

THE COMMON ROOM

A SEMI-OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER
FROM THE CTC SRC OF 2024

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New Year, News-letter

Hello and welcome to this first edition of our Student Representative Council (SRC) newsletter for this academic year. We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the lands on which we come from and gather on for our learning, especially here at Catholic Theological College (CTC). Through this form of communication, we hope to highlight and celebrate aspects of our shared life at CTC. If you would like to contribute to future editions then please chat to us in the Student Common Room or send us an email: src@ctc.edu.au

On Friday, 1 March we gathered on campus for the Opening Mass to celebrate the commencement of this new academic year, along with other CTC students and staff. Mass was followed by refreshments hosted by our SRC, which provided an opportunity for returning members to reconnect and new members of our CTC community to meet one another. We look forward to future opportunities for us to congregate, celebrate and connect as a community.

Our SRC Annual General Meeting and Elections for the new Executive for 2024 took place on Thursday, 7 March. Thank you to our outgoing Executive and best wishes to our incoming Executive, along with new and returning members to this student group. Together we can consider, consolidate and create our ways of being and doing, so that we cultivate connection and cohesion between all members of our CTC community. This is our hope and intention!

Congratulations to our fellow CTC students who were conferred awards and for those who graduated from the University of Divinity last Friday, 15 March at St. Paul's Cathedral. Attending this ecumenical celebration is a great reminder of our special connection with our sisters and brothers from the other colleges that together form the University of Divinity. It also serves as an important acknowledgement of the time, effort and dedication involved in completing tertiary studies.

Although we have had only four weeks of classes, it feels like we are well into the semester with our respective research, reading and essay writing, and those initial deadlines are looming! Hopefully those of you who are new to CTC are feeling comfortable and confident in your new surroundings and schedules, whether you are studying face-to-face or online, full-time or part-time.

On behalf of our SRC, we wish all members of our CTC community a lovely mid-semester break from classes, and a holy and happy Easter, hopefully with some time for rest, relaxation and renewal. We look forward to seeing you all again on campus or on Zoom from Monday, 8 April.

Every blessing,

Sr Emma Llewellyn RSM
CTC SRC 2024 President

Opening Mass and Refreshments

On Friday 1st March we gathered in the Knox Room for our Opening Mass to commemorate the beginning of the 2024 academic year, followed by refreshments. Special thanks to all our students and staff for their efforts in making this celebration possible!



Meet the 2024 Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to the following students who were elected into the CTC SRC for 2024.

Please feel free to reach out to them if you need assistance.

President: Sr Emma Llewellyn RSM

Vice President: Miss Gerry Vytilingam

Treasurer: Ms Bei-En Zou

Secretary: Br Dominic Snell O.P.

OHS Representative: Mr Ricardo Vargas

Academic Board Representatives:

Mr Dawn Saji CCC

Br Adrian Sura MGL

General Members:

Mr Ray El Fakhry

Br Benjamin Kombo OMI

Mr Cameron Ryan CCC



From left to right: Br Dominic, Dawn, Sr Emma, Ray, Bei-En, Br Adrian and Gerry.
Absent: Ricardo, Br Benjamin and Cameron.

Get Involved!

Students Survey

The SRC want your feedback on how we can better support our in-person and online students. Keep an eye out for an email in upcoming weeks for the online survey, so we can create events that better suit our community!

YTU Volleyball Competition: Friday 5th April

Join a friendly volleyball tournament and FREE social BBQ, hosted by Yarra Theological Union's Student Representative Council. Form a team of 8 yourself, or join a CTC team by emailing src@ctc.edu.au if you're interested!

The Brotherhood Cup: Friday 11th May

Support our religious brothers and seminarians at The Brotherhood Cup soccer tournament. More details to come.

Volunteer with the Missionaries of Charity

The Missionaries of Charity are looking for volunteers to assist in their soup kitchen on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. If you can spare an hour or two in the mornings to prepare the food or in the evenings to serve the food, please email src@ctc.edu.au to join our outreach team.

End of Semester Pizza Party: Tuesday 28th June

Save the date to celebrate the end of Semester One with us! Our bi-annual Pizza Party will be held at the Student Common Room at lunch time on Tuesday of Week 12. FREE pizza and soft drinks provided.

WIN A KEEP CUP!

HELP US COME UP WITH A
NEWSLETTER NAME



If you can come up with an engaging, punny and non-heretical name for our newsletter that is better than our current one, 'The Common Room' email us at src@ctc.edu.au. The best suggestion will be discussed at our next SRC meeting, and you'll receive a FREE CTC Keep Cup (as pictured above).

Mememes and LOLs

EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

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