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Master's Welcome

I welcome all of you very warmly to the new academic year at Catholic Theological College, especially those students and staff who are new to CTC this year. You will read more about our three new members of academic staff later in this newsletter. As classes commence, you will notice that the College has adopted a refreshed look for its shield, which is being introduced across all our publications, stationery, website and signage. The primary motivation for this is to emphasise that the College shield belongs alongside the University of Divinity logo, reflecting the central place that the University has in the academic life of the College. The fundamentals of the CTC shield have not changed and the College motto is perhaps more prominent: *Tolle Lege* (Take and Read). This is particularly appropriate alongside the University's logo, which is a star constructed from six open books. While each year sees new developments in technological resources, policy requirements and quality assurance procedures, the fundamentals of learning remain the same, as does the College motto: reading, reflecting, synthesising, articulating structured and thoughtful arguments in both writing and speaking. I wish you well for the year ahead; may your theological and philosophical learning at CTC help you engage with the intellectual, spiritual and practical needs of our contemporary world.



Two New Colleges in the University of Divinity



The University now has two new Colleges: Pilgrim College (Uniting Church) and Trinity Theological School (Anglican). Both Colleges are situated in Parkville and were parts of the United Faculty of Theology for many years. Needless to say, both are welcome additions to the community of colleges which form our University.



Opening Mass

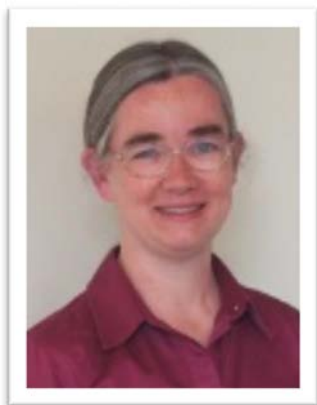


appointed Bishop Curtin with a gift from the College: most appropriately, a replica of the pectoral cross worn by the Archbishop of Melbourne responsible for founding the College, the late James Cardinal Knox. After the ceremonies all present were guests of the SRC at light refreshments.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit to mark the beginning of the academic year was celebrated on Friday 27 February. The Celebrant and homilist was Bishop Terence Curtin, a former Master of the College. At the conclusion of the liturgy the present Master (Rev. Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay)



New Academic Staff Members



Dr Catherine Playoust

I'm delighted to be joining CTC this year as a lecturer in New Testament and related areas. For the past several years I have been teaching in another part of the University of Divinity, the United Faculty of Theology (Jesuit Theological College), but sadly, the UFT ceased to exist at the end of 2014. It's great that I've been able to stay within the University of Divinity and knowing many of the CTC faculty already has made my transition much easier. I've met some of the CTC students already and I look forward to getting better acquainted. I undertook my theological studies in Sydney (Catholic Institute of Sydney) and Boston (Weston Jesuit School of Theology and Harvard Divinity School). In

combination with my time at the UFT, this has given me the opportunity to encounter people from a wide range of social, ethnic, and religious contexts, and it has been a very fruitful experience both professionally and personally. At CTC this year I'm teaching Mark and Romans and contributing to the team-taught introductory biblical units. My research and research supervision range widely over the New Testament and other Christian texts from the first few centuries, especially those that explore scriptural traditions or have apocalyptic dimensions.

Rev. Dr Hoa Trung Dinh sj

Fr Hoa Trung Dinh came to Australia as a refugee from Vietnam in January 1986. He went to St Joseph's Christian Brothers College in North Melbourne to complete his high school education, then went into medicine at Melbourne University in 1988. After graduating, he worked at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital for two years, then as a locum general practitioner while he discerned his religious vocation. In 1997, he joined the Society of Jesus. During his formation, Fr Hoa did medical works in Timor Leste in 2001 and the Mercy Hospital for Women in 2002, then studied philosophy and theology at the United Faculty of Theology, and was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. Fr Hoa was then sent to undertake graduate studies in moral theology and bioethics in Boston, where he obtained a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and a PhD in Theological Ethics at Boston College. Back in Australia, he completed tertianship (the final stage of Jesuit formation), then joined the teaching staff of the United Faculty of Theology in late 2013. In 2015, he joins the faculty of Catholic Theological College while doing sessional teaching at Pilgrim Theological College.



Rev. Laurence Cortez

Fr Laurence Cortez is the parish priest of Holy Family in Mount Waverley and a new member of the teaching staff of CTC. He was born and grew up in the Philippines, then came to Australia in 2000 to continue priestly formation at Corpus Christi College. He was ordained in 2005 by Archbishop Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral, and was appointed to St Monica's Moonee Ponds as Assistant Priest. He then became an assistant priest in St Patrick's Cathedral, and at the same time assistant Master of Ceremonies. In 2010, he commenced postgraduate studies at the Liturgical Institute in Mundelein Seminary in Illinois, USA, where he completed a Master of Arts in Liturgical Studies. Because of his experience as Master of Ceremonies to the

Archbishop and his studies in the US, he became more interested in the areas of eucharistic, sacramental and liturgical theology. "I am looking forward with enthusiasm to teaching at CTC," says Fr Laurence, "and I feel humbled and privileged at the same time."

Hall of Excellence Inductee



It has come to the attention of Tolle Lege that, together with such luminaries as Shane Crawford and Francis Bourke, CTC's inaugural Master, Professor Austin Cooper AM, has recently been inducted into Assumption College's 'Hall of Excellence'. Despite the fact that he has never kicked a goal for an AFL Club, nor taken a wicket for Australia, Assumption College has recognised the extraordinary contribution Prof. Austin Cooper has made, and is still making, to generations of students at Catholic Theological College, as well as his role within the order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate to which he belongs. Professor Cooper attended Assumption College between 1943 and 1947. This semester at CTC he has the distinction of teaching the largest class in the College: 43 students, all of whom have enrolled to be drawn by him into the richness of centuries of Christian Spirituality. Other inductees of Assumption's Hall of Excellence included Bishop Peter Connors, former Bishop of Ballarat; film maker Fred Schepisi and several eminent doctors, engineers, educators, philanthropists and sportsmen.

Postcard from the Top End

From Br Luke van der Mark mgl, 2014 SRC President.

It's with a grateful heart that I share an update on my time in Darwin. Since arriving in early February I have been well cared for by my missionary brothers as well as many in the Darwin diocese especially the generous and hospitable members of the MSC community in Nightcliffe, with whom I spent a few days of quiet retreat. The MGLs are serving the St Martin de Porres Catholic Aboriginal Community in the relatively bustling suburb of Casuarina. The community spirit here is particularly tangible; there is always a cuppa or some food not too far away!) After Sunday Eucharist together, itself filled with joy and plenty of music, a large mob stays back simply to catch up, chat, even help lock up the church. After about two whole hours, we MGLs are finally able to relax for lunch (that is of course so long as one of the Filipino aunties has not brought a banquet for us to share together instead!)



So far I have attended a Year 12 retreat and taken on a pastoral role there; I've helped (and been helped) by some 'long-grass' (homeless) people; I've preached a few times but primarily been helping Fr. Brian in his chaplaincy at St Martin's. Though this might sound like a lot, I have had ample time to share meals and recreation with my Brothers (brotherhood being a vital part of our way of life). Seeing people staying back to lock up the church, some Trojan-like women cleaning the church and surrounds on Saturdays, as well as receiving regular promptings from the Lord over the last week or so, has helped me reflect on the importance of stewardship and service in general. Being an enthusiastic, omniscient young seminarian, I have noticed myself wanting to accomplish all sorts of things – for God of course! – even when I haven't really known what is needed or what I should be doing. In all my experiences so far, I am noticing the significance of mission as stewardship and as service. I'm not here to make things happen, nor to change people as such. As one wise religious sister put it, the people were here long before I arrived and they will remain long after I have left. Instead, I'm here to serve the community. This often means carrying out odd jobs and menial tasks wherever the need pops up. So in short, I'm learning that there's far more (and less?) to missionary life than I'd ever thought before.

Yours in God's love,
Brother Luke mgl



Brendan Lindsay is a second year seminarian at Corpus Christi College, studying for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Before entering the seminary he worked for the Office for Youth here in Melbourne and prior to that for Hoyts Cinemas. He has had a long association with the St Vincent de Paul Society, working on soup vans and with SVDP children’s programs. He is not afraid to say that he barracks for Essendon and is currently addicted to the television series ‘Suits’.

Madeleine Gilbey is in her fourth and final year of a Bachelors Degree of Theology. She is originally from Bendigo and commuted from there to Melbourne for the first two years of her studies. She is currently working at St Gregory the Great Parish in Doncaster, and hopes to work in youth ministry full time after finishing her degree.

Joshua Nash studied Law and International Studies while working in Youth Ministry and volunteering with refugees and asylum seekers in Adelaide. A stint at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in South Africa was followed by work with the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry team in Adelaide and with Oblate Youth in South Australia. Currently living with the Mazenod College community, Joshua is excited about his first year in the seminary and becoming involved with the work of the Oblates as their pre-novice.

Cameron Smith mgl is in his fourth year of formation with the Missionaries of God’s Love and in his second year of study at CTC. He grew up in Melbourne and before joining the brothers had studied a Science Degree. He works to spread the gospel through ministry in the Young Men of God movement and through his music ministry; playing, singing or leading worship.

Moira Tauiliili is currently studying for a Bachelor of Ministry degree and also volunteers as a youth leader for the Tongan Catholic Community at Sacred Heart, Croydon. Moira is a probationary Oblate of St. Benedict, linked with Ealing Abbey located in London, UK. She loves a good laugh, flowers and an abundance of coffee in the morning! Moira's interests range from enjoying bell ringing and Beuronese art to shopping and Doctor Who!

Naim Chdid is studying for a Bachelor of Theology and is an active member of the parish of St Anthony of Padua in Melton South.

Lourenço das Neves Soares sdb has been a Salesian brother in East Timor for eight years. After some years teaching, and having completed philosophy studies, he was assigned to continue theology studies at CTC to prepare for ordination. He hopes his dream of becoming a Salesian priest will be realised in the years ahead. In his free time, he likes to watch movies, play soccer and go out with friends.

Peter Sheehan is studying theology and has returned for a second year on the SRC. He will continue his role as the Occupational Health and Safety Officer this year.

William Loh op is a member of the Order of Preachers, commonly known as 'Dominicans'. He is a third year student studying to for the priesthood at the University of Divinity. Most of his classes take place at Catholic Theological College. He would like everyone to feel free to say 'hello' or have a chat with him though he would also like to warn everyone in advance that he is 'hopeless with names' and apologises in advance should he forget yours.

Sr Theophila Kim scv comes from South Korea and has belonged to the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Suwon since 2002. She is beginning her second year of study for a Bachelor of Theology at CTC. As English is her second language, she finds studying theology difficult but precious as it enables her to know God's love and grow in faith. Since arriving in Australia she has met many people who are willing to help a foreign student. Her experiences at CTC also encourage her to help others who are in need.

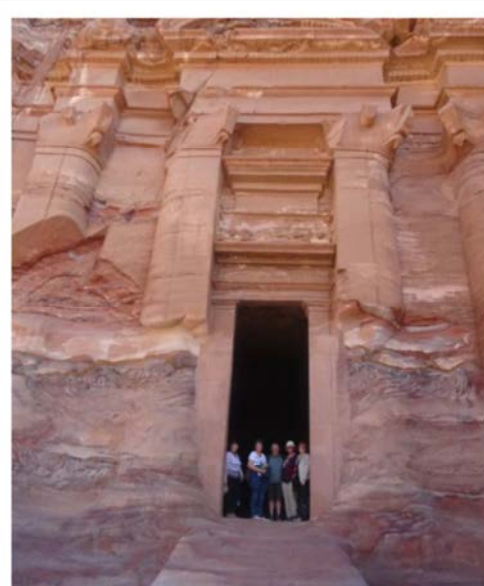


Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2014



On 15 November 2015 a group of travellers and their tour leaders embarked on the CTC Study Tour of the Biblical Lands. Arriving in Amman, Jordan after a rapid change of planes in Dubai, we found our luggage was still catching up. We were able to meet up with the travellers who had arrived earlier and set off to Wadi Karrah with our guide in Jordan, Fadi Haddad. It had begun. This long awaited and anticipated tour is study, discovery, pilgrimage and travel and engages the senses and sensitivities, the soul and the appetite. We are together for 33 days across four countries, with five guides and numerous sites, museums, hotels, restaurants, markets and shops, on the bus, by plane and by boat. For all of this I can offer but a few glimpses of a most wonderful adventure.

Like Indiana Jones we come down the Siq to this slit of an entrance where the glow of sunshine also reveals a treasure: the Treasury. Taking this walk, or ride if you take a chariot, is to understand something of the journey of discovery that we are on. The walk itself is delightful with many sights along the way and then, a crack of light before us and the revelation of such a magnificent building and a whole valley of life. In Jordan we were also invited to hear of the work of the parish of the Church of Martyrs in Amman where they have been raising funds to transform the unused space beneath the church into a dining room and bathroom facilities for Syrian refugees. They have given over the playground area to some prefabricated buildings provided through the government agencies to house these refugees. We were touched by the welcome of the Jordanian Catholics for the refugees.



Suddenly the motor of the boat stops and we are sitting in silence in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. We hear the words of the gospel and, in our mind's eye, we are with the disciples and Jesus in the boat. We are each in our own

moment of encounter as the waves lap quietly. No storm today. Still a moment to consider our faith, our longings and hold all that is dear in prayer in our hearts.





Mass in Dominus Fleuit gave us a haven of peace with a window to Jerusalem. The tension in the city was heightened this visit but this did not mar the experience of the City of Peace. To walk early in the morning through the empty streets of the old city for mass at the site of the crucifixion joins us to the generations of pilgrims through the ages and to Jesus journey to the cross.

On the Journey with Paul

On the bus, on the road and at the sites Paul visited and spread the gospel, we engage the enormity of Paul's mission across vast distances and diverse peoples and languages. There was so much more from Hittite civilisation to the Greek Patriarchate, from the ossuaries of St Basil and St Gregory and the cave churches in Cappadocia to the monasteries of Meteora. This study tour was especially blessed by its travellers who shared their knowledge and their faith, their discovery and their lives with us on the journey. *Rosemary Canavan*

Next tour is 2016 - don't miss out!



Laodikeia with Rosemary in the mist

Sophia Mouratidou (Greek Guide) and Fr Tony Dean with Paul at Beroia



The Experience of Catholic Culture

The CTC Study Tour/Pilgrimage for this year is 'The Experience of Catholic Culture' The tour begins on September 3 and ends on October 3 and the group will visit sites in Ireland, Scotland, England and Italy. Participants may count the tour as two units in Church History or Christian Spirituality. You will find details the academic requirements in the CTC Handbook 2015. The tour enables us to visit sites that touch many of the eras of Church History from the Scavi under St Peter's (with its association with the Apostolic Age) to Downside Abbey in England (with its significant involvement in the early years of Australian Catholicism).

**If you would like further information please consult either
Dr Frances Baker rsm (Deputy Master) or Prof. Austin Cooper omi
or you might like to check the details on the tour website.**



Mannix Library News

The Mannix Library is about to launch its new library interface: <http://cccv.ent.sirsi.net/client/mannix>. The new interface will incorporate all of the information available on the current library website (and more!), plus it will have a Google-like search box included on every page. This search box will provide a one-stop shop where you can search for print resources or online resources (or both at the same time) using a single keyword search. Results are displayed in two tabs, one for Mannix Library and one for Online Resources. For the first time you will be able to access content from multiple online databases at the same time, including access to full text resources. Other free online content (e.g. open access journals) will also be discoverable via a single search using the new interface. The style of searching is different to the old catalogue:

- A keyword search produces an initial results list and you then refine your results by selecting from various limiters down the left hand side of the page
- Clicking on the "House" button to the left of the search box will always take you back to the Library home page
- A link to the old catalogue will be kept on the new home page while everyone is getting used to the new interface

The new interface is still a work in progress, so we welcome your feedback as we continue to make improvements to the site.

Returned to the Father

Please remember in your prayers former students
John Carden and James Moulder
who both died recently

