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# *Tolle Lege*

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While this mid-semester break offers a breather it also heralds the last brief and hectic part of the academic year: a mere 35 days between the resumption of classes on 5<sup>th</sup> October and the beginning of the examination period on 9<sup>th</sup> November, during which assignments and essays must be completed and handed in, and revision and study for the exams undertaken. Best wishes to all students during this often trying part of the year. May your efforts over the year be rewarded and all those ‘sins of omission’ be made good during these last few weeks.



This edition of *Tolle Lege* notes the Ordination and Profession of several students of the College. This is a very moving and meaningful moment in the lives of each of them, in the life of the College and in the life of the Church. The good wishes and prayers of all College members go with them as they move deeper into their respective vocations.

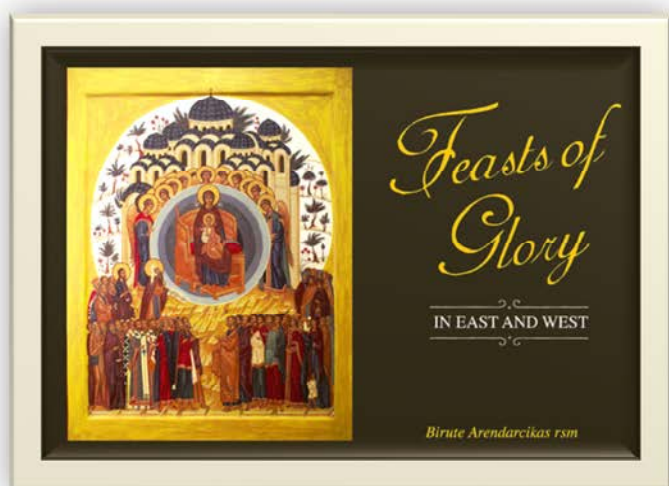
This edition also contains an account of the launch of Sr Birute Arendarcikas’ book *Feasts of Glory*, introduces our new Registrar Imelda Carthy, notes an honour paid to librarian Tony McCumstie, spotlights the ‘out of lecture time’ activities of the Biblical Studies Department, includes some correspondence from past students and contains information about extra-curricular tours and forums conducted by the College in which you might be interested. And, last but not least, of course, are some candid camera shots by Br William Loh of the SRC Barbeque held recently.

## OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE

CTC again accepted an invitation to participate in ‘Open House Melbourne’ at the end of July, a weekend that “invites people to explore outstanding houses, buildings, infrastructure and landscapes that illustrate our rich history, reflect how we live and work, and offer insights into our future city.” Over 150 people visited our building over the weekend. Dr B. Rod Doyle cfc attended CTC for the entire weekend explaining historical displays he had prepared and offering professional information and personal recollections to those who visited. The weekend included a 1-hour performance in the foyer by the Yarra Gospel Community Choir.



## Feasts of Glory: In East and West



the Russian/Australian iconographer Antonina Ganin.

The event was hosted by the Very Rev. Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay, Master of Catholic Theological College. The book was launched by Very Rev. Denis Stanley, Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. After the welcome by the Rector of the Cathedral, Archpriest Nicholas Karipoff, a brief but moving interlude of Russian Orthodox liturgical music was presented. In launching *Feasts of Glory*, Father Stanley spoke about how the image, especially in association with the well-chosen word, can be a work of evangelisation. He noted the contrast between Eastern and Western art, 'of icon and painting, of Eastern stillness and Western movement, of Byzantine formality and Western naturalism.'

In his address, he reminded us that the Eastern and Western Churches are like two lungs breathing the essence of Christianity and that one cannot live without the other. 'Religious art', he concluded, 'is a good way of getting the conversation started ... (Images) take us to the deep places of our faith – the mysteries of Christ, the Mother of God and our heavenly friends the Saints'.

Sr Birute's academic interest is Ecumenism, in particular the relationship between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. In her response, she expressed the hope that her book would be, in a way, a partial answer to a question she first met in her early theological studies: Who are the Eastern Christians?

*As a result of my study, I came to a deeper appreciation of how both the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches are supported by the one mystical life, grounded in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, revealed in Jesus Christ. They, truly, are sister churches. An implication for me of this relationship was to examine those things that make them true sister Churches.*

*Feasts of Glory* is not a large book but it is a beautiful one. In format, it follows the major feasts of Christianity. Each feast is illustrated by a sacred image from both traditions which is, in turn, amplified by excerpts from the liturgies of the Eastern and Western churches and by quotations from their saints and theologians. It is a book to be pondered, contemplated and prayed over.

Warmest congratulations to Sr Birute from the whole CTC community.

*Feasts of Glory: In East and West* can be purchased from: [Freedom Publishing](http://Freedom Publishing)

- Address: 6 Malvern St, Bayswater VIC 3153
- Phone: (03) 9720 5288
- Email: [orders@freedompublishing.com.au](mailto:orders@freedompublishing.com.au)

Sr Birute also has a few copies in her office at CTC.

On Tuesday 16 June, in the presence of a large group from the Catholic and Russian Orthodox communities, as well as Mercy sisters, representatives of other religious orders, fellow academics and friends of Sister Birute Arendarcikas rsm, her book; *Feasts of Glory: in East and West* was launched. The book launch took place in the hall adjacent to the [Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God](#) in Brunswick East where many of the icons form part of the Cathedral's sacred space. They are the work of





*Left to Right:* Dr Frances Baker rsm, Deputy Master of CTC  
Archpriest Nicholas Karipoff, Rector of Holy Protection Parish, East Brunswick  
Dr Birute Arendarcikas rsm  
Very Rev. Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay, Master of CTC  
Very Rev. Denis Stanley, Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

### **ANZTLA Conference**



Kerrie Burn and Tony McCumstie attended the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association's annual conference in New Zealand earlier this year. At the conference dinner Tony was one of four ANZTLA members who received honorary life memberships of ANZTLA. Congratulations Tony!

This photo was taken in the oldest Pakeha building in New Zealand still used for its original purpose: the dining hall of St John's College, Remuera (1848).

### **Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2016**



**INFORMATION SESSION: Saturday 31 October, 2–4pm, CTC**

Meet the tour leaders, Dr Rosemary Canavan and Rev. Anthony Dean cm and hear about the wonderful tour that is planned for 12 November – 15 December 2016. This information session will include itinerary, costs, study options and information regarding the places to be visited in Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories and Turkey. Journey with CTC to the heart of your faith!

RSVP: Jenny Delahunt ☎ 9412 3314 or [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

## News from the Biblical Studies Department



CTC's Biblical Studies Department is a busy one, offering over 20 units per year, including foundational scriptural units, Old Testament and New Testament exegesis, biblical languages, and introduction to Scripture in the Graduate Certificate for Teaching Religious Education and Graduate Certificate in Theology programmes.

Apart from teaching this broad range of biblical subject matter to students enrolled at CTC, how have the staff been spending their time?

**Dr Rod Doyle cfc**, the most senior department member, was recently hospitalised, but is now recovering well. The thoughts and prayers of the College and of his many former students are with Br Rod as he convalesces.

**Dr. Rosemary Canavan** reports that *Fragments from Colossae: Sifting through the Traces*, edited by Alan Cadwallader, has gone to the press. She wrote the chapter in this book entitled "Weaving Threads: Clothing in Colossae." She was also invited to contribute an article to *Colloquium: the Australia and New Zealand Theological Review* on "Visual Exegesis: Interpreting Text in Dialogue with its Visual Context."

**Dr. Catherine Playoust**, our newest staff member, will be delivering the Presidential Address at the Melbourne meeting of the Fellowship for Biblical Studies in November, and will also speak at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Atlanta, USA.

**Rev. Tony Dean cm** is back from sick leave feeling full of enthusiasm and energy.

**Rev. Assoc. Prof. Mark O'Brien op** has had his most recent book published last year, *Restoring the Right Relationship: The Bible on Divine Righteousness*. He has also had two significant articles appear: "The Ties that bind in Numbers 26–36," in the *Australian Biblical Review*; and "Studies in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament in Twentieth-century Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand," in volume 3 of the comprehensive *Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: The History of its Interpretation*. He attended the Australian Catholic Biblical Association Annual Conference in Sydney, presenting a paper entitled "Making Sense or Making a Mess of Jeremiah 1–20." He is also lecturing at YTU and conducts seminars on 'Preaching from the Lectionary' with the Ministry to Priests Programme in the Archdiocese.

**Rev. Prof. Frank Moloney sdb** continues writing apace. He is kept busy by three books: *Reading the New Testament in the Church: A Primer for Pastors, Religious Educators, and Believers*; a revised edition of *A Body Broken for a Broken People: Divorce, Remarriage and the Eucharist*; and *Reflections on Evangelical Consecration: Celebrating a Bicentenary*; and many articles, essays and papers, including a response to the Pope's letter *Laudato Si*; not to mention membership of the Editorial Boards of both the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* and the *Australian eJournal of Theology* and a role in the revision of the New American Bible (Johannine Literature).

**Rev. Dr Brian Boyle** has written an introduction to the prophets, *A Friendly Guide to the Prophets*, which will be launched here at CTC on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 PM.

**Rev. Paul Rowse op** recently co-wrote a “verbal icon” on St Thomas Aquinas with Dr Anna Silvas of UNE for an anthology of Christian authors on Prayer and the Spiritual Life. He has commenced study leave from CTC this semester, in order to take up doctoral studies at the University of Oxford.

**Rev. Dr Kris Sonek op**, the Head of the Department, recently presented a paper entitled “The True Nature of Jonah’s Sleep in 1:5–6: Translational Choices and their Impact on Interpretation,” at the August Melbourne Symposium of the Fellowship for Biblical Studies. He also presented a paper “The Image of the Stars in Gen 15:5 in Rabbinic and Patristic Interpretation: Astrology, Theology, and Technology” at the University of Divinity Faculty Research Day in June. He is working on a few articles on Genesis and Jonah, including the one he presented at the winter meeting of the Society for Old Testament Study held at the University of Cambridge in January, “The Abrahamic Traditions of Judaism and Christianity in Late Antiquity: A Window into the Past.”

He and all the biblical studies staff would like to encourage CTC students to consider the value of learning one or other of the biblical languages—it can be a fascinating intellectual and cultural discovery—as Federico Fellini said, “A different language is a different vision of life.”

## **Ordinations and Professions**

Congratulations to the MGL brothers Adam Crouch, Antony Santhiyagu, Daniel Serratone and David Lemewu who made their Perpetual Vows on 8<sup>th</sup> August at St Benedict’s Burwood, and to Rev. Baiju Thomas mgl who was ordained to the diaconate on 18<sup>th</sup> September at St Scholastica’s, Bennettswood.

Congratulations to Rev. Stephen Bolling, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Sandhurst at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Congratulations to those ordained for the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 12<sup>th</sup> September at St Patrick’s Cathedral: Revs Patrick Bradford, Justel Callos, George Feliciouz, Daryl Montecillo, Joel Peart and Dong Tran, who were ordained as priests; and Rev. Dario Juric, who was ordained as a deacon.

## **Past Students News**

### **From Mrs Rhonda Lynch, now living in Brisbane**

I was recently visiting South Africa where I met up with Sr Claudette Hiosan who has been working in Africa now for seven years – she is 79. Is there no retirement age for nuns? Sr Claudette, Sr Patricia and three housewives: Joan Corfee, Julie Ottobre and myself plus three young novices were the little group of females permitted to study at CTC in the early 1980s, so of course we became firm friends. I was overjoyed to see Sr Claudette in Africa while I was on a tourist trip there with my aunt in April this year.

*Photo:* Mrs Rhonda Lynch (*left*) and Sr Claudette Hiosan OLSH, near Ave Maria Pastoral Centre, Mooketsi, Limpopo Province, South Africa, meeting up as old friends who had studied together for a Bachelor’s degree in Theology at Catholic Theological College, Clayton in the mid-1980s. Among their lecturers were Fr Austin Cooper, Br Rod Doyle, Frs Dan Torpy, Peter Cross, Mark Coleridge, John Begley and Val Moran. Sr Claudette also had Fr George Pell for Church History. Sr Claudette Hiosan is currently overseeing the preparations for the Beatification of Benedict Daswa in September 2015. He will possibly be the first canonised saint native to southern Africa.



## **New CTC Merchandise**

New hoodies and polar fleece jackets with the new CTC logo are now available. The hoodies are available in navy or grey and the jackets are available in navy or black. Samples can be found in the Student Common Room for people to check sizes.

- Orders received by the 12<sup>th</sup> October: Hoodies and jackets for a special price of \$30 each
- After this time the jackets will go to the original price of \$50
- Order forms can be found in the Student Common Room
- Please return all orders to the CTC Reception Desk with money enclosed in an envelope



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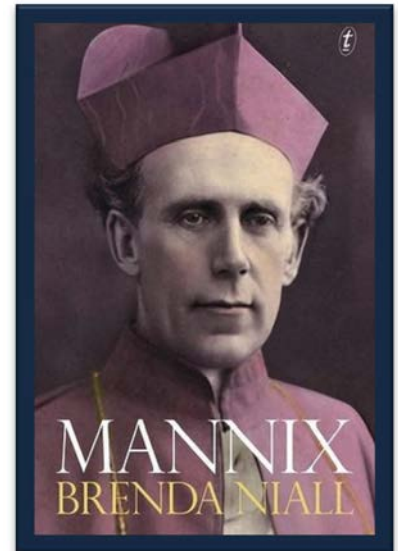
## HDR CHURCH HISTORY RESEARCH DAY



### Dr Brenda Niall

We are delighted to welcome distinguished Australian historian and biographer **Brenda Niall** who will deliver a keynote address on historical research in the light of her much acclaimed **Mannix** biography.

Dr Brenda Niall AO is an Australian biographer, literary critic and journalist. She is particularly noted for her work on Australia's well-known Boyd family of artists and writers.



### This is a not to be missed opportunity

A number of research candidates will deliver presentations on the following topics:

- Mother Xavier Maguire and the Sisters of Mercy foundation in Geelong
- The role of charism in enhancing Catholic identity
- The Bourke Church Act of 1836
- Bruno Barnhart and a renewed sapiential theology
- St Eugene de Mazenod and the New Evangelisation

**Saturday 31 October 2015, 9.30am – 3.00pm**

**Knox Lecture Theatre**

**Catholic Theological College**

**278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne**

**Details:** Lunch provided; Cost \$20; payable on the day. Numbers strictly limited  
RSVP by Monday 26 October to: [jill.allen@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jill.allen@ctc.edu.au) or 9412 3304