

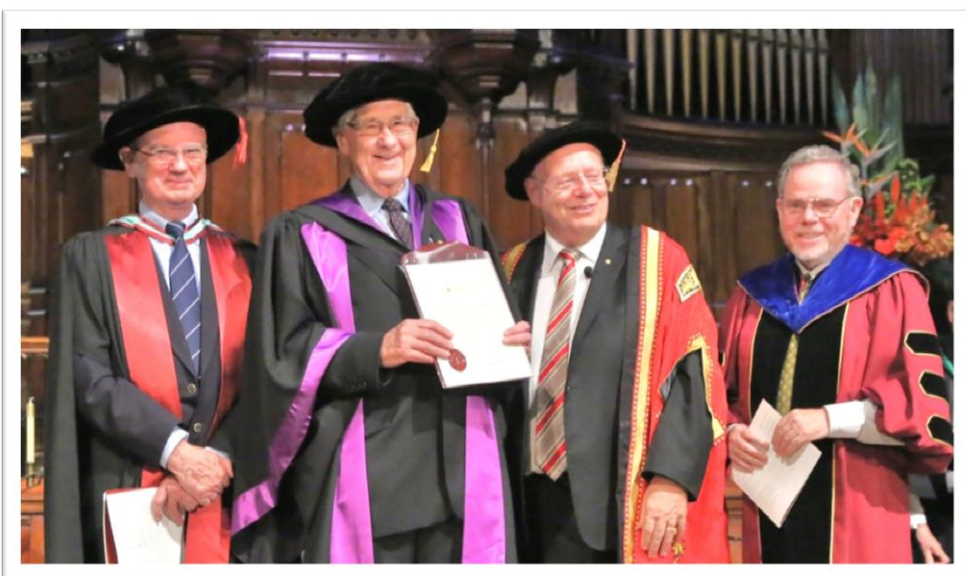
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July 2015

The latter weeks of the first semester are crowded with significant College events: the University Graduation, the Knox lecture, the Annual Mass and Dinner. These are soon followed by Ordinations to diaconate and priesthood and religious professions. For those concerned these are significant milestones and for all of us in the life of CTC, they are a cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving. The significant numbers graduating is a sign of the vigour of this academic community. The Knox Lecture is one of the events in College life which emphasises our esteem for both scholarship and praxis. The Annual Mass and Dinner brings together the entire CTC Community – Senate, Administration, Faculty and students – in celebration both liturgical and social, of the College's identity while the Ordinations and Religious Professions remind us of the significance of a primary *raison d'être* of the College. All members of the College rejoice in these events and offer warmest congratulations to each and every individual who is personally involved.

University Graduation

The University of Divinity graduation ceremony was held this year in one of Melbourne's most beautiful buildings, St Michael's Uniting Church on Collins Street. The architect was Joseph Reed who also designed the Melbourne Town Hall and the Exhibition Building. The degrees were conferred by Dr Graeme Blackman OAM, Chancellor of the University, and the graduation address was delivered by the Rev. Professor Emeritus Brendan Byrne sj. A record ninety-three CTC students graduated, including three who received doctorates.



Dr Race Matthews (2nd from left), with the Chancellor, Dr Graeme Blackman OAM, and his supervisors: (L) Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper omi AM and (R) Rev. Dr Bruce Duncan CSsR

**CTC Nominee as a
Vice-Chancellor's Scholar**

Matthew Dennis Boland

Diploma in Theology

Jack Edward Blanch

Damien Paul Brick

Brendon Oliver Diente

Abble Gaspi

Menard Gaspi

Wayne Henry Grocock

Janaka Tharanga Christopher Rubasinghe

**Advanced Diploma in
Theology and Ministry**

James Richard Baxter

Katerine Franjo

Fiona Margaret Shanahan

Advanced Diploma in Philosophy

Patrick Joseph Bradford

Fabio Mangiapane

Daryl James Montecillo

Mark Daniel O'Shea

Bachelor of Theology

James Richard Baxter

Matthew Dennis Boland

Patrick Joseph Bradford

Arun Michael Charles

Ferdinand Dominic Correyra

Charles John English

Marcus William Goulding

Daryl James Montecillo

Ramel Morales

Andrew Martin Murphy

Antony Berchmans Santhiyagu

Graduate Certificate in Theology

Philomena Mary Billington

Thuc Le Van

Matthew Todd Percival

Gerardine Mary Prendergast

Maria Elisabeth Radanov

Christopher Anthony Snell

Gabriel Tipnis

Van Thanh Tran

Craig Stephen Tucker

Joseph Van Dillen

Margaret Anne Van Dillen

Sandra Mary Westaway

Terry Ernest Westaway

**Graduate Certificate in
Guiding Meditation**

Maureen Cromar

Christopher Malcolm Knauf

Jeanette Mary O'Brien

Pia Mary Sim

Lucianne Josephine Vassallo

**Graduate Certificate in
Teaching Religious Education**

Louisa Bianca Biviano

Leah Maree Busuttill

Sarah Elizabeth Maryann Callahan

David Maurice Campbell

Allison Maree Carlon

Stacey Louise Carmichael

Simone Marie Clarke

Ben Jacob Collyer

Lisa Jane Connolly

Danielle Christina Cuthbert

Linda D'Amelio

Shane Andrew Dawson

Wendy Di Tirro

Jacqueline Clare Dixon

Bridget Irene Dunstan

Kate Alyce Gibbs

Nelson Gnaccarini

Bianca Lara Gordon

Nelson Ryan Graham

Belinda Maree Harris

Christopher James Jansen

Priscilla Elizabeth Kathires

Miriam Jean Kleijn

Stephanus Jacobus Le Roux

Susan Marie Lopez

Kathryn Anne Martin

Ashlee Louise Milne

Patricia Mary Morgan

Kymberley Anne Naylor

Daniela Overton

Jennifer Louise Porritt

Michelle Claire Sugrue

Andrew David Weir

Samantha Louise Whitton

Graduate Diploma in Theology

Felicia Surjani Hadiwidjaja

Mai Nguyen-Doan

Brendan David Nicholls

Sanaa Rizkalla

Witthana Seesawan

Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies

Cynthia Bernardo
Haeuck In

Graduate Diploma in Systematic Theology

Ronachai Mathavabhandju
Joellan Peter Peart

Master of Arts (Theology)

Haeuck In
Christina Anne Westmore-Peyton

Master of Arts (Spirituality)

Judith Mary Bourke

Master of Theological Studies

Patrick Bertrand Arahataru
Elie Azzi
Deng Chour
Karl Anthony Emerick
Sang Ngoc Ho
Duck Young Kong
John-Paul Mount
Henry Natowosi
The Vinh Nguyen
Michael Steven Romeo

Doctor of Philosophy

Gregory Martin Brown
Trudy Mary Dantis

Doctor of Theology

Charles Race Thorson Mathews

Heartfelt congratulations to each of the above. May your award be a source of satisfaction for you personally and also an incentive to see it as a means of serving the wider church and community.

The Knox Lecture ~ Monday 27th May

The annual Knox Lecture is our time-honoured celebration of the memory of James Cardinal Knox, the fifth Archbishop of Melbourne and founder of Catholic Theological College. This year's lecture was delivered by Professor Therese D'Orsa and was entitled *'Treasures Old and New. Catholic Education Fifty Years on from Vatican II.'* Professor D'Orsa is a Catholic missiologist and educational leader who has had wide teaching experience and was a former Director of Catholic Education (Sale) and Director of Religious Education (Sydney). Therese is currently Conjoint Professor of the University of Newcastle and the Broken Bay Institute, an honorary research associate of the University of Divinity and an honorary fellow of Australian Catholic University. Therese has published widely across her career, and with her husband Jim, has co-authored several books focussed at the interface of missiology and education. In her lecture, she highlighted education as one of the key elements in the mission of the Church, and looked at the history of Catholic education from its first primitive stages (1820–70), through to the 'era of the religious' (broadly 1870–1970), followed by a third period (1970 to the end of the century), a time of deep societal and religious change. Prof D'Orsa then focused on the



challenges of education in the third millennium, in a globalised post-modern world. The lecture was followed by responses by Ms Kate Fogarty ~ Principal, Assumption College, Kilmore and Bishop Mark Edwards omi ~ Auxiliary Bishop, Melbourne. There was a time for questions before the ninety or so who attended the lecture enjoyed refreshments at what is now our customary venue for these events, the Catholic Leadership Centre.



The 2015 Annual Mass and Dinner ~ 4th June



The Annual CTC Mass celebrating our College Patrons, Saints Peter and Paul, was held at St John's Church, East Melbourne, on Thursday 4 June. The principal celebrant was the Most Reverend Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne and President of CTC. Concelebrants included the Bishops, Provincials of Religious Orders and Congregations affiliated with CTC and Rectors of Affiliated Seminaries. The homily was given by Very Rev. Leo Mifsud omi, Provincial of the Oblates. Many faculty, guests and students attended the Mass and the dinner following, including the University Chancellor, Dr Graeme Blackman OAM. During the dinner, the Master presented the Master's prize and the annual essay prizes. This year the recipients were as follows:

The Master's Prize Madeleine Gilbey



The Archbishop's Prize (Systematic Theology essay): James Baxter op
The Archbishop Coleridge prize (Biblical Studies essay): Francis Denton
The Guilford Young Prize (Liturgy essay): Maria Radanov
The Thomas Shortall Prize (Moral Theology essay): Francis Denton
The Francis de Sales Prize (Pastoral Studies essay): Teresa Rhynehart
The Rod Doyle Prize (Biblical Studies undergraduate essay): Michael Buck

University of Divinity Council Members



The Most Revd Dr Terry Curtin has resigned from the University Council due to increased responsibilities following his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Council paid tribute to his extensive service and leadership of the institution, noting that he has been a member of the Council since its foundation in 2005, and previously a member of the Melbourne College of Divinity since 1995. He was President of the Melbourne College of Divinity in 2010 and 2011, during the time the College successfully applied for accreditation as a University. Dr Anne Hunt, formerly Executive

Dean, ACU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, has been appointed by the Roman Catholic Church to replace Bishop Curtin.



Priesthood Ordinations

On 27 June, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Francis Denton, John Paul Mount, and Charles Balnaves were ordained to the priesthood.

We note especially the ordination of Rev. Charles Balnaves, who was for many years closely involved with CTC as a lay student. He writes:

Major changes in my life including the end of my 30-year career in business and ten years later the death of my wife Tanya have meant that the Holy Spirit has been very active in my life, gently calling and guiding me towards priesthood. Not long after my business career ended (2003), I was handed a brochure about a conference of deacons. It proved interesting and Tanya and I felt it was worth pursuing this, despite the Archdiocese having no diaconal programme till 2009. Still, I enrolled at CTC for eight years of enjoyable studies. I hoped that my academic understanding of my faith would grow exponentially and it did and it was fun once I learnt to write essays not reports. What surprised and pleased me even more was the spiritual and personal development that happened through the generosity of spirit of staff and students (and my wife). All that led to ordination to the diaconate in 2012 which was meant to be a life-vocation as a deacon – but that was not enough for God and the Spirit blew on me via people I respect and within my own heart so I spoke with Archbishop Hart and he said “let’s see what happens” – another two years of pastoral experience, including one more of academic study, and here I am, by the grace of God, as ready as possible to start ministering as a priest. Exciting indeed!



Ordinations to the Diaconate and a Solemn Profession

On 21 June at St John Vianney's Church Mulgrave, Sayyane Xayavong omi was ordained deacon.

On 4 July at St. Benedict's Broadway, Sydney, Matthew Boland op and James Baxter op were ordained deacons.



On 29 June at St Dominic's East Camberwell, Robert Krishna op made his solemn profession.

Congratulations are extended to all of these students. May they be upheld in their calling by the goodness of God and the prayers of all members of our College.

SRC April Barbeque

Earlier in the semester a light-hearted moment was the BBQ hosted by the SRC. Here are Llew Berchy, Leeanne Grima and Brendan Lindsay enjoying the moment while the students recover from their first half semester efforts.



The Church History Tour

The 2015 Church History Tour will depart on 3 September, the Feast of St Gregory the Great. The tour might well be placed under his very humane and inspiring leadership. We will be visiting Monte Casino and Subiaco in Italy, the scene of labours of St. Benedict. Much of what we know about Benedict comes to us from Gregory the Great. And it was he who sent monk missionaries to England where we will again meet his influence when we visit Downside Abbey. This abbey contributed no less

than five bishops who were significant in the story of Australian Catholicism, and many monks who played a significant role in the early days of the Sydney archdiocese. One of these pioneering monks in Australia was William Ullathorne who was Vicar General in Sydney from 1833 and later became Bishop of Birmingham when the hierarchy was re-established in England and Wales in 1850. He, in turn, proved a great friend to John Henry Newman, one of the giant figures in English-speaking Catholicism and beyond. We meet Newman when we visit Littlemore, the scene of much of his simple, parish pastoral work as an Anglican and where he eventually became a Catholic. We meet Newman again when we visit Abbotsford in Scotland, the home of Sir Walter Scott the famous novelist and one of the leaders in the Romantic Movement. One of Newman's closest friends (James Robert Hope-Scott) inherited this beautiful estate ... and so the interesting links multiply! There is still time to join us. Why not do so? You can count this Tour as two units in either Church History or Christian Spirituality.

Contact: *Dr Frances Baker rsm, Deputy Master, or Professor Austin Cooper omi*

Research News

CTC is fortunate to have a thriving research environment with 23 students engaged in Masters or Doctoral research programs. Four times yearly these students come together to let each other know what it is they are studying and how they are progressing. The most recent gathering took place over lunch on Wednesday 27 May, when 18 of the 23 were able to be present with supervisors and others including well-known and respected theologian Prof. Gerald O'Collins SJ and eminent conductor and musicologist Richard Divall OBE AO. Students reported on their exploration of a wide range of topics including the religious behaviour of Gen X, the thought of French philosopher Jean-Luc Marion, moral dilemmas in Vietnam, the life of pioneering Mercy sister Annie Maguire, trends in religious education, the presence of the risen Christ in the world and many more. Conversations were opened and encouragement given to scholars to exchange views beyond the gathering.

Students recently admitted to research studies are:

- **In the Master of Theology:**

Dr Helen Delaney rsm: 'A Great Talent for Management: Mother Xavier Maguire, 1819-1879.'

Dr Berise Heasly: 'The Formation of Moral Conscience within the Catholic Tradition and the Heasly Thinking Skills System (HTSS).'

- **In the Doctor of Theology:**

Christina Westmore-Peyton: 'Investigating the Religiosity and Spirituality of Australian Generation X Catholics and their Church Affiliation in Melbourne, Victoria.'

Students completing their studies were congratulated.

- **Completing the Master of Theology (by major thesis):**

Frank Cumbo: 'Ecclesiology of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.'

The next Research Gathering will be an evening gathering on Wednesday 19 August.

Honorary Researchers

Four scholars have recently formalised their involvement with CTC as Honorary Researchers of the University of Divinity.

Dr John Mandalios: Honorary Research Associate

John has taught ancient Greek philosophy and European philosophy for 20 years and is a published author on the works of the German thinker Friedrich Nietzsche. He was Visiting Professor of Philosophy at the prestigious *SciencesPo* of Paris. His research focuses on German metaphysics, and the relationship between naturalism and orders of formation and direction which enable transcendence. This entails publications in the comparative historical study of societies and religious traditions with a view to new currents of enlightenment. He is currently completing a book on atheism and Nietzsche. He has worked with the former Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Hon. Paul Keating PM) and the Federal Minister for Health on the development of a social justice and rights platform to underwrite federal Access & Equity policies.



Prof. Ruth Webber: Honorary Research Fellow



Professor Ruth Webber, TPTC, BA(Hons), BEd, MEd, PhD, is an honorary professor at Australian Catholic University. She held an academic position as a researcher at ACU between 1985 and 2004. She has been involved in many research projects including: *The Spirit of Generation Y: Young People's Worldviews, Values, Commitments and Spiritual Experiences*, *Catholic Community Response to the 2009 Bushfires*, *World Youth Day 2008* and *Catholic Prison Ministry*. She has undertaken private research for several non-profit welfare agencies and has published widely on many different social justice areas in refereed journals and academic books. She has completed degrees in sociology, psychology and education and has honorary appointments at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Divinity and the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Dr Ineke Cornet: Honorary Research Associate

Ineke is originally from the Netherlands. She studied theology and history at the University of Leiden, specialising in medieval studies. After this, she moved to Belgium for her interdisciplinary PhD on the sixteenth-century manuscript collection with Middle Dutch mystical sermons from the St. Agnes monastery in Arnhem, which had not been studied before. This project was awarded with a PhD in Theology from the Catholic University in Leuven and a PhD in Literature from the University of Antwerp. Her ongoing research interests are the history of Christian mysticism and spirituality, in particular of the late medieval and early modern period. In her research, she also brings these mystical texts from the past in dialogue with contemporary spirituality and mysticism. She moved to Australia in 2012, and is married, with two daughters. She currently supervises a PhD project on Meister Eckhart at CTC, and lectures in the University of Divinity, mainly at Sentir.



Dr Bob Dixon: Honorary Research Fellow



Dr Robert (Bob) Dixon has been the Director of the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference since its foundation in 1996. He has a PhD in sociology from Monash University as well as degrees in science, theology and education. He is the author of *The Catholic Community in Australia* (2005) and a co-author of several books, book chapters, and numerous journal articles about the demography of the Australian Catholic population and aspects of their belief and practice. In the 1970s and 80s, Bob taught at St Aloysius College, North Melbourne, Killester College, Springvale, and Kilbreda College, Mentone, and also spent two years as a secondary Religious Education consultant in the Catholic Education Office and two years as a volunteer teacher in Western Samoa. Bob is an honorary professor of Australian Catholic University and a member of the boards of National Church Life Survey Research and of the Christian Research Association. He is married to Cathy and they live in St Anthony's Catholic Parish, Noble Park.