



# *Tolle Lege, October 2017*

## **GOOD NEWS FROM ROME**



Before a panel of three experts in moral theology and a room of friends, classmates and colleagues from Catholic Theological College, Fr Cameron Forbes defended his doctoral thesis early this October. With clarity and concision Fr Forbes explained the principles and methodology of the just war doctrine in the writings of 20<sup>th</sup>-century Methodist theologian Paul Ramsey. Fr Forbes introduced the audience to two 20<sup>th</sup>-century ethicists, Richard Niebuhr and his brother Reinhold Niebuhr, and their respective influence in the theological development of Ramsey. Through Fr Forbes' exchange with his doctoral supervisor, Prof. Terry Kennedy CSsR, the audience learned of the unique agapic principle of Augustine that weaved its way through the moral theology and methodology of Paul Ramsey. After fielding questions from the audience ranging from the differences between ethics and morality, to the relevance of just war theory in a modern technological society, Fr Cameron Forbes was awarded a doctorate in Moral Theology *summa cum laude*.

~ Fr Matthew Baldwin



## NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome Vi Panganiban who has commenced work at the Thomas Carr Centre as a Facilities Operations Assistant. Vi (pronounced Vee) will be working each Friday at Reception. Please make Vi welcome and introduce yourself when you see her.

Karen Crook will continue as Facilities Operations Officer, working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Stephen Gerber will also continue as Facilities Operations Assistant on Wednesdays.



## ORDINATIONS

During the month of September we celebrated the Ordination of five CTC students:

- ✧ 2 September, Ordination to the Diaconate:  
Avinash George and Paul Hiep Nguyen, in Sale
- ✧ 9 September, Ordination to the Priesthood:  
Rev. Bernard Toan Nguyen and Rev. Anil Mascarenas, in Melbourne
- ✧ 15 September, Ordination to the Priesthood:  
Rev. Unyime Paschal Okpon, in Hobart

Warmest congratulations to each of the newly ordained. The prayers and good wishes of all members of our College accompany them as they undertake their new tasks within the Australian Church.

- ✧ Rev Victor Vincent will be ordained by Bishop Peter Ingham in St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm.
- ✧ Abilio Eusebio Correia Guterres SDB, Anthony Anusit Chanphen SDB and Lourenco Das Neves Soares SDB will be ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB DD, in St John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill, Saturday 6 December at 6.00pm.

The presence and/or prayers of all members of the College would be warmly welcomed.

## INTERNATIONAL BIBLICAL CONFERENCE AT CTC

**Save the date: 18 May 2018. More details to come.**

Two Keynote International Biblical Scholars of renown:

### Professor Adela Yarbro Collins

**Buckingham  
Professor of  
New Testament  
Criticism and  
Interpretation  
Yale University**



### Professor John J. Collins

**Holmes Professor  
of Old Testament  
Criticism and  
Interpretation  
Yale University**



# SRC FLAVOURS OF THE WORLD BBQ LUNCH

The SRC hosted a very successful second semester lunch on Wednesday 20 September . The accompanying photos tell the story of a very impressive array of international dishes being happily devoured by both staff and students. Warm thanks are due to the organisers. We are well aware that these occasions do not happen without considerable planning and effort.





## OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we received the news of the death of **Fr John Wilcken SJ**. John died peacefully on Sunday 3 September. He had lectured in Theology part-time at CTC for 10 years between 1974 and 1984.

At the Australian Catholic Theological Association (ACTA) AGM of 8 July 2017, members were informed that John was seriously ill and the following motion was approved resoundingly by acclamation:

Fr John Wilcken SJ is a Life Member of the Australian Catholic Theological Association and has been a member of the Association from its earliest years. John's major theological concern was with liberation theology, which he not only studied but enacted by doing his theology for much of the last thirty years while living at Corpus Christi Community, a home for homeless alcoholic men. John further developed his concerns by engaging with feminist theology, Asian and African theologies, and especially with Australian Aboriginal religions. On the latter topic, John offered a series of 10 papers at successive ACTA conferences on the range of major themes in systematic theology in light of Aboriginal religions. These reflections helped keep Aboriginal issues within ACTA's purview. At this 2017 ACTA Conference, ACTA expresses its appreciation for the contribution of Fr John Wilcken SJ to theological education and scholarship in Australia, and to ACTA itself.

On news of his death, the ACTA President sent this message to the members on 7 September 2017 which concluded: "In expressing our appreciation to him, we also acknowledged his long engagement in theological education. His life was a wonderful service to the Society of Jesus, to students of theology, and to the theological community. May he rest in peace." (Rev. Prof. Gerard Kelly, ACTA President)

**Fr Rom Barry CM** also died recently. Fr Rom was a lecturer in Biblical Studies at CTC in the 1990s and early years of the new millennium at CTC. A tribute will be paid to him in the next edition of *Tolle Lege*. The College remembers him with gratitude and prays that he will rest in peace and rise in glory.



**Fr Graeme Mitchell**, a student at CTC, died suddenly on 14 September. Fr Graeme was a member of the Anglican Catholic Church of Australia and was Dean of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral North Caulfield. He had recently completed studies in the Graduate Diploma in Theology, and had a strong interest in Church History and Liturgy. He was making enquiries about extending his studies to the Master's degree only days before his unexpected death. May eternal light shine upon him.

### **Margaret McKinnon**

began her study at CTC in 2012 and completed a Master of Theological Studies in the first semester this year. It was evident in her last semester that her health was deteriorating but it took a turn for the worse in September. Realising that Margaret may not still be with us for Graduation in March 2018 inquiries were made as to whether she could receive at least her transcript, if not her Testamur, while she was alive. With wonderful cooperation from John Bartholomeusz, the University's Director of Academic Services, it was



possible to organise the transcript for Margaret, certifying that she had completed her MTS. Shane Mackinlay (Master of CTC), Rosemary Canavan (Academic Dean) and Kevin Lenehan (Associate Dean - Postgraduate and Research) arranged with Margaret's brother, Fr John McKinnon, to visit Margaret in the palliative care unit and present her with her transcript. Margaret was clearly delighted with this ceremony and our visit on 27 September. Margaret has been a valued part of the life of the college, quietly and graciously following her desire to study theology after a career in nursing where she was instrumental in having nursing training brought into the tertiary award scheme. Any who came to know her would know her great humility and might have learned a little of her enterprising and adventurous spirit.

Margaret passed from this life on 13 October. The memory of her delight at receiving her award remains as a gift to us. She is at peace in the Lord.

~ Dr Rosemary Canavan

## **OPEN DAY: WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

Two sessions: 4.30 – 6.30pm or 6.00 – 8.00pm

Do you enjoy and value your studies at CTC? Invite someone else to share the experience. All are very welcome.

A college lecturer and a current student will talk about their experience of CTC from their respective points of view. A guided tour of the College will take place as well as a general introduction to courses and study options. Light refreshments and time for socialising will complete the sessions.

## ESSAY PRIZES

Don't forget that the College awards \$500 prizes for outstanding essays in various theological disciplines; these are:

✧ The Archbishop's Prize  
(Systematic Theology)

✧ The Archbishop Coleridge Prize  
(Biblical Studies)

✧ The Baronius Prize  
(Church History)

✧ The Guilford Young Prize  
(Liturgy)

✧ The Francis de Sales Prize  
(Pastoral Studies)

✧ The Austin Cooper Prize  
(Christian Spirituality)

✧ The Rod Doyle Prize (\$200)  
(Biblical Studies – undergraduate essay)

✧ The Roma Mitchell Prize – for an outstanding research essay  
(in honour of Dame Roma Mitchell, AC DBE CVO QC)

✧ The Erasmus Prize – for the most outstanding student in  
Biblical or Ecclesiastical Languages (in honour of Erasmus of Rotterdam, 1466-1536)

✧ The Salesian Prize – for the most outstanding  
English as a Second Language student

Essays should be submitted to the Academic Records Office before the end of December. Check other requirements on page 47 of the CTC Handbook.

