

Tolle Lege, July 2018

Annual Mass and Dinner ~ June 7

The Annual Mass and Dinner celebrating the life of the College took place on Thursday 7 June at St John's Church and the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Archbishop Hart, the President of the College presided at Mass and the homily was given by Fr Brian McCoy SJ.

At the Dinner after Mass, the Master formally welcomed members of the Salvatorian Order, whose formation house was affiliated with Catholic Theological College last year. He provided a brief history of the Order which was founded by Fr Francis Jordan, a German priest, ordained in 1878, with a great interest in the Missions and in the apostolate of the press. By the time he died in 1918, the Society of the Divine Saviour, as it had become known, was established in 14 different countries. It now has 3,000 priests, brothers and sisters as members.



The Salvatorians arrived in Australia in 1961, at the invitation of Archbishop Prendiville of Perth. Over a decade in the 1980s, members of the Polish province and British province worked alongside one another in Australia, with a view to responsibility passing to the Polish province, which happened in 1987. There are now over 20 members of the Polish province working in Australia, in parishes and as school chaplains in Perth, regional parts of West Australia, the Broken Bay diocese and, since 2017, also in Melbourne.

The Salvatorian with whom we are most familiar here is Rev. Krzysztof Gasperowicz, who has been a very welcome addition to our staff at CTC, lecturing with us here since

mid-2017. Krzysztof himself was not able to attend the dinner, as he was in Poland, where he was completing his doctoral examination.

The Salvatorians formally applied for their new formation house in Alphington to become an affiliated seminary of CTC in August last year, and were approved by the CTC Senate in November. To acknowledge this new status of Salvatorians Australia, the Master invited Fr Bronislaw Pietruszewicz, Regional Superior of the Salvatorians, to present Archbishop Hart with a picture of Fr Francis Jordan, founder of the Salvatorians; Fr Bronislaw was accompanied by Fr Adam Babinski, Parish Priest of Alphington and Thornbury East, and Piotr Babinski, the Salvatorians' current seminarian. This picture will join the others in CTC's main foyer provided by the other six religious institutes affiliated with the college.

Also during dinner, the recipients of various College awards and prizes were announced.

The Master's Prize is awarded not only on the basis of academic results, but for "a significant and valued contribution to the life of the College". This year it was presented to Br. Joshua Nash OMI. In his remarks prior to announcing the recipient, the Master noted that Joshua is a generous and enthusiastic participant in class and at college events, and has been an active member of the SRC in two separate years, serving first as secretary and later as treasurer.



Academic Prizes

The Archbishop's Prize for an outstanding essay in Systematic Theology

Did Christ experience the Beatific Vision throughout his Earthly Life?

Reginald Mary Chua OP



The Archbishop Coleridge Prize for an outstanding essay in Biblical Studies

Aquinas on Romans 11:26

Reginald Mary Chua OP

The Austin Cooper Prize for an outstanding essay in Christian Spirituality

Dorothy Day and the 'Folly of the Cross'

Tiffany Davis



The Baronius Prize for an outstanding essay in Church History

Why did the Eastern and Western Halves of the Church begin to drift apart during the Patristic Era?

Rhonda Graham



The Francis de Sales Essay Prize for an outstanding essay in Pastoral Studies

Pastoral Care Support Strategies for Family and Carers of People diagnosed with Dementia

John McCarthy



The Guilford Young Prize for an outstanding essay in Liturgy

The Meaning and Development of Ministries within the Liturgical Context, expanding on the particular Ministries of Deacon and Lay Liturgical Leader

Elizabeth Young RSM



The Erasmus Prize for the most outstanding student

in biblical or ecclesiastical languages

Timothy Hurse



The Salesian Prize for the most outstanding

'English as a Second Language' Student

shared by Anusit Chanphen SDB and Shehan Fernando MGL



The Bob and Cath Dixon Bursary

To assist in using social sciences' methodologies in CTC studies

David Moloney





Staff News and Appointments

Master

Congratulations to Very Rev. Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay who has been reappointed Master of Catholic Theological College for another term, to the end of 2022. Fr. Mackinlay will be taking a period of Study Leave during Semester 1, 2019 during which time Dr Frances Baker RSM will assume the responsibilities of Acting Master of the College.



Assistant Dean

John Bartholomeusz has been appointed to the new position of Assistant Dean at CTC (full time), commencing Monday 2 July. This position was recommended in the recent review of our administrative structure. John will assume most of the administrative duties of the current Registrar position, along with assisting the Academic Dean and Associate Dean (Postgraduate & Research) with course advice and enrolments. Previously John has worked at the University of Divinity, including a position as Director of Academic Services at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for the last six years. John brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role, along with a well-earned reputation for generosity, graciousness, and dedication to achieving the best possible outcomes for students.

Learning Support Coordinator

Jude Caspersz will take up the new position of Learning Support Coordinator (part time), with responsibility for supporting students and staff in using ARK, coordinating CTC's various tutors and other student services, fostering academic skills, and managing the availability of CTC lectures and seminar days for school teachers. Jude has served as CTC's Registrar since late 2015 and his commitment and effectiveness in responding to staff and students experiencing difficulties has been enormously appreciated by all, especially as the demands on his position have increased.



Best wishes to both as they begin their new responsibilities.

Sabbatical Leave

Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP will be away during the Second Semester:



I was delighted to learn that the Master of CTC granted my request for study leave until the end of the second semester 2018. As some students know, the real amount of time lecturers devote to teaching is far longer than the weekly or bi-weekly interaction in class. Preparation for the lectures, examination procedures, dealing with special cases and requests as well as attending long meetings is time well spent, but these duties are usually undertaken at the expense of research. As a result, teachers who lack an in-depth knowledge in their respective fields may become less able to deliver stimulating and meaningful lectures. That is why our college offers its lecturers an opportunity, from time to time, to stop teaching for a while and become students again.

The first part of my study leave will take place in London, in the world-famous British Library. The British Library holds over 200 million items, including 14 million books. Some of the items are over 4,000 years old, some were made or printed yesterday. My work in the Library will be combined with occasional visits to Oxford to meet colleagues and friends. I intend to spend the second half of my study leave here in Melbourne and it will be devoted mainly to writing. I have been asked to prepare two book chapters related to Genesis and Jonah, and will be preparing a paper to be delivered in Denver, USA, at the end of November. I am also working on a new book whose main focus is the historical reception of stories about Abraham in the Second Temple period.

Are you unsure about what the Second Temple period is? Please, enrol in *The Biblical World* unit, which is taught in the first semester of each academic year, and you will know everything about it!



Dr Rosemary Canavan has just returned from sabbatical leave

On Palm Sunday 2018 I left for Jerusalem and the École Biblique to begin my Sabbatical full of excitement and expectation. This was the first time I have had such an opportunity and I chose the École Biblique as my starting point for five weeks of research in their extensive library with a view to beginning my Commentary on *1 & 2 Thessalonians*, completing a book section on *Thessalonians* for the First Urban Churches Series volume on Thessaloniki, beginning a book section on “Women of the Lycus Valley” for the *New Documents Illustrating Early Christianity* series volume on the Lycus Valley, and preparing two papers: one for the FBS Conference in Sydney in September and the other for the FBS AGM in Melbourne in November.

It was marvellous to be in Jerusalem and my days began with a walk in the old or new city and sometimes both! Much of the day I spent in the library where I had a desk allocated and where I could place all the books I was working with. This library is a treasure trove which I enjoyed exploring after my induction. I have been able to build an extensive bibliography for my commentary and further my research on all projects. Living in meant that I had 24/7 access to the library which was very helpful though I do like to sleep in the very early hours of the morning. I shared meals in the dining room for Lunch and dinner with the Dominicans, other international researchers, research students and lay staff. I have been invited to bring our tour group to visit in November!

Arriving in Jerusalem in Holy Week added a special layer to this research time. Walking to Gethsemane with new found friends and praying together for those we wished to remember there abides in my heart as the most moving memory. The joy of the congregation who danced and sang in the church at St Etienne after the Vigil mass was the most exuberant of resurrection celebrations. In my time there I located an unpublished coin on a coin-dealer's website that adds new information for my “Women of the Lycus Valley” book chapter. It isn't often that you find something new. More often research is about finding new insights, new perspectives or re-interpreting evidence already available. This was such a thrill and I will be speaking on this at the FBS AGM and it will be published in the book section on the “Women of the Lycus Valley”.

Five weeks seems a long time as it stretches out before you but pretty soon I was packing up for the next stage: two weeks in Greece, visiting Athens and Thessaloniki. My husband, Michael, joined me in Athens and I was delighted to have someone to share my discoveries with. In Thessaloniki I met up with Associate Professor Ekaterini Tsalampouni of Aristotle University in Thessaloniki. She took me to see the archaeological sites showing special additions that might not be so evident for tourists. She also set up a meeting with Professor Pantelis Nigdelis who is the major translator of the inscriptions in this city. He gifted me five volumes of this work and invited me to send him any questions I have as I progress on understanding the associations and religious organisations in Thessaloniki. In the Archaeological Museum I located two statuettes of Kourotraphos vital to the connection I have made with Paul likening himself to a wet-nurse (1 Thess 2:7). Ekaterini invited me to bring our tour group to the University and after discussion plans are underway to have Ekaterini come with us to the Archaeology Museum where she will guide us.

All too soon I was flying again back to Melbourne and the comforts of home, still with four weeks to continue my writing and consolidate the research I had undertaken. I have had a most excellent adventure that has produced much fruit and brought me back energized, relaxed, inspired and very grateful. My thanks to all who have made this time possible for me to be away and for the financial support via research grants from Catholic Theological College and the University of Divinity.

Rev. Dr Krzysztof Gaserpowicz's Doctoral Degree

On 18 June, Fr Krzysztof (Kris) Gasperowicz SDS, a member of the Salvatorian Congregation, newly affiliated with Catholic Theological College, and, since mid-2017, a lecturer at CTC, undertook the final public defence of his doctoral dissertation. The defence, in the presence of members of his family and other guests, took place at the Pontifical Theological Faculty in Wroclaw, Poland and happily was successful.

The subject of his thesis was: *Trust in the Structure of Faith in the Context of the Relationship of Theology and Psychology*. The dissertation was written in the discipline of systematic theology under the supervision of Rev Prof Bogdan Ferdek.

Some idea of the breadth of Fr Krzysztof's background and academic formation can be gained from a glance at his qualifications: DipPsych (Krakow, Poland) BPsych (Greg) MTheol (Wroclaw, Poland) STL (PSU, Rome) MPsyh (UKSW, Poland) DTheol (Wroclaw, Poland). Congratulations, Rev. Dr Krzysztof Gasperowicz SDS!





Cardinal Knox Lecture, 16 May ~ *What Price Loyalty?*

The Cardinal Knox lecture in honour of the founder of Catholic Theological College Archbishop James Knox was delivered this year by Dr Jeff Kildea, Adjunct Professor in Irish Studies at the University of New South Wales.

Some 125 members and friends of the College gathered at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne to hear a stimulating (and entertaining) account of the impact of World War I on Australian Catholics. Entitled 'What Price Loyalty?' Dr Kildea's lecture spoke of the complicated loyalties of Australian Catholics at that time: to their Faith, to Ireland from where most of their ancestors had come, and to Australia itself where they had found a home and many new opportunities. He spoke of how, initially the war had

eased relations between Catholics and others since signing up for war-service was a way in which Catholic young men could join other young Australians and prove their loyalty to their homeland without abandoning their faith or the natural ties to Ireland.

Dr Kildea showed how this initial harmony was eroded as the War progressed: events in Ireland, particularly the Easter Uprising of 1916 and the ruthless British response to it, the Conscription campaigns (in which the 'No' campaign was largely spear-headed by the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Daniel Mannix) and the terrible cost in human lives and devastation eroded Australian confidence in the morality of the war and Catholic enlistments especially, dropped. This led to a new and deep seated wave of sectarian feeling in Australian society as Catholics were perceived as shirkers, unpatriotic and fundamentally disloyal. The result of this was that no reasonable critique of the War could be made from Catholic quarters and, with the exception of Mannix and one or two others, Australian bishops scarcely mentioned Pope Benedict XV's efforts at peace-making even his Peace Note of 1917. Finally, in 1918, World War I ended, but not for many years, its Australian legacy of sectarian bitterness. Read Dr Kildea's address in full [here](#).



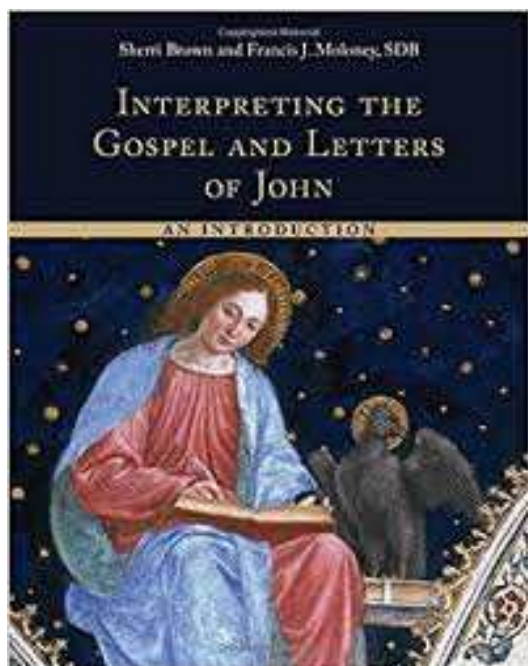
The responder was Rev. Dr Christopher Dowd OP of Catholic Theological College whose book published in 2014, *Faith, Ireland and Empire: The Life of Patrick Joseph Clune CSsR, 1864-1934, Archbishop of Perth, Western Australia* explored the life and attitudes of an Archbishop who took quite a different approach to World War I to that of Archbishop Mannix. A very thought provoking evening was complemented by animated and congenial conversations over refreshments afterwards.



CTC Professors win top awards from US Catholic Press Association

During the winter break we received the exciting news that two books by CTC Professors had won awards in the 2018 Catholic Press Association Awards!

The 2018 program included: 2939 entries from 233 publication members, and 506 individual staff and freelance members who were eligible to enter the contest.

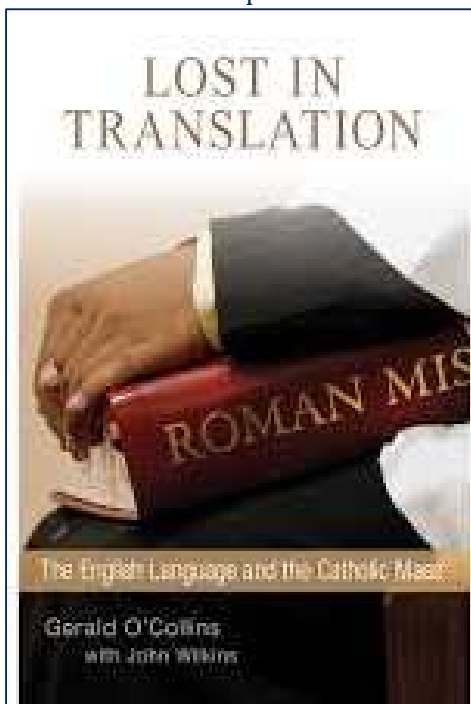


Another review comments: “Combining the skills of the teacher and the excellence of sound scholarship, Sherri Brown and Francis Moloney have produced a fine resource to guide students on their journey into the wisdom and world of John. Brown and Moloney’s big-picture approach embraces Israel’s story, Rome’s world, and the church’s beginnings as a framework for a careful reading of the biblical texts. This is an introduction filled with innovation and insight, a delight for learner and teacher alike.” (Emeritus Professor William Loader).

The Master’s words to Fr Frank on hearing of the award, surely sum up the response of all members of CTC: ‘Warm congratulations! This is a tremendous recognition of your commitment and skill in making the highest levels of scholarship available to students. We are proud to have CTC associated with your book’.

[Interpreting the Gospel and Letters of John](#) (Eerdmans) co-authored by Professor Frank Moloney SDB and a former PhD student of his at Catholic University of America, Dr Sherri Brown won the award for the best reference book. The citation reads:

Comprehensive treatment of subject strikingly presented, enhanced by appealing layout with generous white space on every page plus maps and illustrations make researching the topic pleasurable as well as informative. Valuable assets include a bibliography and suggested reading and three indices. An admirable work.



[Lost in Translation: The English Language and the Catholic Mass](#) (Liturgical Press) by Rev. Prof. Gerald O'Collins SJ AC with John Wilkins won second place in the Liturgy Books category.

The adjudicators commented:

This is a well-reasoned, concise argument for a truly vernacular translation of the Roman Missal. The argument is based on principles as old as those proposed by St. Jerome and on recent ecclesiastical history from the Second Vatican Council to the most recent translation of the Roman Missal into English.



International Biblical Research Conference at CTC

With the generous help of the University of Divinity and in collaboration with the Institute of Religion and Critical Inquiry ACU, Dr Rosemary Canavan and Dr Kris Sonek OP organised an International Biblical Research Conference at our college. The Conference was held on 18 May 2018 and our keynote speakers were two internationally renowned scholars: Professor John Collins, Holmes Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation and Professor Adela Yarbro Collins, Buckingham Professor of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation, both of Yale University.

On the day, the Master of the College, Assoc. Professor Shane Mackinlay, welcomed the keynote speakers and a group of about 60 attendees. The research day was divided into a morning and afternoon session. In the morning, Prof. John Collins presented a paper entitled "Is there Mysticism in the Dead Sea Scrolls?" Two local scholars, Rev. Em. Prof. Brendan Byrne SJ and Dr Kylie Crabbe, wrestled with the concept of mysticism in their responses. After some exchange of views between the speakers, the discussion was opened to questions from the floor.



Similarly, in the afternoon Prof. Adela Collins presented the topic "Paul, Jewish Mysticism and Spirit Possession". Her respondents were Rev. Prof. Francis Moloney SDB AM and Dr Catherine Playoust. Their responses were followed by an open discussion.



We are very grateful to everyone who helped us organize this conference and who lent a hand during the day, especially to Jill Doncovio, Jenny Delahunt, Vi Panganiban, Martin Green, and Reginald Chua OP. Please see the CTC website for the recordings: www.ctc.edu.au/Masters/News.



Mannix Library Manager awarded Distinguished Professional Status



More good news was received towards the end of July when we heard that the Manager of Mannix Library at Catholic Theological College, Kerrie Burn had earned Distinguished Certified Professional status from the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Already an Associate Fellow of the Association, she will be presented with her Certificate at an ALIA event in Melbourne on the 23rd of August. Among the requirements for Distinguished Certification are membership of ALIA for a minimum of five years, demonstration of professional/technical and personal knowledge and skills, evidence of a significant degree of autonomy in decision-making in practice and of course, to be actually employed in the Library and Information sector.



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Everyone who has contact with Kerrie is aware of her warmth and competence and senior members of both CTC and the University of Divinity were quick to congratulate her on her new status. CTC's Master, Assoc. Prof. Shane Mackinlay noted that her certification was 'a well-earned recognition of (her) professionalism, initiative and leadership' and Prof. Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity thanked Kerrie for her 'efforts on behalf of all the libraries of the University, as well as (her) service at Mannix'. He expressed the feelings of all of us in his comment: 'We are very fortunate to have someone of (her) capability and energy available to the University'.

When invited to write a few lines about what her new status meant to her, Kerrie preferred to reflect on the value of taking Professional Development seriously:

I have been a bit of an ALIA professional development devotee over the years, having been a member of their Continuing Professional Development Scheme since 2003. Membership of the Scheme has been a very practical way to demonstrate my commitment to lifelong learning. Recording all of my PD, and the scheme's requirement to reflect on the learning outcomes for each activity, has also helped me to identify gaps in my knowledge and thereby shape the selection of future activities. Many libraries that I've worked in haven't necessarily had a lot of money allocated to professional development. However, I find that if you are interested enough there are always free PD opportunities available. This might include professional reading, getting involved in a work-based research project, joining a committee or working group, writing a blog post or journal article, investigating something new, attending webinars/seminars or presenting at a conference.

Congratulations, Kerrie Burn BSc GradDipLib&InfoStuds (Melb) MA (MCD) AFALIA (DCP)

Recent Ordinations

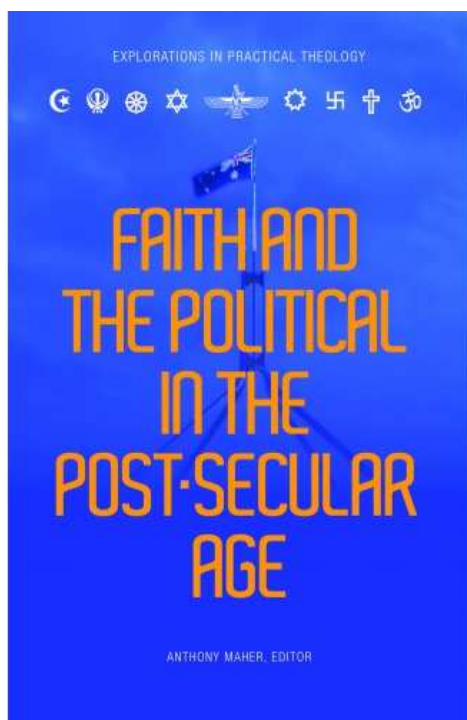
The community of Catholic Theological College extends congratulations and every good wish for joy and fulfilment in service of the Gospel to:

Rev. Joseph Tho Tran on his ordination to the Priesthood on 23 June at St Patrick's Cathedral



Rev. William Loh OP on his ordination to the Diaconate on 7 July at St Dominic's Camberwell





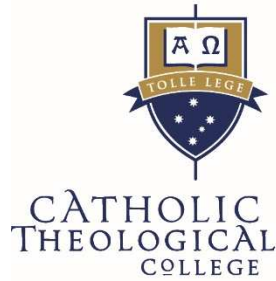
Book Launch

On Tuesday 19th June CTC hosted the launch of a new book of essays on public theology edited by Anthony Maher entitled *Faith and the Political in the Post-Secular Age*. Dr Frances Baker rsm, Deputy Master of the College, welcomed the editor, Anthony Maher, and several of the contributing authors, together with friends and colleagues who were present. Dr Bruce Duncan CSsR, Director of the Yarra Institute for Religion and Social Policy and lecturer at Yarra Theological Union, launched the book, which he described as 'an important work which engages with some great social issues of our time'. He gave those present a very clear indication of the range and variety of the book's contents by means of a brief precis of the salient points of each chapter. The editor then spoke of the challenges of publishing theology in 21st-century Australia, but of the necessity of doing this, so that the Church's voice is heard in public debate. He spoke of the risks involved in raising a prophetic voice and also of the primacy of a pastoral rather than a condemnatory approach as the basis of the Church's response to contemporary society.

'This collection of essays challenges widespread public scepticism, offering an optimistic account of the human person. An ecumenical work, the authors challenge the current polarising rise of aggressive atheism and closed-truth fundamentalisms, both religious and economic'. Read more and purchase [here](#).

Thanks were expressed to the publisher, Hugh McGinley, to CTC for its hospitality in hosting the launch and to Dr Bruce Duncan. The formalities were followed by further conversations over light refreshments.





Academic Writing Skills session

Mr Jude Caspersz, Learning Support Coordinator

Monday 6 August 2018

6.00pm – 9.00pm



All CTC students are invited to attend the free session
Location: Aquinas room

Content to be covered:

- ARK: online learning environment and submission of assignments
- Mannix Library: introduction, procedures, resources, collections
- CTC Handbook/Style-Guide
- Plagiarism: safeguards & resources to assist students

***Please advise CTC if you would like to attend this session:
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