

### WELCOME FROM THE MASTER

It's been wonderful to see our building come back to life over the last few weeks, as classes have commenced for the new academic year. While there is plenty of activity beforehand with planning, enrolments and lecture preparations, the return of students is a very tangible reminder that our core purpose as a college is learning and scholarship.

There are many new faces among our students and I hope that those of you who are new are settling in well. We are very fortunate to be constantly enriched by the variety of backgrounds, personalities and interests that new students bring with them.

At the same time as welcoming new and returning students, we are

preparing for the University of Divinity's annual graduation ceremony, which will be held this Friday at St Patrick's Cathedral. Over ninety CTC students will graduate. We are very proud of our graduates and confident that their studies with us equip them to make a significant contribution to the church and the world.

I wish you well for the year ahead and encourage you to make the most of the opportunities that it will bring.

~ Very Rev. Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay

### **NEW APPOINTMENTS TO CTC'S SENATE**

Two new members have been appointed to the Senate of Catholic Theological College in 2017.

Emeritus Prof. Anne Hunt OAM is the former Executive Dean of ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, a long term member and office-bearer of the Australian Catholic Theological Association (ACTA), and an eminent theological author and teacher. In 2016, Emeritus Prof. Hunt joined the University of





Divinity Council as one of its two Catholic appointees.

Very Rev. Denis Stanley EV is a priest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and became Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary in Carlton this year. Fr Stanley also continues as a CTC lecturer, the Archdiocese's Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism & Interfaith Relations and Chair of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission.



# **REV. NORMAN FORD SDB**

### APPOINTED EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

The warmest congratulations of the whole College are tendered to Fr Norm Ford on his appointment last December as the fourth Emeritus Professor of the University of Divinity. His citation reads:

"The Reverend Emeritus Professor Norman Ford SDB has served the University of Divinity as an outstanding teacher and scholar for over forty years. He has led the development of the University's curriculum in moral theology, moral philosophy and bioethics. His major book has been translated into Italian and Polish and has become a standard work in its field. He has been widely sought after as a speaker on bioethical issues by universities, medical forums and community groups, both in Australia and overseas. Various government committees examining bioethical issues have also drawn on his expertise. He has served as Vice-President (1989–91) and President (1991–93) of the Melbourne College of Divinity, and as Master of Catholic Theological College (1986–91). In the broader



community, he has served as chairman and member of hospital ethics committees, and he was the Foundation Director of the Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics, Melbourne (1995–2007). Over more than four decades, Emeritus Professor Ford has given sustained and exceptional service that has greatly enhanced the University's reputation."

# GRANT FOR RESEARCH ON ARCHBISHOP GOOLD (ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE, 1847–86)







The Australian Research Council (ARC) has awarded \$266,000 for a research project on the first Archbishop of Melbourne: *A Baroque Archbishop in Colonial Australia: James Goold (1812–1886)*. An Irishman educated in Italy, Goold imported a library and late Italian Baroque paintings to convey the intensity of European religious experience. The project will investigate Goold as cultural patron of Melbourne through his significant art collection, personal library and commissioning of St Patrick's Cathedral. This is a joint three-year project of the University of Melbourne and the University of Divinity. The lead researchers are Professor Jaynie Anderson (Art Historian), Mr Shane Carmody (University of Melbourne Library) and Rev. Dr Max Vodola (Head of CTC's Church History department). It is anticipated that new publications will emerge from the research as well as conferences and an exhibition that will all examine, in various ways, the translation of European culture to colonial Australia. Fr Vodola is the first staff member of the University of Divinity to have been successful in applying for an ARC grant.

### DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP & APPOINTMENT FOR PROPOSED CENTRE FOR

### HUMAN AGEING

Ms Michelle Eastwood has been awarded a scholarship for doctoral studies at CTC and research for a Centre for Human Ageing that has been proposed for CTC. This scholarship is funded by the Laurdel Foundation. Michelle's doctorate is supervised by Rev. Dr Laurie McNamara cm & Rev. Dr Alan Niven, and is entitled *Missing the Mark? Challenges for Meaning, Community Building, and Justice in an Ageing Population.* She writes:

"I have been dreaming of completing doctoral studies for many years but have spent the last couple of years as a 'penniless' student. So I am quite excited this year, to be paid to research and study in the role of Research Assistant to the proposed Centre for Human Aging. My first degree was a Bachelor of Arts (History, Psychology). Some years later this was followed by a



Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) and then a Master's degree in Education where my thesis looked at the integration of technology in the English/Humanities classrooms. Last year, I completed a Master of Arts in Theology and am looking forward to PhD studies in the area of ageing. I am particularly interested in topics of gender, community and worship. Away from work, I am an avid reader, a musician and mother of



#### four mostly grown children."

### MEMORIES

A former student of CTC, Sr Claudette Hiosan fdnsc, writes in response to being added to our email group to receive *Tolle Lege*.

"Shalom and many thanks for your email and for adding my email address to the *Tolle Lege* group. Yes, I did indeed have a wonderfully happy, academically enriching, and pastorally fruitful time at CTC. Ever since leaving there I've been involved in Adult Faith Education and Formation in a number of countries. After spending a number of years at Ave Maria Pastoral Centre, Mooketsi, here in the Diocese of Tzaneen, South Africa, I'm still involved in the ministry, though to a lesser extent than previously. After moving closer to my office at the Diocesan Headquarters in Tzaneen, I'm now much

more fully involved in the work of promoting the Cause towards Canonisation of the first local man in all the countries of Southern Africa to be officially recognised by Rome as a martyr for the faith. Blessed Benedict Daswa was beatified last year on 13 September in our diocese and close to the spot where he was stoned and bludgeoned to death 25 years before. His mother, Ida, 2 remaining brothers and sister, some uncles and cousins, as well as his 8 adult children, some with their spouses, and his grandchildren are all still alive. I know most of them. Regretfully, it was time for me to leave my ministry at Ave Maria which I loved so much as I needed to devote more time to the Daswa Promotion work. So you see, the ministry of CTC has lived on and been passed on through my ministry to countless others over the past 30+ years. I had fabulous lecturers and did an excellent degree at CTC. This was built on a very solid fountain in the Faith which had already taken deep roots in my life from my family of origin, my schooling and my religious family prior to my time at CTC. For all that I'm profoundly grateful."

# CTC BIBLICAL LANDS STUDY TOUR 2016: JORDAN, ISRAEL, TURKEY

This tour was once again a great success and one of the participants Peter Naughtin has contributed his impressions of the experience for *Tolle Lege*.

I was a member of the 2016 Biblical Lands Tour organised and led by CTC lecturers Dr Rosemary Canavan and Fr Tony Dean. It was a very successful tour with good weather, excellent hotels, great local guides and the pleasure of travelling with a small but congenial group who got on well together. This report gives readers a taste of the tour. The first point to make is how well prepared we were. Rosemary and Tony provided three

information sessions before departure. We had a11 the information we needed and there were plenty of opportunities to ask questions. At our final briefing we were given a comprehensive guide book of the places we were to visit. This turned out to be a very valuable learning tool. The tour covered sites in Jordan, Israel and Turkey. We landed in Amman in Jordan and the following day enjoyed a swim in the Dead Sea in



Jordan: Place of Baptism of Jesus by John

lovely weather. Our first excursion was to the site of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, a unique site, only uncovered by archaeologists in recent decades. Our guide, Fadi, explained to us its importance for the early Christian church while a local archaeologist gave us an interesting account of the diggings that uncovered it. We moved south to Petra, the most popular tourist site in Jordan and spent a full day there walking into Petra via the Siq, a windy cavern that leads into the valley.



Petra Temple

Here we visited the famous treasury, the tombs, the temples, the theatre and the ancient Byzantine church. We did a lot of walking that day. Returning to North Jordan we visited Jarash, one of the most impressive Roman sites in the Middle East. There was so much to take in here, discovering evidence of the long period of Roman rule as well as the rule of Byzantine Christian emperors. Two other important biblical sites we visited were the birth place of the Prophet Elijah at Mar Elias and the great fortress

of King Herod at Machaerus where John the Baptist was executed. We then crossed into Israel to be met by our local Jewish guide, Gila. After visiting the ancient Roman ruins of Beth Shen, we arrived at Ma'agan on the Sea of Galilee. This was a fantastic place as our hotel rooms looked right out over the Sea. We spent four nights here as we toured the sites relating to the ministry of Jesus: a boat trip on the



Sea of Galilee

Lake, Tabgha (loaves and fishes miracle), the Capernaum Synagogue and St Peter's House, the ancient Galilee boat, Capernaum, the chapel of the Beatitudes, Mount Tabor, Nazareth, Tel Dan in North Israel, Caesarea. We even had lunch at St Peter's Restaurant, eating the local fish. It was hard to say goodbye to Galilee with its beautiful sunrises and sunsets. The next part of the tour took us to Jerusalem, via Caesarea on the Mediterranean and

Megiddo, a great archaeological site. Our time in Jerusalem was most memorable. We stayed five nights at the pilgrim hostel, Notre Dame, close to the Jaffa Gate of the walled city and saw so much: the Mount of Olives with its great views over Jerusalem, the chapel of Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, the



The Wailing Wall

Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we had an early morning Mass in the chapel of the crucifixion, Mount Sion, Church of the Dormition of Mary, St Peter in Gallicantu and Caiaphas' House, the Pool of Siloam. The visit to the Temple complex and the Wailing Wall included a guided tour under the temple to view the foundations, the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Finally, we visited Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity and celebrated Mass in the shepherd's cave. We had a fantastic time in Jerusalem, greatly helped by the excellent commentary of our guide, Gila.

From Tel Aviv we flew to Istanbul in Turkey where we spent two weeks. Recent acts of terrorism here were on our mind, but we were assured by our local guide, Hakan, that he would monitor things closely and we had a perfectly safe trip. Turkey is a magnificent country and we covered a lot of it. We spent our first night in Canakkale, just across the strait from the town of Gallipoli. We returned to the peninsula the next day to spend the

day visiting the Gallipoli sites. We visited the battle fields, the landing places, the Turkish and Allied memorials. All of us found this a moving day in spite of the bitter wind that we encountered. We then moved down the Aegean coast visiting important sites associated with the early church in Asia Minor: Ephesus, Pergamon, Miletus, Laodikea, Colossae, Hierapolis, Aphrodisias before reaching the Mediterranean and coming to Myra, home of St Nicholas. Antalya We stayed at on the Mediterranean and visited Perge, Aspendos, Andriake and the famous Antalva Museum.

In the final days of the tour we crossed the Taurus



Domitions Temple

Mountains into Cappadocia which is quite close to Galatia (St Paul). One of the highlights of the trip was a morning balloon ride in the dawn hours over the stunning landscape of Cappadocia just as the sun was rising; a truly memorable experience. Cappadocia was once a great centre of Christian learning, famous for centuries for the large numbers of monks and nuns living the religious life there. Here we saw cave chapels with mosaics, dining rooms and kitchens used for centuries by these men and women. Our trip ended with a tour of the ancient Hittite capital at Hattusa, a wonderful archaeological site; from there we travelled to Corum, Istanbul and home. I can certainly recommend CTC's Tour of the Biblical Lands. It was a great way to experience the biblical world that so many students study. Excellent organisation ensured a smooth trip and is a reliable indicator that others on future tours will enjoy a similar experience.



Court of the Women





Simply a beautiful view

### **RAHEEN BOOKCASES INSTALLED IN MANNIX LIBRARY**

The installation of handsome bookcases from Raheen, the former residence of Archbishop Daniel Mannix, provides a material link between the famous Archbishop and the theological library named in his honour. The bookcases enhance both the beauty and the gravitas of the library. Ms Kerrie Burn, CTC's Library Manager, explains more about their provenance and how they are being used:

"Over the summer break, four historically significant bookcases were relocated to the Mannix Library. These large timber bookcases were originally located in the library at Raheen, an Italianate mansion in Kew built in the 1870s. Raheen was the official residence of several Archbishops of Melbourne from 1917–81, most notably Archbishop Daniel Mannix, after whom the Mannix library is named. Subsequent owners of Raheen, the Pratt family, donated the bookcases to the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 1986. Prior to their most recent move they had been housed at Corpus Christi College, initially in Clayton and then in Carlton. Because of their size, relocating the bookcases was a major logistical exercise! After they were moved into the Mannix Library, repair and restoration work was undertaken to help return the bookcases to their former glory. These magnificent pieces of furniture can now be appreciated by all who visit the library. One bookcase is being used to house the library's current Reserve collection. Two bookcases have been placed back to back and house the library's Corpus Christianorum collection. This collection includes critical editions of predominantly Latin and Greek texts by Christian authors from late antiquity until the end of the Middle Ages. The final bookcase is located in the Library Manager's office and is being used to house several other special collections, including a 162-volume set of Jacques-Paul Migne's Patrologiae cursus completus. Series Graeca, published in the mid-late 1800s.

# **RECONTEXTUALISING PEDAGOGY SEMINAR DAY**

In November 2016, CTC hosted leaders in religious education from the four Victorian diocesan education offices, along with representatives from Catholic tertiary institutions and the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation to contribute to dialogue around recontextualising pedagogy in religious education. 'Recontextualising Pedagogy' is language that comes from the CECV's Enhancing Catholic School Identity project and refers to an approach to religious education that seeks to bring Catholic faith into dialogue with the cultural context, issues of the day and the lives of students in a way that is open, challenging, relevant and life-giving. How this plays out in an educational setting is the subject of the dialogue in the forum. The dialogue focused on the implications of a recontextualising pedagogy for learning and teaching in Catholic schools and universities and its impact on how Catholic Identity is framed.

Initiated by CTC's Associate Dean (Postgraduate & Research), Rev. Dr Kevin Lenehan, and co-facilitated by CTC doctoral student and CEM education officer, Rina Madden, the day featured presentations from each of the four dioceses of Victoria and a school practitioner. The focus of the day was on developing new and deeper insights into recontextualisation as a pedagogical approach and identifying ways to collaborate across the four dioceses and the universities, and to deepen the learning together.

Participants reflected on the success of the day as an opportunity to learn from each other and to open up a space for future collaboration. It was noted that while there were similar goals of working towards a recontextualising pedagogical approach, the four dioceses were at different stages of reshaping their Religious Education curricula. The different approaches of the dioceses were seen as opportunities to explore recontextualisation from different perspectives. A synthesis of the learning from the day will result in a position paper reflecting the voices in the dialogue. This paper may provide the basis for further discussion and learning opportunities mid-year. The Recontextualising Pedagogy forum is an important initiative that needs to continue to share the wisdom from each of the partners in the dialogue for the benefit of students in our Catholic schools and universities.

# ORDINATION

Congratulations to Rev. Victor Vincent who was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Peter Ingham at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on 4 February 2017.





# INVITATION TO A DIACONATE ORDINATION

The Missionaries of God's Love warmly invite you to celebrate the Ordination to the Diaconate of Ekene Obiakor by Most Rev. Terry Curtin STD DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne.

Saturday 25 March 2017, 11am	R.S.V.P.: 15 March
St Benedict's Catholic Church	Ekene: Phone: 0470 519 842 or Email: <u>kenniecallix@yahoo.com</u>