands. But this has been, and continues to be, a deeply disturbing time for us all as members of the Church around Australia and especially for us in Victoria. Whatever our own journey, we note the words of Archbishop Commensoli that we must never forget those "whose lives remain devastated by the impact of sexual abuse inflicted on them in their vulnerability". Last week Archbishop Comensoli spoke of the "earthquake" we have experienced in our Church community and of "a landscape" that has changed for ever. He continued, "New ground needs to be prepared, and the soil turned, so the gospel seeds may be re-planted among us".

In his homily at the final Mass of the Vatican Summit on the Protection of Minors, Archbishop Mark Coleridge elaborated:

A mission stretches before us—a mission demanding not just words but real concrete action. We will do all we can to bring justice and healing to survivors of abuse; we will listen to them, believe them and walk with them; ... we will strengthen the processes of recruitment and formation of Church leaders; we will educate all our people in what safeguarding requires; ... we will not act alone but will work with all concerned for the good of the young and the vulnerable; we will continue to deepen our own understanding of abuse and its effects, of why it has happened in the Church and what must be done to eradicate it. All of this will take time, but we do not have forever and we dare not fail.

This is an extraordinarily confronting time in which to be studying theology, but if ever we needed to ask questions about the meaning and implications of our Christian faith, it is now. As we walk towards the Plenary Council in this new, emerging landscape, let us pray for each other that we may remain open to the call of God's Spirit to shape the future together, with compassion and courage.

**Dr Frances Baker RSM
Acting Master**

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Congratulations to our new graduates



*Above left and below: CTC students attending the University of Divinity graduation ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral.
Above right: Rev. Dr Kevin Lehehan, Rev. Dr Chris Ryan MGL and the Chancellor of the University, Dr Graeme Blackman.*



A book launch and fond farewell

On Thursday, 7 March, many from the College community and beyond gathered to celebrate the launch of *We Want to See Jesus: Discipleship as a Journey of Search and Commitment*, and to farewell its author, Rev. Peter Varengo SDB, who in 2018 retired after almost thirty years of teaching at CTC. Printed here is an edited excerpt from the launch speech given by Rev. Prof. Francis J. Maloney SDB, AM, FAHA.

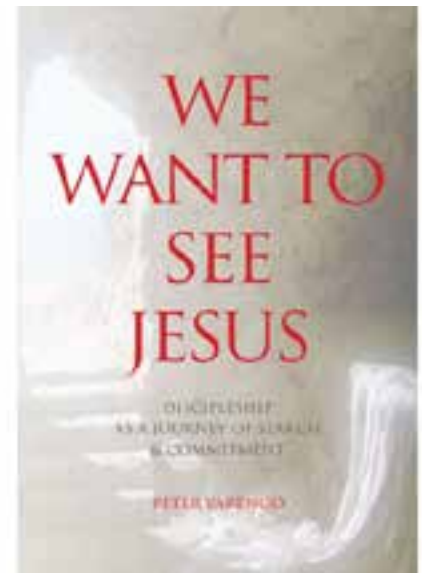
We Want to See Jesus is a rare manifestation of the endless interpretative possibilities and challenges that come from a deep immersion in the Word of God and a sensitivity to its interface with a committed Christian life. Well before Peter began his publishing career in 2013, his Sunday homilies and his well-considered retreat material took seriously what Pope Francis said more recently in *Evangelii Gaudium*:

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer. It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith ... We do not blindly seek God, or wait for him to speak to us first, for "God has already spoken and there is nothing further that we need to know, which has not been revealed to us." Let us receive the sublime treasure of the revealed word (§175).

The two foci of this book are a wise selection of Gospel narratives, arranged in a fashion that takes the reader from one theme to a subsequent and dependent theme, and the contemporary Christian believer. The author demonstrates profound sensitivity to both the Word and the one receiving the Word! We begin with the search for God, and we close at the Table of the Lord.

The structure and message of the book is extremely simple. Peter takes significant texts from the Gospels, developing a deeply biblical reflection upon the beauties and challenges of the Christian life through a careful and sensitive reading of those texts.

There are several places through the book where Peter develops strikingly simple images to communicate fundamental truths. To share one example, in challenging his readers to "let go" in prayer, he adds a note of pure wisdom. He compares our ritual prayer life to the scaffolding that holds in place the construction of a deeply personal life of prayer. No doubt from experience, Peter recognises that we will always have difficulty in prayer. In those times, we can withdraw to the relative security of the scaffolding! Be patient and hang on where you feel safe (pp. 44-47). And when you are wondering about the fruits that





Dr Frances Baker RSM, Rev. Prof. Francis J. Maloney SDB, AM, FAHA, Rev. Peter Varengo SDB and Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM

flow from suffering, reflect upon his childhood and family reminiscences of the violence of the Piedmontese vinedresser that produces some of the most exquisite wines in the world: Barolo, Barbera, Barberasco and Nebbiolo (pp. 76-77).

It is also a delight to read a book dedicated to a biblical spirituality that is theologically sound. When Peter writes: "Gospel is ultimately Good News, without rationality, and most of all without personal merit" (p. 57), St Augustine and Martin Luther applaud.

This is a book to have and to enjoy. Read it slowly. Its brevity allows you not to rush through it. Let Peter's continual recourse to the Word of God in the Gospels, and elsewhere, draw you into its fascination.

Personally, I am greatly encouraged by Peter's work. I opened this launch with a few words from Pope Francis on the fundamental importance of the Word of God for the present and future life of the Church. In general, I sense that the centuries-long insistence that our Catholic faith be

inspired and nourished by the Word of God is widely disregarded. It is all too hard. We have more critical matters that we have to somehow resolve: funding schools, the ongoing challenge of child abuse etc. But are we not putting the cart before the horse, as Luke's account of Martha and Mary teaches us, and does not the current socio-religious situation of the Catholic Church teach us that we may have our priorities wrong?

A striking caution from St Jerome in his commentary on the Psalms, written about 390, retains its relevance in 2019:

When we approach the Mystery, if a crumb falls to the ground, we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the Word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh are being poured into our ears, we pay no heed (*In Psalmum 147*).

I am delighted that Peter has shown us that it is not too hard to recognise that God's Word and Christ's flesh are poured into our ears, and that they set us free and give us life and joy.

"I was delighted to be asked to speak on behalf of the College as Peter terminates his near 30 years on the faculty. I was Master of CTC when Peter was first appointed a lecturer. In that time he has been a quiet, courteous and faithful contributor to the life and mission of the College. He will be sadly missed."

—Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM

A sacred journey to the heartlands of our faith

In November and December 2018, CTC hosted a study tour of the Biblical Lands. Tour coordinator and co-leader **Dr Rosemary Canavan** describes the journey.

The anticipation is over. The moment has come. We are boarding the plane from Melbourne bound for Amman, Jordan, via Abu Dhabi. It is a great privilege to lead a study tour, which I do biannually along with my colleague and co-leader Fr Anthony Dean. From the very beginning, I am inspired by the enthusiasm of the travellers, who are a varied group of students and auditors, religious, ordained and lay, retired and employed. In 2019, our 25 travellers started out from a number of destinations including Korea, Norfolk Island, Queensland and Sydney, as well as Melbourne, to meet either on the journey or at Amman. What brings these people together is a yearning to see the places of the Bible and to deepen their faith and understanding by unfolding the Scriptures at significant biblical sites. This is a journey of 30 days, covering biblical sites in Jordan, Israel, Palestine (Bethlehem), Turkey and Greece, with an optional three days in Rome. It is a journey of discovery at so many levels.

Arriving in Amman, it is so good to see our friend and guide Fadi Haddad, who greets us at the airport and whisks us off in our bus to collect other travellers and to get underway



with an orientation of Amman and a visit to the Jordan Museum. With the sun going down on the citadel, we gratefully arrive at our haven for the next two days: a resort on the banks of the Dead Sea. The weariness of travel drifts away as we relax, making a late start after breakfast and taking a float in the Dead Sea.

The baptismal site 'Bethany Beyond the Jordan' (Al-Maghtas) is a fitting way to immerse ourselves in the journey. This site visibly affects its visitors: quietness and contemplation descend as we walk; wonder arises on our faces as the baptistery is revealed; and a celebration of the Eucharist together at the water's edge renews our souls. Viewing the Promised Land as Moses did from Mount Nebo takes on a special glow in the setting sun. Our time in Jordan is brief but a fitting beginning to our journey.

We cross into Israel at the northern gate, having visited Gadara with

its magnificent panorama across the Galilee. Crossing borders, and changing buses and guides are all part of the journey, reminding us that these are still troubled lands with tensions barely hidden.

In Galilee we stay in a resort on a Kibbutz on the shores of the lake, where we have time to reflect and walk in this place of Jesus and his disciples. Hearing the gospel is never the same after walking, seeing, experiencing these places that are the well-read gospel stories of our lives. Most dramatic is the boat ride we take on the lake. The wind is already up, and the large boat is bumping against the pier in the wash from the other departing boats. Climbing aboard is a faith step in itself! It is customary for the boat to cut its engine for a few minutes to allow passengers a moment of prayerful reflection out on the lake, but this day it is not possible, so we decide to begin reading the account



of the storm on the sea (Mark 4:35–41) and immediately it begins to rain. As the words of the gospel are read, we are embraced in our own storm, which dramatically ceases as we reach the shore.

Bethlehem and Jerusalem—such hallowed ground! The early morning walk through the ancient streets to the Holy Sepulchre and Mass at the altar of the crucifixion help us to leave the distractions of the markets behind as we approach the place of the resurrection. A special point of interest is our visit to the City of David, taking us down to the original water source and bringing us out near the Siloam pool. Bethlehem, with its huge Christmas tree in Manger Square, brings our thoughts to the approaching celebration of Christmas. It is, though, in Shepherd's Field—celebrating Mass, exploring an underground cave church and singing a carol in the chapel—that we capture a sense of the Lukan story and the announcement of the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds.

Istanbul provides an exotic contrast to Jerusalem yet reveals treasures such as the Hagia Sophia and the Chora Church, testament to the growth of Christianity beyond the time of Jesus. Smyrna (modern Izmir), Pergamon and Sardis reveal the churches of Revelation. To walk through Ephesus is to imagine Paul preaching and working, escaping from the silversmith's riot, making his mark and touching hearts and souls in this city. Before leaving Turkey, we visit an Australian sacred space, Gallipoli, and remember those who died there.

Greece is such a Christian experience, with all the Christmas decorations adorning the villages. It is possible to visualise Paul stepping off his boat at Neapolis (today's Kavala) and making his way to Philippi. In Thessaloniki, we can only imagine Paul preaching here as the first-century ruins are few and are surrounded by the modern city. Passing through Beroia, Paul is encountered proclaiming the Good News. The visit to Meteora is

a mystical interlude, before arriving in Athens and visiting Corinth. Some fellow travellers take leave of us in Athens to return to Australia or to journey on to new destinations. Those remaining take the plane with us to Rome.

We have just three days in Rome, but long enough to visit the forum and the Colosseum, wander the ancient port of Ostia Antica, take in the magnificence of Paul outside the Walls Basilica and plumb the depths of San Clemente to the Mithraeum. Those long days that had spread out ahead of us close over quickly now, and the bonds of faith and friendship built on this journey will be held close at heart as we return to our homes or make our way to other destinations. This sacred journey to our heartland continues to weave Good News and wonder as we return to embrace our families, Christmas and our ongoing call to the live the Word.

Join us for our next tour of the Biblical Lands in November–December 2020.

STUDY TOUR 2019

'Footsteps of Faith' Encountering the Christian Tradition



27 days
including 3 days'
travel, staying in
4 hotels



Clonmacnoise High Cross. Photo by Sarah Murphy.

19 September – 15 October 2019

Join us on this exciting 27-day study tour, as we walk in the footsteps of saints and scholars, exploring our Christian tradition. Journey together on a pilgrimage of spirituality and faith, as history comes alive. Learn from the people and places of the past about the life of faith that is ours today.

DUBLIN—5 days

The monastic tradition at Clonmacnoise; the Reformation in Ireland; Kilkenny; John Henry Newman; Apostolic religious in Australia; Maynooth and Daniel Mannix; Trinity College and the Book of Kells

LONDON—7 days

Julian of Norwich; Reformation England; Margaret Clitherow and York Minster; Downside and Bath; Stonor Park and St Edmund Campion; Thomas More; the Chapel Royal at the Tower of London; John Henry Newman at Littlemore and Oxford

BOLOGNA—6 days

Ravenna and the Eastern tradition; Milan; Sts Ambrose and Charles Borromeo; Bologna, Trent and Florence

ROME—6 days

Ancient and modern Rome; Sts Peter and Paul; Catacombs of San Callisto; San Clemente; Basilicas; Sts Benedict and Scholastica at Subiaco; Orvieto; Angelus in St Peter's Square; St Peter's; Vatican II; Vatican Museums.

Tour leaders



Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM



Rev. Dr Max Vodola



Dr Frances Baker RSM

Study opportunities

This tour can be assessed for credit for two units in Church History or in Spirituality, at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Cost

Travel: \$13,498 per person, twin share

Audit fee: \$1,200 (paid to CTC by all travellers)

Land only (without airfares): \$11,198

Single-traveller supplement: \$3,798

**A FEW
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New faces



Assoc. Prof. Adam Cooper
Systematic Theology

Adam was born among the Enga tribes—folk in highland Papua New Guinea, the son of missionary parents. For a while he lived at the foot of

Mount Kilimanjaro. Today he lives in Geelong with his wife Lizzy and son Ben. He delights in the daily commute to and from Melbourne with V/Line at the small cost of a backache and less than \$9 a day.

In previous decades, Adam was a Lutheran pastor and a lecturer at the John Paul II Institute. He has doctorates from Durham and Rome, and has published four theology books. Mostly he likes to climb frozen waterfalls, swim in the ocean and lead priests' retreats in PNG. When he is not pursuing such adventures, he teaches and researches in the disciplines of Systematic Theology and Church History, with a focus on the Greek fathers, the theology of the body and the doctrine of deification.

CTC students seem to be enjoying his new subject, "The World of the Church Fathers: History, Theology, Spirituality". His theological heroes are Paul, Origen, Maximus the Confessor, Luther and Henri de Lubac. His current project, which he has been working on for a while, is learning how to pray.



Prof. Jānis (John) Tāivaldis Ozoliņš
Philosophy

John is Professor in the College of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Honorary Fellow and Guest Professor

at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia, Lecturer at Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, Melbourne, and Professor of Philosophy (retired) at the Australian Catholic University. He was also Inaugural Crawford Miller Visiting Research Fellow at St Cross College, Oxford. He has been a visiting professor at Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, and at the University of St Thomas, Houston, Texas.

He is Editor of *Analysis and Metaphysics*, former editor of *Res Disputandae*, formerly *Ethics Education*, and an editorial consultant on a number of international refereed journals. He has interests in the metaphysics of Aquinas, Eastern philosophy, the philosophy of education and applied ethics, and has numerous publications in these areas. His work has been translated into French, Spanish, Turkish, Polish, Ukrainian and Chinese. He has also published in his native language, Latvian.



Rev. Dr Justin Glynn SJ
Moral Theology

Justin grew up in South Africa and practised law there and in New Zealand (for a total of around eleven years) before moving to Australia

in 2009 in order to join the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He felt particularly drawn to the relational sense of God in all things that shines through Ignatius' spirituality and the accompanying realisation that God's love (and our service of God) calls us to walk with our neighbour in ever new and unexpected ways.

While still in New Zealand, Justin completed a doctorate in international and administrative law. As someone with a significant disability himself, he has always felt for people who are "on the outer" and has worked extensively with other people with disabilities and with refugees—both as a lawyer and as a Jesuit. He was ordained a priest in 2016 and was missioned to Ottawa to study canon law.

Since then, he has been back in Australia practising canon law, as well as doing supply as a priest. Since December, he has been practising civil law once again, as General Counsel to the Australian Jesuits. Outside various shades of law, Justin enjoys languages and music and has sung in choirs pretty much everywhere he has lived.



Rev. Dr Paschal Corby OFM Conv.
Moral Theology and Canon Law

Paschal is a member of the Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law. He lectures in moral theology, and previously lectured

in bioethics at the John Paul II Institute. He is a priest of the Conventual Franciscan Friars and assistant priest at St Joseph's Parish, Springvale. His doctoral thesis from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family (Rome) was awarded the Sub Auspiciis Prize for outstanding dissertations.

Opening Mass

To mark the beginning of the academic year, the College community gathered on 1 March for the Opening Mass. After the Mass, staff and students mingled and chatted, and enjoyed refreshments provided by the SRC.



Celebrating Mass at CTC

During semester, Mass is normally celebrated at 1.05pm from Monday to Thursday in the chapel. All students and staff are warmly invited to attend.



SRC barbecue and Archbishop's visit

On Wednesday 20 March, members of the CTC community gathered in the Student Common Room for a barbecue lunch provided by the SRC. They were joined by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, who addressed students informally afterwards and spent time answering their questions on topics ranging from his hobbies and approach to homily preparation to the attributes of a good leader and why he entered the priesthood.



Ordinations

In recent months, we celebrated the ordinations of twelve CTC students.

- On Saturday 24 November 2018, **Rev. Nathan Paul Verallo** was ordained to the Priesthood and to the Sacred Order of Presbyters at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo.
- On Saturday 24 November 2018, **Mark Chia CSsR, Vinsensius Lolo CSsR, Joseph Son Nguyen CSsR** and **Timoteus Terong Tapoona CSsR** were ordained to the Priesthood at St Paschal's Chapel in Box Hill.
- On Saturday 8 December 2018, **Br Carter Tanaboe OP** and **Br William Sotabatu OP** were ordained to the Diaconate at St Dominic's Church, Camberwell.
- On Saturday 15 December 2018, **Rev. Paul Van Hiep Nguyen** was ordained to the Priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale.

- On Saturday 1 December 2018, **Jack Kitichai Saisawang SDN** was ordained to the Diaconate at St Joseph's Church in Collingwood.
- On Saturday 5 January 2019, **Rev. Avinash George** was ordained to the Priesthood at Sacred Heart Church in Kerala, India.
- On Saturday 19 January 2019, **Rev. Anthony Anusit Chanphen SDB** was ordained to the Priesthood at St Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Hua Hin, Prachuabkhirikhan, Thailand.
- On Tuesday 19 March 2019, **Ravi Muvvala** was ordained to the Diaconate at Holy Family Catholic Church in Parkes, NSW.

Warmest congratulations to each of the newly ordained. Our prayers and good wishes accompany them.

New SRC

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the College's Student Representative Council for 2019.



Vinco Muriyadan
President



Jun Diaz
Vice President



Sebastian Condon
Treasurer



Michelle Eastwood
Academic Board
Representative



Dominic Aung Ko Myint
Secretary



Ayanthi Perera
Executive Member



Jean Sebastian Gery
OH&S Representative

New University of Divinity Library Hub— library.divinity.edu.au

The new and improved Library Hub went live in December 2018. The site has a fresh new look and feel, and a number of enhancements, including:

- better integrated search options, allowing users to click between “Journal Articles & More” and “Books & eBooks” searches. This latter option searches UDCat (the University’s combined library catalogue) and is the best way to know if a book is available within the University, either as a print publication or an eBook. As well as borrowing from Mannix Library, all CTC staff and students are eligible to borrow from any of the libraries that are associated with the University of Divinity
- additional search options (e.g. theses)
- live chat, through the “Ask a librarian” option
- integration with LibGuides, a range of subject-based and general information guides being developed in 2019
- mobile-responsive design
- space to showcase University of Divinity special collections

- a link to all library-related news posted on Vox (vox.divinity.edu.au/libraries)
- better integration with the new University of Divinity website.

The University of Divinity Library Hub was launched in February 2016 and provides all currently enrolled students, staff and other members of the University with access to an extensive range of online resources. This includes full-text databases, eJournals, eBooks, and a range of other useful links and resources. An A–Z list of all of the databases available via the Library Hub can be found at divinity.libguides.com.

Mannix Library staff manage the Library Hub on behalf of all members of the University. At the end of 2018, the agreement between the University of Divinity and Mannix Library to manage the Library Hub was renewed for a further three years (2019–2021). Library staff are always keen to make improvements to the Library Hub, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please email your feedback to library@divinity.edu.au.

New Mannix Library website— mannix.org.au

Over the summer, Mannix Library also moved to a new library management system and launched a new library website. After more than twenty years using their previous system, and having spent over a year investigating various options, library staff were pleased to move to a system that will have many benefits for both library staff and borrowers. Benefits of the new system for library staff include workflow efficiencies, streamlined cataloguing processes and additional functionality not available in the library’s old system. Using a system based on WorldCat, the world’s largest bibliographic database, will allow staff to reuse standard bibliographic, serial, vendor and other data with libraries all around the world. The new WorldCat Discovery interface will also be familiar to many users as it will have the same look and feel as the University’s combined library catalogue—UDCat. Mannix Library staff were unanimous in their decision to move to the new library services platform, OCLC’s WorldShare Management Services (WMS), and are all looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that will flow from the new system.



Launch of Mannix Library's new Special Collections Room

On Friday 15 February, a gathering was held in Mannix Library to celebrate the launch of the library's new Special Collections Room. The event was also an opportunity for library staff to showcase the new website for the Archbishop Goold Special Collection and demonstrate the library's newly installed A2 scanner. **Kerrie Burn, Manager of the Mannix Library, describes how this all came about.**

For the past two years, Mannix Library staff have been involved with a project funded by the Australian Research Council titled *A Baroque Archbishop in Colonial Australia: James Alipius Goold, 1812–1886*. Goold was Melbourne's first Catholic Archbishop and made a significant contribution to colonial Melbourne, amassing significant collections of artworks and books, and commissioning the

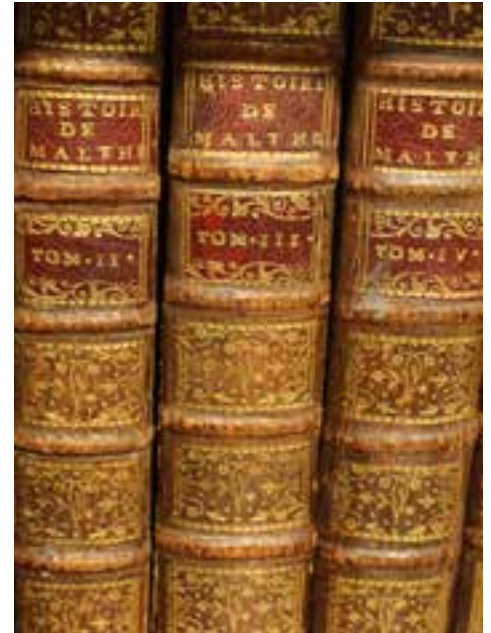


construction of St Patrick's Cathedral. Contributions by Mannix Library staff to the Goold project to date have included: several talks and conference presentations, including at the Goold Symposium in February 2018; research into and curation of an exhibition of Goold books at Catholic Theological College; the creation of a website to showcase Goold's library (gooldlibrary.omeka.net); writing articles for the project's blog; co-authorship of a chapter on Goold's

library in a forthcoming book, *The Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Archbishop and a Gothic Architect*; and preparation for an exhibition of the same name being held at the Old Treasury Building from 31 July 2019 to January 2020.

Archbishop Goold amassed a significant personal library during the course of his lifetime, and on his death his books were left to the diocesan library. Over the years, this





collection was variously dispersed and largely forgotten. In fact, prior to the project, staff at Mannix Library had no way of knowing whether any items in its collection had previously belonged to Goold, as no information indicating Goold provenance had ever been included in library catalogue records. However, more than a thousand discrete volumes with Goold provenance have now been identified at Mannix Library and a new Special Collection created of these items. Some Goold books are also located at the Melbourne Diocesan Historical Commission, and items from both collections are gradually being catalogued, digitised and added to the Goold Library website.

Digitisation of items from the Goold collection is being facilitated by the installation of a new A2 scanner. This purchase was funded by the University of Divinity in support of a new target in the Library Resources goal of the University's Strategic Plan. Although located in the Mannix

Library, the scanner will facilitate University-wide digitisation projects. Over the course of 2019, Mannix library staff will develop several strategic digitisation projects with the intention of showcasing other special collections held across the University. The aim is to enhance the accessibility of these collections and to promote their future research potential.

As well as housing both the new scanner and items from the Goold Collection, the new Special Collections Room will also display and showcase other rare and unique resources that are held by Mannix Library. These include the antiquities and coin collections formerly owned by Br Rod Doyle CFC, the Rare Books Collection (including pre-1800 works and incunabula), *Corpus Christianorum*, Migne's *Patrologia Latina* and *Patrologia Graeca*, and a new CTC Staff Publications Collection. At the launch, I noted that I wished to embrace a broad understanding of what it means to be "special". This

is the reason that the new room is called the Special Collections Room rather than the Goold or the Rare Books Room. I also spoke about the chain of events that lead to the construction of the room in a space formerly dedicated to the housing of the library's journal collection. The launch was also a time to offer thanks to all who had contributed to the project, which was a real team effort spanning many months.

It is hoped that the new Special Collections Room will itself be a resource for both library users and all those associated with Catholic Theological College. It can be used by all staff and students, can be booked for meetings or presentations, and will be particularly useful for researchers wishing to access items from any of the library's special collections.

A joyous Easter to all



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University of Divinity Graduation Ceremony,
St Paul's Cathedral, March 2019
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Back cover image

Sunset at Mt Nebo, Jordan
(photo by Rosemary Canavan)