



# Tolle Lege

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### Welcome from the Master

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Welcome to a new year at CTC, in what has been a quite short teaching period prior to the Easter break. This semester sees almost 350 students at the College, which is a very encouraging increase of nearly 15% from this time last year. I hope that those of you who are new to the College quickly come to feel at home amongst us.



These are very challenging times for Catholics, both from internal and external pressure, as we continue our engagement with the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry and prepare for the forthcoming Royal Commission. As we seek to ensure that our Church is characterised by the utmost integrity, and by a commitment to uphold the dignity and well-being of all those with whom we are in contact, we need to return again to the foundations of our Christian faith and mission.

I am confident that the learning and research undertaken at CTC will continue its vital work of forming people who are confident and well-informed in articulating and reflecting on their faith, and well-prepared to take up their part in the Church's mission.

### Who's who at CTC

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The following pen portraits might help introduce those who play an important role at CTC, especially for those who are new to the College. The following extracts from our Who's Who at CTC includes the Executive of the College (the Master, Deputy Master, Dean and Associate Dean) and those who assist them (The Registrar, the Master's EA and the Academic Records Office). Also included are the Librarians and finally, the people at Reception.

#### The Executive

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**Master: Very Rev Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay** was ordained priest for the Ballarat diocese in 1991. While resident at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, he completed a BTheol and other studies at CTC, and a BA at Monash University. After appointments to Colac and Ballarat, he undertook an MPhil at the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium). When he returned to Australia, he spent 4 years as a parish priest in Ballarat, while also working in the Bishop's Office, and teaching part-time at CTC and at the Ballarat campus of ACU. After doctoral studies at Leuven, he became Parish Priest of Bungaree, where he still lives when he is not in Melbourne at CTC or to attend one of the cultural events he enjoys.

**Deputy Master: Dr Frances Baker** is a Sister of Mercy with Arts and Education degrees from Melbourne University, has taught biology and history in Mercy schools and was Principal of St Aloysius College North Melbourne for 12 years. After graduating with a BTheol from MCD, Frances completed a Licentiate and Doctorate in Theology (specialising in Moral Theology) at Gregorian University, Rome. Frances has also lectured at JTC and ACU, and in 2007 being elected Deputy Master, came to CTC full-time. Frances serves as Deputy Chair of the MCD University of Divinity Academic Board and on the Ethics Committee of Mercy Health. Her interests include family history and Mercy history in Victoria.



**Academic Dean: Rev Dr Brian Boyle.** This is my ninth year at CTC, having arrived in 2005. I have been the Dean since 2006 and will finish my second 4-year term at the end of this year. I came to CTC from the University of Notre Dame Australia in Fremantle, where I was also the Dean of the College of Theology. I am a priest of the Diocese of Sandhurst (Bendigo) but I live in Melbourne as I am full-time at CTC. I am the German language Catholic chaplain here in Melbourne and I live in the house provided for this, adjacent to our church, in Camberwell. I have been teaching Scripture, and especially the Old Testament, since 1984. I really enjoy teaching the Scriptures and I enjoy the interaction with staff and students in our academic learning here at CTC.



**Associate Dean (Postgraduate and Research): Dr Rosemary Canavan.**

I arrived in Melbourne on 5 January 2011 to take up the position of Postgraduate Co-ordinator here at CTC. Since then, having completed my doctorate, I was appointed Associate Dean (Postgraduate and Research). My previous career extended over seventeen years in the training and employment services industry where I held many roles including training, site and marketing manager. I am married and have two wonderful sons, one of whom is married. In my spare time I love to travel, sing, cycle, swim and enjoy movies and classical music.



## And assisting the Executive

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**Master's Executive Assistant: Jill Allen.** I began working at Catholic Theological College in November 2011 after working in Catholic Communications for 4 years. My interests include catching up with family and friends, reading, dancing, music, going to the beach and the movies and walking. I have 3 lovely, grown daughters who I just adore.



**Registrar: Karan Smith** commenced in the role of Registrar at CTC in January. Karan brings a variety of skills and experiences to the role having for the past 6 years worked at senior management level within St John of God Health Care. Her area of responsibility and interest was in organisational development, with particular emphasis in the area of Mission and organisational culture. Prior to this she worked for a number of years in Pakistan where the focus of her work was in education and capacity building. Karan has an interest in organisational development and systems (the human kind), particularly in relation to service delivery and has qualifications in Theology, Educational Studies, and Leadership.

## Academic Records Office

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**Rose Sultana:** I have worked in the Academic Records Office at Catholic Theological College since January 2009 and am very much enjoying it. My current duties include undergraduate enrolments, accounts receivable and international students. My interests include spending time with my family (husband John, daughter Emilie and son Nicholas), soccer and cooking.

**Jenny Delahunt:** I have worked in Catholic Theological College's Academic Records Office for almost ten years. My current duties include: postgraduate and research enrolments and publicity, including the handbook and website. Due to my interests in records management, IT and history I hold the following four degrees: Bachelor of Business (Information and Library Studies) (RMIT); Master of Business Information Technology (Information Management) (RMIT); Graduate Diploma in Theology (MCD) and Master of Arts (Church History) (MCD). I am an avid reader, love watching movies, and would watch tennis 24 hours a day if I could.



## Librarians

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**Tony McCumstie:** B.A., B.Theol., Grad. Dip. Lib., Grad. Dip. Comp. Tony worked in a number of academic and corporate libraries before coming to Corpus Christi College Library at Clayton in 1993. Since then, he has overseen the relocation and development of the collection to East Melbourne, (now Mannix Library). Since 1994, he has been very involved with ANZTLA (Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association) and was its President for a number of years. Tony is married to Claire and they have six children. He enjoys playing tennis, walking and cryptic crosswords – and the fortunes of the Collingwood football club.



**Rosalie Cotter:** B.A., Grad. Dip. Lib. Rosalie worked establishing a library at Catholic Family Welfare Bureau (now CatholicCare) from 1984 to 1992. A friend referred her to the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Library where she compiled a thesaurus of indexing terms for SIDS and applied them to the literature accumulated by the organization, which she then organized onto a database. A chance sighting of an advertisement led to her being employed by Corpus Christi Library at Clayton (now Mannix Library at CTC). Rosalie is a member of the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association (ANZTLA) and is an enthusiastic gardener and an avid reader.



**Lisa Gerber:** AssocDipSocSci (Swinburne). Lisa is mother of three sons and married to John. Lisa undertook library work when her boys had all commenced school. Working at Corpus Christi College Library Clayton and now at Mannix Library, Lisa enjoys her work meeting folk at the Library and being surrounded by this great collection. Her interests include gardening, cooking, reading, walking and looking after her dog, Rex.



## And Building Services staff who greet us at Reception ...

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**Tina Miller:** Tina has been with us for the last 15 months and is a nurse by profession. Tina has travelled widely with her husband Ken and they have three children aged 22, 14 and 12, the eldest being employed in theatre as a stage manager. Tina finds this a very interesting place in which to work especially during teaching time where the place is teeming with life and energy. So this place proves to be a very enjoyable one in which to work.



**Frank Lugo:** Frank will be with us while Kathleen Dymott is on leave for her wedding and honeymoon. Frank is from Santa Barbara in California and is spending a year or so in Australia after his University studies. He has worked at CTC previously for two weeks last year. For the last six months he has worked at Melbourne Aquarium. After his stint in Australia he will return home to his usual occupation: banking.





## Congratulations

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**Kathleen Dymott:** Kathleen is usually the other person greeting us at Reception. As we publish this edition of *Tolle Lege*, Kathleen is away on leave following her marriage to Garry Cheali on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The new Mr and Mrs Cheali will be touring Lebanon and Egypt on their honeymoon. All at CTC wish them every joy and blessing for their marriage.

## Two Friendly Guides Launched

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On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, the College was the scene of one of those social and academic occasions which we do so well when at the invitation of the Master, Fr Shane Mackinlay, the Reverend Professor Francis J. Moloney sdb AM launched two books by members of the CTC Faculty.

These were *A Friendly Guide to Luke's Gospel* written by Rev. Stuart Moran and *A Friendly Guide to Vatican II* by Rev. Dr Max Vodola. Both these eminently readable, useful and attractive publications were produced in the 'Friendly Guides' series by John Garratt. The sixty or so guests enjoyed the hospitality of the College after the formalities.

## And Another Book Launch: Clothed for Celebration

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What connection is there between Michelle Obama's dress at the Oscars, George Armani and Dolce & Gabana, and a book entitled *Clothing the Body of Christ at Colossae*? These threads were woven together deftly by Rev. Dr Michael Trainor AM as he launched the recently published book by Dr Rosemary Canavan. The essential link of clothing and identity was revealed as key to understanding the biblical text of the Letter to the Colossians. Dr Trainor commended the author on her 'careful work' which introduces a new approach to biblical interpretation: 'visual exegesis'

The author responded, framing her thanks in terms of the 'community of the book'. Dr Canavan recognised the connections of so many people through the ages, linking right back to the community of Christ followers who were originally address by the Letter to the Colossians. She celebrated particular associations and contributions including her family, principal researchers of the Colossae Project, 'the crazy Colossae crew' and many more. The reading of the biblical text featured in both the launch and the thanks. The words of the Letter to the Colossians were savoured among the assembled echoing the invitation in Colossians 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Col 3:16).



In the ambience of the foyer at Catholic Theological College guests mingled over refreshments and canapés. The celebration was heartily enjoyed graced by the hospitality of the Master, Very Rev. Assoc. Professor Shane Mackinlay.

## Study Tour of Bible Lands 2012

*'A journey can become a sacred thing' ("For the Traveller" by John O'Donohue).*

It was with great expectancy and excitement that eighteen travellers set out from Melbourne with their intrepid Tour Leaders, Dr Rosemary Canavan and Fr Tony Dean in November 2012. The demanding yet informative itinerary promised to open up Jordan, Israel, Turkey and Greece over 33 days.

Of the many significant sites, one captured the heart of our faith early. We were in Jordan to visit the baptismal site near Wadi Kharrah, now thought to be the place where John the Baptist was baptizing. This location is also associated with Bethany-across-the-Jordan, mentioned in John 1:28. As the group followed the path into this site, they fell silent. Intuitively they understood this as a sacred place. On reaching the water each engaged their own prayerful ritual, remembering their baptism.



Significantly in Advent time, Bethlehem revealed a timely message of the coming of Jesus to the world. Changing guides for the day to cross into Palestinian territory we were reminded that this land is still in need of the peace of Christ today. The presence of the wall was in stark contrast to the humble cave chapel in Shepherd's field. Celebrating Christmas will



forever have a new perspective.

Many travellers were moved by the sight of Jerusalem in the evening light and the walk through the old city at night to the 'wailing wall'. Many will long remember the stormy clouds threatening as we sailed on the Sea of Galilee and the moments of still quiet as the boat drifted and our hearts bowed in prayer.



Beyond the Holy Land, encountering the Hittite kingdom at Hattuša was a wonderful education in the sophistication of ancient cultures. Reading the Old Testament became real in these fields of former glory.



At the same time the familiar motif of the shepherd stole our imagination and wove this cultural landscape with our stories of faith.

Integral to this study tour was the group of travellers. The daily Eucharist became the hub of our community. Our life together on the journey cemented friendships,



tested patience, opened conversations, shared sorrows, wonders and joys. In a special way we are connected to that time and journey much as we can understand Jesus and Paul and their followers in their day. At Corinth as we celebrated mass outside, we felt a special bond with Paul and the Corinthian community of believers.

Back now sorting photos, telling the stories, and showing the souvenirs we return to our lives. Part of us is now inextricably linked to that journey. The readings at our Eucharist and in our studies now have depth and meaning. Just the name of a place can transport us back in an instant.

The next Study Tour of the Biblical Lands will depart in November 2014.

For further information contact Dr Rosemary Canavan: [rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)

## Theology Online

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Theology Online is a Learning Management System which was successfully trialled in some CTC units in 2012. This year all units offered by CTC now have a web page on Theology Online, which links to Turnitin for the submission of assignments. For first semester 2013, this means 52 Units! While MCD units are available for online study through Theology Online, at CTC the system is being utilized to support and augment the learning experience of students in face-to-face units. Theology Online provides a portable learning space where unit materials, readings, presentations and assessment tasks can be posted by the lecturer. This is one of the main benefits of the learning system for students. The system also supports discussions and forums between students and teacher, which can aid in the building of collegiality and support in the class. Theology Online is a resource that will become an integral resource demonstrating CTC's commitment to providing an excellent learning environment for students and staff.

For any enquiries regarding Theology Online, please contact the Registrar: Karan Smith

## Anzac Day Holiday

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While Victorian Universities remain open on local and state holidays such as Labour Day and Melbourne Cup, they close on national holidays such as Anzac Day. Classes which would normally occur on Anzac Day, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, will be held instead on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

## Mannix Library Opening Hours

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It is great to announce that, during the first Semester teaching periods, the Mannix Library will be open each Saturday (9:30am–5pm). For specific dates, check with the library staff or consult the notice outside the library or the library's website. This is a trial to determine the level of demand on Saturdays when there are no classes being conducted. It is hoped that this new initiative will help many students and faculty members.

## University Experience Survey

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Thank you to all students who participated in last December's University Experience Survey conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The information gained from this survey will prove very useful to Australian Higher Education generally and also will help to inform MCD University of Divinity of ways in which the student experience could be enhanced, as ACER will send each University an Institution Report consisting of aggregated results from our students' responses to the Survey. Five MCD University of Divinity students were selected randomly by ACER to win \$200 for participating in the Survey. A letter and a cheque for \$200 has been sent to these five students. Two students are studying at Yarra Theological Union, and one each at Catholic Theological College, United Faculty of Theology, and Australian Lutheran College.

## From the SRC

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- **Semester 1 Easter Barbeque:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April
- **SRC Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration**

The SRC believes it is important for the student body to pray for the College and foster an environment of prayer and faith, which makes the study of theology possible. In light of this, and in addition to the College Masses, the SRC organises weekly opportunities for prayer in the chapel, to which all students and members of the College community are invited:

  - Holy Rosary, led by a member of the SRC, 5.05pm each Tuesday in the college chapel.
  - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction, each Thursday, 5.05–5.55pm, especially for those whose Thursday night classes prevent them from attending 6:30pm Holy Hour in the Cathedral.