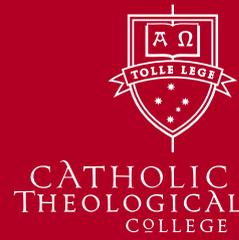


CTC Community News



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July 2019

Annual Mass and Dinner

On Thursday 6 June, at St John the Evangelist Church in East Melbourne, about 170 staff, students and friends of the College gathered together for the Annual Mass, followed by a celebratory dinner at the Catholic Leadership Centre.

The Most Rev. Leslie R. Tomlinson DD, Bishop of Sandhurst, presided at Mass and delivered the homily. Bishops of the province, provincials, deans of studies, rectors and seminary staff joined him as concelebrants. Music provided by the Schola of Corpus Christi College and a choir composed of CTC students, under the musical directorship of Rev. Dr Cameron Forbes, greatly enhanced the occasion.

After Mass, the congregation made their way next door to the Catholic Leadership Centre to enjoy an evening of good food and convivial conversation. Academic awards were presented (see pp. 4–5), and the significant contribution of Acting Master Dr Frances Baker RSM to the life of the College was warmly acknowledged on the eve of her appointment as Dean of Studies at Corpus Christi College (see p. 4).





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1 Dr Frances Baker RSM addresses the Annual Mass; 2 Eva McAlister, Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP and Elizabeth McAlister; 3 Rev. Nathan Rawlins and SRC President Vinco Muriyadan; 4 Annual Dinner; 5 Rev. Dr Jake Mudge and Rose Sultana

A tribute to the Acting Master



Dr Frances Baker RSM with Rev. Professor Frank Moloney SDB AM.

The following is an edited excerpt from the tribute to Dr Frances Baker RSM delivered by Rev. Professor Frank Moloney SDB AM at the Annual Dinner.

The name Frances Baker and the figure of Deputy Master at Catholic Theological College are synonymous. Frances served the CTC community as Deputy Master for 12 years. That role evolved rapidly over those 12 years. Above all, there were academic and administrative tasks: endless committee meetings to attend, student and staff functions to arrange, representation on external bodies, both Catholic

and university (not to speak of congregational) that called for her presence. Her teaching and care of students, especially in the delicate areas of Fundamental Moral Theology and Human Sexuality, have produced a long line of grateful and well-informed students. Her presence on the College Executive, the Academic Board, and the Senate of the College was guided by her close contact with the ever-evolving role of the College within the University of Divinity. Frances, for the endless and sometimes thankless *academic* role you have played, we cannot thank you enough. Your contribution has been superb.

However crucial that academic role has been, your presence as Deputy Master has brought much more. It has been marked by a deep humanity, a profound and well-informed Catholicity, and an unconditional sense of self-gift and service to all of us: staff and students. There is no formal way to identify this contribution. You have been an outstanding welcoming presence to all who come to CTC, for whatever reason. You saw to it that no member

of staff or student went overlooked. You have encouraged and supported our research. You show gratitude for even the slightest service rendered to you and to the College and University. You have manifested a feminine and sensitive awareness of issues that were *not* academic or administrative. Behind all this, Frances, lay your deep concerns that everything in the life of the College reflect Gospel values, from your teaching, to your administration, to your care for us, to the great chats we all had with you over morning tea and lunch.

Then you have served us for six months as Acting Master. How lucky have we been! Frances, you can now celebrate with pride your unstinting service and hard work. You will bring a great deal to your new role at Corpus Christi. I suspect we will all be beneficiaries of that.

All of us are delighted that you will continue your presence at Catholic Theological College and the University of Divinity. As the years pass, may the Lord richly reward your ongoing gracious and supportive role, and may it be *ad multos annos!*

Master's Prize

The Master's Prize is awarded annually to a student who has excelled in academic studies and contributed in significant ways to the life of the College. This year, Acting Master Dr Frances Baker RSM awarded the prize to Jaz Ocampo.

Jaz migrated to Australia from the Philippines with her family when she was 12. After competing school and a gap year as a youth volunteer with the Darwin Diocese, she moved to Melbourne in 2015 to study Medicine at the University of Melbourne, where she found herself grappling with questions of personal identity, meaning and vocation. Seeking to better understand her faith so that it might be the interpretive lens through which she would view everything else, she began full-time study for her Bachelor of Theology at

CTC in 2016, graduating this year with much distinction—and some High Distinctions. While at the College, she could also be counted on to be involved in whatever was happening, always ready to find someone for a job or to volunteer herself. She represented the College in the University of Divinity review of multi-streamed classes and has made herself available to be part of course-review panels for the University in 2019.

This year she has returned to the University of Melbourne, where she is undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Psychology, hoping to find ways to integrate psychology and theology, and to help others come to the Gospel vision of abundant life. Beyond her study, she has been a leader of Singles for Christ, and has



Dr Frances Baker RSM with 2019 Master's Prize recipient Jaz Campo at the CTC Annual Dinner.

volunteered for major archdiocesan youth events and for the Missionary Sisters of Charity soup kitchen. Her plans for the future include further studies at CTC.

Academic prizes 2019

- The Archbishop's Prize for an outstanding essay in Systematic Theology: **Reginald Mary Chua OP** (*in absentia*) for "Recovering Thomist Primary Causation: A Critique of Denis Edwards' Account of Divine Action"
- The Archbishop Coleridge Prize for an outstanding essay in Biblical Studies: **Aleksander Stirrat** for "What is the Serpent? A Psychological re-reading of Genesis 2 and 3"
- The Austin Cooper Prize for an outstanding essay in Christian Spirituality (joint winners): **Rob Culhane** for "Thomas Merton's Approach to Contemplation", and **Ewan MacFarlane** (*in absentia*) for "G. K. Chesterton's Approach to Christmas"
- The Baronius Prize for an outstanding essay in Church History: **Isaac Demase SJ** for "The Relationship between the Papacy and the Society of Jesus 1814-1954"
- The Erasmus Prize for the most outstanding student in Biblical or Ecclesiastical Languages (joint winners): **Alida Chase** (*in absentia*) and **Sebastian Condon OP**
- The Francis de Sales Prize for an outstanding essay in Pastoral Studies: no prize awarded
- The Gerald O'Collins Prize for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Systematic Theology: **Joshua Whicker MGL** for "Conceiving the Trinity in the Son or the Spirit? A Comparison of the Trinitarian Theology of Balthasar and Weinandy"
- The Guilford Young Prize for an outstanding essay in Liturgy: **Ayanthi Perera MGL** for "Liturgical Leadership in a Ministry Context"
- The John Maher Prize for an outstanding essay in Philosophy: **Reginald Mary Chua OP** (*in absentia*) for "John Locke's Proof of God's Existence"
- The Leslie Tomlinson Prize for an outstanding essay in Moral Theology: **Ewan MacFarlane** (*in absentia*) for "Relating the Principles of Moral Theology to a Family in Crisis"
- The Rod Doyle Prize for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Biblical Studies: **Sebastian Condon OP** for "The Theological Meaning of Life in the Fourth Gospel and its Relationship to 'Resurrection'"
- The Roma Mitchell Prize for an outstanding research essay: **Helen Nichol** (*in absentia*) for "Ficino's Platonism: The Soul as a Work of Art"
- The Salesian Prize for an outstanding English as a Second Language student: **Anusit Chanphen SDB** (*in absentia*)
- The Bob Dixon Bursary Prize to assist in using social sciences methodologies in CTC studies: no prize awarded



1 Aleksander Stirrat and Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP; 2 Rob Culhane and Christopher Morris; 3 Isaac Demase SJ and Assoc Prof. Adam Cooper; 4 Sebastian Condon OP and Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP; 5 Joshua Whicker MGL and Rev. Professor Gerald O'Collins SJ AC; 6 Fr Brian Nichols and Ayanthi Perera MGL

‘Beyond the Sectarian Strand’: Religion in Australian History



Associate Professor Michael Hogan gives the keynote address.

On a Saturday in early May, historians from across the University of Divinity and beyond gathered for a research day focused on religion in Australian history. Rev. Dr Max Vodola reports on the day's events.

For some months, Katharine Massam (Pilgrim Theological College), Glen O'Brien (Eva Burrows College), Matthew Beckmann (Yarra Theological Union) and I have been meeting to reflect on the discipline of history across the University of Divinity and to discuss the possibility of collaborative research projects in the future. We have discussed the place of religious history in terms of the diverse ecclesial traditions across the University of Divinity and against the backdrop of wider themes in Australian history.

As a result of these discussions, a research day was held on Saturday

11 May 2019 at Pilgrim Theological College on the theme 'Beyond the Sectarian Strand'. Associate Professor Michael Hogan from Sydney graciously agreed to deliver a keynote address. Michael is the author of *The Sectarian Strand* (1987), a widely used text on the place of sectarianism in the social, cultural, religious and political history of Australia. Michael reflected on what motivated him to write the book originally, what themes he selected, and how he would write the book today in an entirely different historical context. Sectarianism can be traced back to religious, social and cultural issues in colonial Australia, often manifesting in disputes regarding the funding of education, and these divisions continued into the twentieth century. Michael wanted to explore how this 'strand' was also part of a wider narrative about the place of religion in Australia.

Professor Shurlee Swain of Australian Catholic University gave a formal response to Michael's presentation. Shurlee reflected on how elements of that deep-seated sectarian divide are quickly disappearing from our social and cultural landscape, such as Protestant and Catholic children calling each other names on the way home from school, warnings about the perils of 'mixed marriages', and certain workplaces that were enclaves of Protestantism, Catholicism, Freemasonry and so on. While the sectarian squabbles have largely disappeared, Shurlee reminded the audience that the historian's task still includes being attentive to religion's role in shaping the culture of place and local communities. When cultural historians are not familiar with this religious history, it is easy to fall back to simple stereotypes of 'sectarianism'.



Above: Participants in the research seminar.
Right: Professor Shurlee Swain responds to Michael's presentation.

Participants then contributed to a lively discussion on the historian's craft, especially when writing from a faith perspective; initiatives in ecumenical dialogue and cooperation in recent years; the importance of interfaith dialogue; and the emergence of new forms of religious intolerance, evidenced by anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic rhetoric in public debate.

The day concluded with an exchange of ideas on possible research projects to be explored in the future and on enhancing teaching opportunities in history across the University of Divinity. Special thanks to the Research Office for funding the day and to Pilgrim for graciously hosting the occasion.



Celebrating a life and a legacy

On Thursday 23 May, in conjunction with the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and New Zealand, CTC was honoured to host the launch of *M-D Chenu's Christian Anthropology: Nature and Grace in Society and Church*, the posthumously published doctoral thesis of Dr Janette Gray RSM.

A graduate of Cambridge University, Jan went on to teach systematic and pastoral theology in several academic institutions in Australia and overseas, most recently at the University of Divinity. Before her sudden death in December 2017, Jan was converting her doctoral thesis on the work of M-D Chenu into a book for publication. While Jan was unable to bring this work to completion, it was decided to prepare it for publication posthumously, as the work Jan did on Chenu's theological anthropology is too good to be lost.

A theology of humanity underpinned the historical, ecclesiological and socio-political theological writing of Marie-Dominique Chenu OP (1895–1990). Indeed, for him it was

in social situations that the Gospel was encountered, incarnated and preached. In more than a thousand articles and a handful of monographs, Chenu foreshadowed outlines for a theology of history, a theology of matter and a theology of the world. Across a range of contemporary theological topics, Chenu explored a Christian anthropology that articulated the experiential and concrete 'history' of human life in relation to faith; inspired by him, Jan Gray showed the way in which Chenu used the image of the bridge Pont-Saint-Espirit, which he experienced as a material preaching of the Gospel, to illustrate the dynamic of faith as relational and historically conditioned. The result she judged to be a profound anthropological shift, a Christian anthropology that is constituted by matter and history.

The book was launched by Rev. Professor Gerald O'Collins SJ AC. Recalling Chenu's image of the bridge, he observed that "here in

**M-D Chenu's Christian Anthropology:
Nature and Grace in Society and
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Janette Gray RSM

Australia, Jan herself was for us a wonderful bridge, a bridge between our theological inheritance and the needs of our times ... May we all, in different ways, take up her work and continue to bridge the gap between the faith we have inherited and the crying needs of our contemporary world."

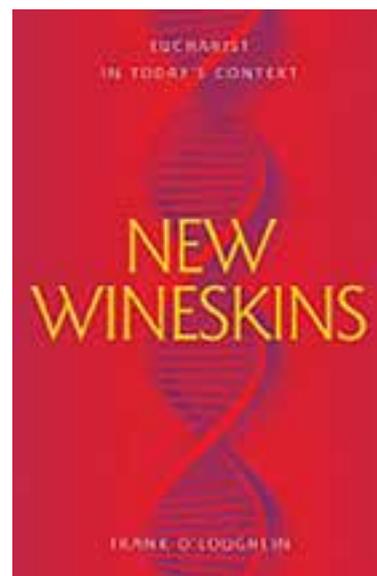
Dr Kathleen Williams RSM responded to the launch speech and was followed by Hilary Regan, who oversaw the publication of the book for ATF Press. Among those who gathered to celebrate the book's launch and remember Jan were many of her fellow Sisters of Mercy, former colleagues and her brothers Chris and Martin Gray.



Far left: Professor Gerald O'Collins SJ AC; Left: A number of Sisters of Mercy gathered for the launch, along with Jan's brothers Martin and Chris Gray (back row).

M-D Chenu's Christian Anthropology: Nature and Grace in Society and Church is published by ATF Press (RRP \$44.95) and can be ordered either directly from the publisher or from Garrat Publishing.

The Eucharist revisited



On the evening of Thursday 13 May, the College was pleased to host the launch of Rev. Dr Frank O'Loughlin's latest publication, *New Wineskins: Eucharist in Today's Context*.

From 1980 until 1997, Frank was a member of the Department of Systematic Theology and Liturgical Studies at Catholic Theological College. As Dr Frances Baker RSM observed in her welcome, there were very few among those gathered for the launch whom Frank had not taught at some point. But his contribution has extended well beyond CTC. He was a member of the formation staff of Corpus Christi College and, for fifteen years, director of the Diocesan Liturgical Centre. More recently he has served as a parish priest. Current CTC students continue to seek out his publications, especially *Christ Present in the Eucharist*. His latest book takes up again the theme of the Eucharist.

New Wineskins takes an approach to the Eucharist that seeks to take into account the new situation in which we live and breathe. This new context requires “new wineskins” in which the “wine” of the Eucharist might be appreciated anew. It looks into the human significance of the signs that we use in the Eucharist, especially the bread and wine, and seeks to emphasise theologically the interaction between these signs and the mystery we celebrate in the Eucharist. These signs are not outside the reality and meaning of the Eucharist but integral to it. This shift of focus, suggested by a reading of the times we are beginning to live in, enables us to look again at the Eucharist, which stands at the very heart of our faith, and to appreciate anew its inexhaustible riches.

The book was launched by Frank's former student and friend—and current CTC academic staff member—Rev. Dr Brendan Reed.

Above left: Rev. Dr Brendan Reed
Above centre: Rev. Dr Frank O'Loughlin and Dr Frances Baker RSM

New Wineskins: Eucharist in Today's Context is published by Coventry Press (RRP \$19.95) and can be ordered either directly from the publisher or from Garrat Publishing.

Adventures of an Australian theological librarian abroad

In June 2019, Mannix Library Manager **Kerrie Burn** will be travelling to Vancouver, in British Columbia, Canada, to attend the Atla (formerly American Theological Library Association) annual conference. Here she tells us a little about her experiences at previous conferences, and her recent work with the International Theological Librarianship Task Force.

The annual Atla conference is an important international conference directly related to my role, which I have been fortunate to attend previously in 2016 and 2018. In 2018, I presented a paper at the conference, which was subsequently published, titled "Alone We Can Do So Little; Together We Can Do So Much: Collaborative Library Projects at the University of Divinity". Atla is the provider of the most significant and well-used resource on the University's online Library Hub: the *Atla Religion Database with Atla Serials PLUS*.

In February 2018, I was invited by Atla to be the Australian representative on their newly established International Theological Librarianship Education Task Force. The idea for this global cooperative effort came out of conversations between the leaders of theological library associations around the world. The goal of the group is to strengthen and connect theological and religious studies librarians worldwide by identifying resources, creating educational opportunities, and developing skill-enhancement materials through collaborative efforts. Attending the 2019 conference will provide an opportunity for all members of the task force to meet face to face rather than via video conference. With



Kerrie Burn (third from left) meeting with other international theological librarians at the 2018 Atla conference in Indianapolis.

nine different time zones involved in the group's membership, finding a convenient meeting time for all has been a challenge. Times have been rotated so that no geographic area has always been disadvantaged, and every member has occasionally needed to set their alarm for the middle of the night.

At the 2018 Atla conference in Indianapolis, Atla hosted a dinner for all the international theological librarians attending the conference. This enabled us to listen and learn from other task force members, and to hear about our libraries, experiences and education. This opportunity helped us to increase our understanding of theological librarianship globally.

One of the task force's priorities has been to create educational resources for theological librarians who wish to have library training but are unable to acquire it in a formal way, and for those who have a formal education but are lacking specific expertise in theological librarianship. My contribution to this project has been

to write a chapter on theological libraries in Australia and New Zealand for a larger publication titled *The Theological Librarian's Handbook*. The first volume will be published later in the year, with others expected to follow. The aim is to produce a series of volumes that will provide valuable resource materials for those new to the profession.

Another of the activities of the task force has been to create a two-week education program for theological librarians from libraries in developing-economy countries, and to sponsor five attendees to be part of a formal International Theological Librarian Leadership Institute. The successful applicants will attend the conference as part of this program. Part of my role at this year's Atla conference will be to mentor one of the participants who comes from Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji. After attending the Atla conference, I will also be travelling to several cities in the United States, where I will visit libraries and colleges and consult with other librarians who are custodians of specialist theological collections.

Fr Jake Mudge awarded doctorate

Belated congratulations to Rev. Dr Jake Mudge, who successfully defended his doctoral thesis on 28 January 2019 at the Gregorian University, Rome.

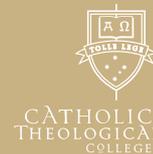
Entitled “Authentic Subjectivity and Christian Formation: A Dialectical Study of Luigi Rulla Based on Robert Doran”, the thesis was written within the Department of Fundamental Theology in the Faculty of Theology at the university, and was examined by Professor Gerry Whelan SJ from the Department of Fundamental Theology, and by Stanislaus Morgalla SJ from the Saint Peter Favre Centre for Formators to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Welcome Fr Trevor Tibbertsma



Fr Trevor Tibbertsma will join the academic staff of the College from the beginning of Semester 2. He will be a member of the Biblical Studies department and will be teaching within several Scripture units. Having studied at CTC between 2010 and 2013, Fr Trevor went to Rome to continue his studies and his formation for priesthood. Initially, he completed his BTheol at the Pontifical Gregorian University and then transferred to the Pontifical Biblical Institute to begin his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture. He came back to Melbourne in 2017 for his ordination and then returned to Rome to complete his Licentiate. While a seminarian in Rome, Fr Trevor resided at the North American College, and then, following his ordination, he moved to Casa Santa Maria. He has been appointed part-time to St Monica's Parish Moonee Ponds. We congratulate Fr Trevor on the attainment of his Licentiate with major studies on Acts and Baruch, and we look forward to him joining the academic staff of the College.



Cardinal Knox Lecture



Dr Trudy Dantis

Director of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Pastoral Research Office

'Themes of Discernment: Preparing for the Plenary Council 2020'

Wednesday 21 August 2019
7.30pm

Catholic Leadership Centre
Cnr Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street
East Melbourne

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CTC Annual Mass, 6 June 2019,
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Stained-glass windows,
CTC chapel (detail)