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# *Tolle Lege*

## *March 2016*

### Welcome from the Master



I'm delighted to extend a very warm welcome to all staff and students as we commence the new academic year. As I mentioned at the opening Mass, it's a tremendous surge of activity and life as classes get underway after many weeks of preparation. We're blessed to have a large cohort of new students and I'm very pleased to see that everyone is looking much more at home now.

I'm especially pleased to welcome our new Jesuit seminarians from Jesuit Theological College, which was approved last Friday by our Senate as an affiliated seminary of CTC. This makes a total of seven seminaries affiliated to CTC, representing eleven dioceses and religious institutes. There is a long tradition of Jesuit academic involvement in CTC and its predecessor colleges, currently very ably represented by Rev. Dr Hoa Trung Dinh sj as a lecturer and Rev. Prof. Gerald O'Collins sj AC, who is an honorary research fellow and a supervisor of one of our doctoral students. We can look forward confidently to the ongoing involvement of the Society of Jesus at CTC in their newly formalised partnership with the college.

*~ Very Rev. Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay*

### What is Tolle Lege?

*Tolle Lege* is the newsletter of Catholic Theological College. Its title, Latin for 'Take and Read' is a lighthearted play on the words St Augustine heard a child chanting in a garden just prior to his conversion. It comes out in March, June, September and December of each year and contains reports on the activities and achievements of the College and its departments, of the SRC and of individual staff members and students, both past and present who have been involved in newsworthy events. It was formerly distributed in hard copy but of recent years has been circulated via email. Any member of the CTC community who has something of interest that they would like to publish in *Tolle Lege* is invited to forward it to the editor [Austin.Cooper@ctc.edu.au](mailto:Austin.Cooper@ctc.edu.au) or to [Catherine.Place@ctc.edu.au](mailto:Catherine.Place@ctc.edu.au) for inclusion in the newsletter.



### Outgoing Student Representative Council

Brendan Lindsay and the members of the outgoing SRC deserve to be congratulated and thanked by all the members of the College for the work done during 2015. Care of the Common Room, organising social events and representing the interests and concerns of students provide an invaluable service. This is not simply a matter of 'good form', or diplomacy. Making people feel part of the College is an essential aspect of our Baptismal grace: we are no longer strangers and foreigners but members of the household of God. In his comments at the Opening Mass Brendan made us aware that people come to CTC precisely because of this great tradition.

## Opening Mass & Festivities

On Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> a large body of students and staff gathered to celebrate Mass together and ask the blessing of God on the academic year just begun. Fr Shane Mackinlay, Master of the College was the principal celebrant and to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Eugene de Mazenod's founding of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Fr Daniel Szewc omi, Rector of St Mary's Seminary and one of the College's doctoral candidates, gave a fine homily. He reflected on the readings of the day in the light of the fundamental mission of both his Order and the College to hand on to others our tradition, which he described as neither dull nor tedious but as 'all those things which we ourselves love and treasure'. After Mass everyone enjoyed drinks and a light meal organised by the SRC. Br William Loh op took some photographs.



## Student Representative Council Members for 2016

Congratulations and thanks to the newly elected members of the SRC. We wish them well for the year ahead and are grateful for their willingness to become more fully immersed in the life of the College.



Top Row, Left to Right: President & Academic Board Representative: Samuel Pearson; Vice-President: Moira Tauiliili; Secretary & Academic Board Representative: Adrian Yance mgl; OHS Rep: Rosario Lobo mgl

Bottom Row, Left to Right: Library Representative: Onesimus Gaspi oath; Contributing Member: Br. Laurence Bosekana op; Contributing Member: Lourenco Neves

## From the Registrar's Desk

### **Peer Support**

Did you know that as part of CTC's commitment to providing appropriate support for students, trained Peer Contact Officers are available to meet with you, listen to your concerns and offer advice where appropriate? So if you have worries or issues about any aspect of your life at CTC don't just grin and bear it, approach one of the people listed below and sort it out!

### **Peer Contact Officers**

Mr Brendan Lindsay (student) [peercontactofficer@ctc.edu.au](mailto:peercontactofficer@ctc.edu.au)

Ms Sandy Starbuck (student) [peercontactofficer@ctc.edu.au](mailto:peercontactofficer@ctc.edu.au)

Ms Lisa Gerber (Mannix Library staff) [lisa.gerber@ctc.edu.au](mailto:lisa.gerber@ctc.edu.au)

Rev. Dr. Phillip Gleeson sdb (teaching staff) [phillip.gleeson@ctc.edu.au](mailto:phillip.gleeson@ctc.edu.au)



Registrar: Jude Caspersz

### **ARK**

Subsequent to the recent upgrade, there have been several students experiencing difficulty in access to ARK. Even for the continuing students who have successfully accessed ARK in the past – there is frustration with past units appearing in an unusual manner and teaching staff have also been affected. These problems are being addressed and hopefully will soon be completely resolved. Apologies to those who have suffered inconvenience. Communication with my counterparts at other colleges reveals this is a common experience across the University. Our understanding is that the Vice-Chancellor's Office is working with the provider to explore possible solutions.

*Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jude Caspersz, Registrar: [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au); or 9412 3309 at any time should you require assistance.*

### **Endnote**

An invitation went out recently to all staff, postgraduate and research students regarding free seminars for this powerful program. Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin will be sharing his skills and expertise on how he efficiently managed all his referencing for his recent doctoral thesis. Response has been very strong. If interested, please advise Jude Caspersz, Registrar: [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au).

### **Session details**

- Session 1: \*5pm Wed Mar 16 (Kelly) or 1pm Thurs Mar 17 (Knox)
- Session 2: 1pm Thurs Apr 14 (Knox) or 5pm Thurs Apr 14 (Knox)
- \*(We have especially aligned this session to the Research Students' Dinner)

For those who do not fit into one of the above categories, unfortunately the free licence for *Endnote* cannot be made available to you at this time. However, after some students have approached me, we are now aware that there are some free licensed products available on the internet that are in some ways comparable to *Endnote*. Please see Mr Huw Sandaver our technical service librarian for more information.

## University of Divinity: Academic Board

This year the following CTC staff & students are to serve on University of Divinity Academic Board:

- ❖ Shane Mackinlay: CTC Representative
- ❖ Field Representatives: Cal Ledsham, Catherine Playoust, Max Vodola, Frances Baker
- ❖ Research Committee Chair: Kevin Lenehan
- ❖ LARC Chair: Kerrie Burn
- ❖ HDR Student representative: Amanda Smith

Warmest congratulations to all for their willingness to serve the University in this capacity.

## Farewell to CTC's long serving librarian,

### Tony McCumstie

A large group of colleagues, friends and distinguished guests including Bishop Terry Curtin, Vice Chancellor of the University of Divinity Peter Sherlock, Mr Francis Moore and Mr Tom Carr together with the Master of CTC, Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay, Deputy Master, Dr Frances Baker and Dr. Gerard O'Shea of the John Paul II Institute gathered on 12<sup>th</sup> February in the Senior Common Room to farewell long-serving librarian Tony McCumstie and to thank him for 23 years of service as Librarian of what was formerly the Corpus Christi College Library and what is now the Mannix Library. Tributes to Tony's professional expertise, graciousness, modesty and generous service to library users were tendered by Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay and Dr Gerard O'Shea. Bishop Terry Curtin, in addition to his own words of appreciation, read a letter of tribute from Archbishop Denis Hart which detailed Tony's outstanding professional contribution to the Library as well as noting 'the strong personal commitment to the Catholic faith which always underpinned (his) professional work.' In response Tony expressed his gratitude for the years of satisfying and rewarding work in the College library which he described as a delightful environment. He offered special thanks to the 'wonderful women' with whom he has worked over the years; to Kerrie Burn, the present Librarian, to Rosalie Cotter, a former long term colleague and to Lisa Gerber who continues in her role as Library technician at Mannix. He reminded everyone that he was not quite retiring. Tony will continue his role as librarian in two smaller collections, one belonging to the Oblate Fathers in Mulgrave, the other to the Blessed Sacrament Fathers at St Francis' in the city. He also hopes to spend some time brushing up his tennis technique. The whole community of Catholic Theological College thanks Tony for his years of service and wishes him well in the years ahead.



### University of Divinity Library Hub ~ [www.divinity.edu.au/library](http://www.divinity.edu.au/library)

All staff and students of the University of Divinity now have access a wide range of online library resources via the new Library Hub. These include eJournals, databases, eBooks and other reference resources. After a competitive selection process in late 2015, Mannix Library was awarded responsibility for the development and ongoing management of the Library Hub. In addition, the Mannix Library Manager, Kerrie Burn, is now authorised to negotiate with vendors on behalf of the University, and liaise with its associated libraries in order to maximise the benefits of the Library Hub. The University Council has approved the Library Hub agreement with Mannix Library, together with a significant increase in library funding from 2016 to support the project. The Vice Chancellor, Peter Sherlock noted that the Council was very enthusiastic about the proposal, and recognised that this is a "game-changer" for the University. As well as an improved service for staff and students it is anticipated that the project will also result in considerable cost savings for all libraries. The University of Divinity Library Hub was officially launched on Friday 19 February.

### The Chapel

Mass is usually celebrated in the Chapel daily during semester at lunchtime (1.05pm).

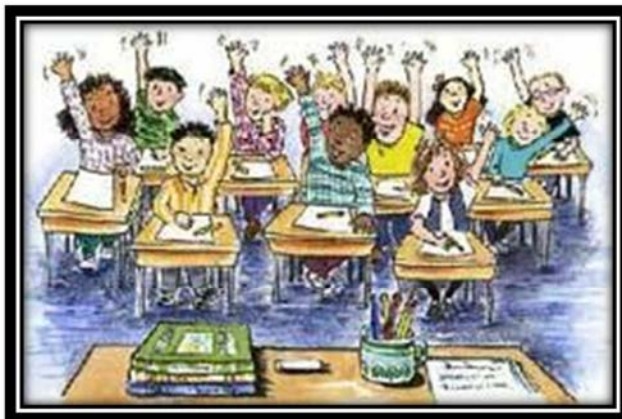
Catherine Place has kindly taken on the general oversight of the Sacristy. But if you can offer to help setting up for daily Mass, your assistance might be useful on an ad hoc basis. If you are able to do so please check with celebrant if there's anything the needs to be done.



## CTC 'in the Outback'

The College has had a long tradition of offering units in regional centres. Over the years many units have been taught in Traralgon, Syndal, Shepparton, Bendigo, Werribee and other centres. This year a new Graduate Certificate to Teach RE program has commenced at Craigieburn with a big enrolment: Dr Frances Baker rsm (Deputy Master and Head of the Moral Theology and Canon Law Department) is the co-ordinator of this course, as well as the GCTRE program that is continuing at Werribee. Dr Catherine Playoust is lecturing in first unit.

CTC also offers a Graduate Certificate in Theology program in Shepparton for those involved in pastoral ministry in the diocese of Sandhurst.



## Growing in Partnership: the University of Divinity Strategic Plan 2016-2025



The Strategic Plan for 2016-2025 was approved by the University Council last November. You can read it in its entirety [here](#) on the University's website.

A very readable introduction to the document by the Vice-Chancellor Peter Sherlock sets out the vision and mission of the University noting that we are already rooted in partnership in that every member of the University belongs to the University through his or her membership of a particular College. The foundation stone for collaboration together is already firmly laid. Not only does the plan envisage closer partnership and collaboration within the University's Colleges but it also aims 'to restore a critical component to public debate about faith, belief, and religion' and to engage the scholarship of the University with the challenges

facing society.

The document sets out specific goals for the University over the next ten years. There are 'pilot' goals in which one or other of the college's forms and tests new partnerships; for example a proposed Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander consultation to discover the most useful ways of engaging and supporting indigenous students in theological studies.

There are 'program' goals in which a committee or an individual college sets itself (in partnership with other Colleges) to deliver a new program or activity across the university; for example, offering a Bachelor of Arts degree built around a core of theological studies which would be taught in the context of other liberal arts disciplines.

Finally there are 'service' goals led by a committee or senior officer of the University to ensure that quality services support the work of the whole university; for example, a proposal to establish a University of Divinity Press with the aim of enhancing the quality and output of the University's research culture, and its international reputation for scholarship.

Part of one service goal has already been achieved in the establishment of a Library Hub (managed by our own Mannix Library on behalf of the University) to enhance greater collaboration across the University's libraries and to identify communication tools to deliver these resources across the whole University.

Each of the goals (and there are several in each category) will be reviewed at regular intervals over the next ten years to determine their feasibility and relevance in a rapidly changing world.

Vice-Chancellor Peter Sherlock concluded his prologue to the Strategic Plan with these inspirational words: 'From 2016 in partnerships developed through this Plan, the University aims to serve the church through formation of ministers and leaders; to serve the academy through the development and growth of theological scholarship; and to serve the wider world through applying that scholarship where it is most needed'.

Why not have a closer look at '[Growing in Partnership](#)' yourself?

## CTC Study Tour of the Biblical Lands



A 33-day tour of Jordan, Israel, Palestine and Turkey led by CTC lecturers Dr. Rosemary Canavan and Rev. Tony Dean cm will leave Melbourne on November 12<sup>th</sup> and return on December 15<sup>th</sup>. There are still a couple of places available and the tour can be assessed for credit for two units of study at under-graduate or postgraduate level.

If you would like further details please contact Jenny Delahunt [Jenny.Delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:Jenny.Delahunt@ctc.edu.au) as soon as possible.

## The Holy Family Sculpture



You will have noticed the new sculpture in the stairwell. This bronze bas-relief dates from 1970 and was commissioned for the Mercy Hospital for Women in East Melbourne. When the hospital building was closed in 2005, attempts were made to relocate its various artworks to other sites operated by Mercy Health. It was not possible to find an appropriate location for this sculpture, which therefore remained in storage. In late 2015, it was offered to the Archdiocese for the Thomas Carr Centre. After much careful planning, coordinated by Martin Green, the sculpture was installed in early January. An appropriate plaque is being prepared, which will be in place for a formal handover to the Archdiocese and blessing by Archbishop Hart on Thursday 31 March, at 5pm.

*A Very Happy Easter to All!*

