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## Seventy-three books, and counting ...

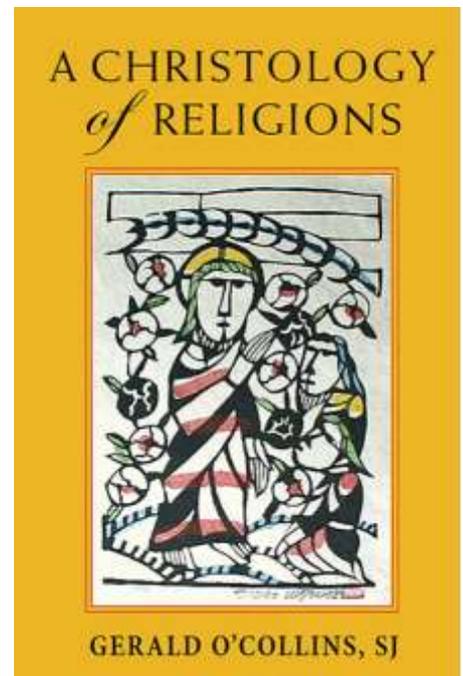
On Wednesday 19 September 2018, *A Christology of Religions* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis), the most recent work of Honorary Research Fellow Rev. Professor Gerald O'Collins SJ AC, was launched at CTC. Catherine Place was among the guests.

The Master of the College, Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay, welcomed the assembled guests, including Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Sir James Gobbo and the Honourable John Batt. As he noted, Professor o'Collins' capacity for forming and maintaining friendships was evident in the number of those gathered, and his capacity for intellectual work was also evident in his 73 theological publications—a fine example of "the Church thinking out loud". He thanked him for his contribution to CTC as Honorary Research Fellow and for the interest he takes in the higher degree research students in general as well as those whose work he supervises.

He invited Dr Kevin Lenehan, Associate Dean of CTC, to launch the book.

Dr Lenehan opened by expressing how honoured he felt to be invited to introduce Professor o'Collins' latest book, *A Christology of Religions*, pointing out how timely it is, given an increasingly complex and pluralised world, for religious traditions to examine their relationships to each other and to the cultures in which they exist. He suggested that for

Christian theology, the most important challenge is "to give an account of the phenomenon of various religious traditions within the world view of salvation history and of God's saving will, personally and eschatologically enfleshed in the paschal event of Jesus Christ... and embodied now in the historical mission of the Church." He gave an overview of the ways in which Professor o'Collins had grappled with this challenge over many years in numerous books, articles and reviews, and drew particular attention to the many ways Professor o'Collins has helped people appreciate the contribution of the Second Vatican Council to "the Church's understanding of the place of other religious traditions in God's revealing and redeeming self-communication".





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Dr Lenehan noted that in *A Christology of Religions*, Professor o'Collins maintains that the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and the Church's confession of faith in him provide the quintessential framework for appreciating the relationship between Christianity and other faiths. He went on to outline some of the key Christological themes of the book and the possibilities they offer for theological reflection on other faith traditions or world views, commenting that they would provide sufficient richness for a lifetime's theological reflection. He himself proffered a sacramental understanding of the Body of Christ-the Church as "one part of humanity for the sake and salvation of all humanity; an election and anointing for the gathering and blessing of all others; the formation of an 'us' without a 'them' but only an ever greater 'us'" -as another Christological theme worthy of consideration in the context of

theological reflection on humanity beyond the Church.

He concluded, "We are grateful that a theologian of Gerry's stature and influence has opened up such creative and innovative pathways of theological enquiry on a topic of urgent interest. May this book be a source of inspiration and guidance to future generations of theological scholars and reflective Christians alike," and invited all present to stand and drink a toast to Professor o'Collins.

In response, Professor o'Collins thanked Dr Lenehan for his insightful address and reiterated briefly four key ideas for theological thinking about non-Christian religions-the relevance of the theology of the cross for thinking about "the others"; the significance of the priesthood of Christ for all persons and for all time; the value of prayer for "the others"; and the nature of faith available to those outside the Church-inviting us to pay attention to the "revelation" available to all, as well as to the

question of salvation. He thanked Robert Ellsberg, editor in chief and publisher of orbis Books, not least for finding excellent readers and reviewers for his book, and warmly thanked Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay and CTC staff for organising the occasion.

The Master drew the formal part of the evening to a close by noting his pleasure in attending Professor o'Collins' 73rd book launch and expressing the hope that he may be present at the 74th. Light refreshments, some book signing and good conversation concluded the launch.

## In memoriam: Kathleen McCarthy

We note with sadness the death of former CTC staff member Kathleen McCarthy on 27 July 2018. A requiem Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Burwood on 8 August. **The Rev. Professor Austin Cooper OMIAM reflects here on the life of a former student, colleague and friend.**

It was a blessing when Kathleen McCarthy, recently retired Deputy Principle of Sacre Cœur, decided to study theology at Catholic Theological College. I well remember Kathleen's first assignment. It was on a long forgotten, but recently rediscovered, medieval English text called *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Kathleen's work on this classic was remarkable for several reasons: her undoubted ability and enthusiasm in analysing a text, but even more her very keen sense of the beautiful. But as one got to know Kathleen better, there was something even more remarkable. It would be hard to find a more involved and busy woman than Kathleen. Yet here she turned all her enthusiasm onto a text that dealt with contemplative prayer. One realised that this woman of so many talents, interests and occupations could bring all facets of life into a harmony that speaks of a very profound peace, something beyond understanding.

Kathleen's Master of Theology thesis



saw further development. Her work was an analysis of a sixteenth-century enamel painted by Leonard Limosin and entitled 'The Triumph of the Eucharist'. It was commissioned by the Guise family to transmit Tridentine eucharistic theology in art. Again Kathleen displayed her keen appreciation for the beautiful in the Catholic tradition and its abiding practical value for us. Many of her colleagues at CTC hoped Kathleen would proceed to doctoral work. Undoubtedly she would have relished the challenge. But other aims were a priority. Kathleen explained that as Brian was retiring, she wanted to spend more time with him and with her sons and daughters and their families. Her priorities and values were clearly set—an example for all of us.

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Her son John gave a vivid portrait of Kathleen in his eulogy: we saw a devoted wife and mother, a talented and dedicated teacher at Sacre Cœur and later at CTC (2001-2010) and a woman involved in numerous good causes and enriching a large circle of friends. All this involved a great amount of self-giving, and at a cost.

Such aspects of life are typified by one of Kathleen's great interests: her organising the 'Friends of the cathedral', a group of volunteer guides who helped visitors appreciate St Patrick's Cathedral and its artwork. Here was the Catholic faith expressed in carvings of wood and stone and in some spectacular glass. Entering the Cathedral from the Gisborne Street end, the visitor immediately notices a contrast: the plain nave, where the faithful gather, and at the other end the ornate, richly decorated sanctuary and the spectacular cluster of surrounding chapels. The architect, William Wardell, captured the plain, commonplace nature of most of our activities: the 'common round, the trivial task', as the poet John Keble expressed it. A dominating feature of the plain nave is the series of single-coloured windows. At times they appear dull and bland enough. But seen in the afternoon sunlight, they take on a wonderfully rich hue: a brilliant golden glow suffuses the

entire building. So in the evening of life, the faithful Christian, nurtured by the beauty of word and sacrament, is transfigured into something of great beauty. Kathleen loved the cathedral; she also lived the faith it articulates and the grace it nurtures and nourishes.

Those of us who knew Kathleen - her family, her friends and a wide circle of acquaintances - have been blessed with knowing such a person. The gospel at her requiem Mass sums it up: she found the one who is the way, the truth and the life. All aspects of varied life were brought together in her faith in the one in whom all things are restored and brought to their fulfilment. To Brian, her sons and daughters and their families, we offer our sincere condolences.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## New faces



### Sarah Styring Events and Marketing Coordinator

Sarah Styring joins CTC on Monday 5 November as our new Events and Marketing Coordinator.

She has nearly twenty years' experience in event management, marketing and organisational communications at organisations including Melbourne Day, Monash University, the Australian Grand Prix and the Victoria Racing Club.

Sarah will be responsible for marketing and promotion, and for arranging events such as Open Day and the Annual Mass and Dinner, as well as being available to manage events for the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, working closely with Lucy Davison, our Communications Editor.

Sarah will commence on Monday 5 November and will normally be at CTC on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### Lucy Davison Communications Editor

Lucy Davison started as an editor at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation in September and has also become available to CTC as Communications Editor.

In this role, she is responsible for sourcing and preparing content and layout for brochures, the annual prospectus, *Tolle Lege* and CTC articles on the University's *Vox* website.

As well as running a freelance editing business for many years, Lucy has worked as an editor and managing editor at Oxford University Press and Thomson Learning, and most recently as a commissioning editor at Macmillan Education. She holds a BA (Hons) and a UDiv MA (Theol), which she completed at Whitley College. While Lucy will be based at AOFE, she will visit CTC regularly.

Lucy normally works from Monday to Thursday, during school hours.

## Silver jubilees of ordination

We congratulate the Rev. Dr Kevin Lenehan and Rev. Dr Phillip Gleeson SDB on both having recently celebrated the 25-year anniversaries of their ordinations.

Fr Lenehan was ordained on 4 September 1993.

Fr Gleeson was ordained on 28 August 1993.

We give thanks for their years of faithful ministry, both here at CTC and in the wider Church, and pray that God will continue to bless them in the years ahead.



# Cameron Forbes wins Moral Theology prize

Congratulations to Rev. Dr Cameron Forbes on recently being awarded the prize for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Moral Theology, 2017-2018, from the Alphonsianum Academy of the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

As previously reported in *Tolle Lege*, Dr Forbes' thesis, which focuses on the just war doctrine in the writings of twentieth-century Methodist theologian Paul Ramsey, earned him a doctorate in Moral Theology *summo cum laude* in October last year.

## Farewell to staff

The following staff have advised that they will conclude their involvement with CTC at the end of 2018:

- Rev. Dr Krzysztof Gasperowicz SDS, who has been appointed to oversee formation for the Salvatorians internationally, based at their headquarters in Rome.
- Rev. Dr Michael McEntee, who will be available to contribute to the homiletics unit, but no longer to coordinate it.
- Mrs Cath Place (Research and Publications Assistant)
- Rev. Peter Varengo SDB.

We recognise the many years of service they have provided and thank them for all they have given to CTC.

## Library news

We are pleased to announce that at the meeting of the University's Library Committee on 10 October, it was agreed that the Library Hub Agreement between the University and Mannix Library would be renewed for another three years.

An outcome of the review of the Library resources goal in the University of Divinity Strategic Plan is that a new A2 scanner is being purchased. This will facilitate digitisation projects of special library collections and research-related materials at the University. The scanner will be housed in the Mannix Library's new Special Collections room, and a launch will be held on 15 February 2019 at 4.30pm, after the next CTC staff meeting. The scanner will be available to be used by the wider University community.



## Tolle Lege's outgoing editors



We acknowledge with gratitude the service and dedication of Rev. Professor Austin Cooper and Mrs Cath Place in compiling and editing *Tolle Lege* over so many years. Starting as a simple typed news sheet, it has grown into a remarkably diverse, full-colour publication, chronicling the life of the College with flair and insight, and contributing enormously to a sense of community and collegiality.

## Ordinations

During the months of September and October, we celebrated the ordination of nine CTC students.

- On Saturday 8 September, Royden d'Souza was ordained to the permanent Diaconate, and Andrew Choi, Trac Huy Nguyen and Nathan Rawlins to the Diaconate at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne.
- On Friday 14 September, Rev. Fidelis Udousoro was ordained to the Priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral in Hobart.
- On Saturday 15 September, Rev. Dean Bongat was ordained to the Priesthood at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo.
- On Saturday 22 September, Stanly Devasia was ordained to the Diaconate at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale.
- On Sunday 23 September, Nathan Verallo was ordained to the Diaconate at the Cebu Archdiocesan Shrine of San Pedro Calungsod in Cebu City, Philippines.
- On Sunday 28 October, Luke Vandermark MGL was ordained to the Diaconate at St Benedict's Catholic Church in Burwood.

Warmest congratulations to each of the newly ordained.

## SRC barbecue lunch

Br Christian Elters OP and Michelle Eastwood report on the recent SRC barbecue.

The second semester SRC barbecue was held on 19 September and was an opportunity for students and staff to gather informally and develop deeper relationships.

Unfortunately, there was a clash of dates with the CTC lunch for Seminary Rectors and Deans of Studies, which meant that some staff were unable to attend.

Br Shehan of the MGLs provided an interesting Indian rice dish, and various lay students brought desserts to supplement the usual sausage feast. The stand-out contribution was a fruit salad served in the rind of a watermelon made by the seminarians.

Ironically, the purchase of a camera had been discussed in meetings of the SRC but no one remembered to organise it, so there is no photographic evidence. You will just have to trust us that a great time was had by all.

The following ordinations will take place in coming months:

- Mark Chia CSsR, Vinsensius Lolo CSsR, Joseph Son Nguyen CSsR and Timoteus Terong Tapoona CSsR will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR at St Paschal's Chapel in Box Hill, on Saturday 24 November at 11.00am.
- Jack Kitichai Saisawang SDB will be ordained to the Diaconate by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB DD at St Joseph's Church in Collingwood, on Saturday 1 December at 6.00pm.
- Rev. Paul Van Hiep Nguyen will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Patrick O'Regan at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale, on Saturday 15 December at 11.00am.
- Rev. Avinash George will be ordained to the Priesthood by Archbishop Mar George Njaralakatt at Sacred Heart Church in Kerala, India, on 5 January 2019 at 9.30am.

All members of the College are warmly invited to attend.

Our prayers and good wishes accompany the newly ordained, and those preparing for ordination.

## Roma Mitchell Prize

The previous edition of *Tolle Lege* accidentally omitted naming the winner of the Roma Mitchell Prize for an outstanding research essay.

It was awarded to Jeanette Sullivan for her essay entitled 'Rich Man, Poor Man: Exploring Egalitarianism in the Letter of James'.

Congratulations to Jeanette, and apologies for the late acknowledgement of her achievement.

## End-of-Year Mass

Please join us for the End-of-Year Mass:

Friday 9 November at 5.30pm  
in the Knox Room

The Mass will be followed by refreshments provided by the SRC.



## Essay prizes 2019

As we approach the end of the academic year, keep in mind that the College awards \$500 prizes for outstanding essays in various theological disciplines.

Ten essay prizes will be offered in 2019 (for 2018 essays):

- the Archbishop's Prize-for an outstanding essay in Systematic Theology
- the Gerald O'Collins Prize-for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Systematic Theology (provided by Em. Prof. Anne Hunt OAM FACE, in honour of Rev. Prof. Gerald O'Collins SJ AC)
- the Archbishop Coleridge Prize-for an outstanding essay in Biblical Studies
- the Rod Doyle Prize-for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Biblical Studies (provided by the Christian Brothers, in honour of Dr B. Rod Doyle CFC)
- the Baronius Prize-for an outstanding essay in Church History (in honour of the Venerable Cesare Baronio, 1538-1607)
- the Guilford Young Prize-for an outstanding essay in Liturgy (in honour of Most Rev. Guilford C. Young DD KBE, 8th Archbishop of Hobart)
- the Leslie Tomlinson Prize-for an outstanding essay in Moral Theology (in honour of Most Rev. Leslie R. Tomlinson DD, 7th Bishop of Sandhurst)
- the Austin Cooper Prize-for an outstanding essay in Christian Spirituality (provided by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, in honour of Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM)
- the John Maher Prize-for an outstanding essay in Philosophy (provided by the Student Representative Council in honour of Rev. Dr John Maher OMI, head of the CTC Philosophy Department, 2007-10)
- the Roma Mitchell Prize-for an outstanding research essay (in honour of Dame Roma Mitchell AC DBE CVO QC).

There are also two other academic prizes, which do not require entry; all relevant students are automatically considered:

- the Erasmus Prize-for the most outstanding student in Biblical or Ecclesiastical Languages (in honour of Erasmus of Rotterdam, 1466-1536)
- the Salesian Prize-for the most outstanding English as a Second Language student.

Essays should be submitted to the Academic Records Office before the end of December, along with a 50-100-word abstract

More information can be found on our website at [www.ctc.edu.au/Studying-at-CTC/CURRENT-STUDENTS/Academic-Prizes](http://www.ctc.edu.au/Studying-at-CTC/CURRENT-STUDENTS/Academic-Prizes) or on pages 61-63 of the CTC Handbook.

## Changes to graduation procedures

Please note that the procedures for registering to attend graduations have recently changed.

As always CTC encourages our students to graduate in person and in Melbourne. This allows us to celebrate your achievements. For those for whom this is not possible, the option of receiving *in absentia* (in their absence) is available.

- CTC will contact potential graduands before the graduation process.
- Once eligibility is confirmed, students will receive notification from the Office of the Vice Chancellor to register to graduate at a graduation ceremony.
- Students need to respond within seven days or will be automatically listed to the next ceremony.
- 2-4 weeks prior to the ceremony, graduands will receive an invitation to attend the ceremony and instructions for arranging academic dress and guest ticketing.
- There is no cost for attending the ceremony, apart from hire or purchase of academic dress.



Students expecting to graduate in March 2019 are advised to contact the Assistant Dean, John Bartholomeusz ([john.bartholomeusz@ctc.edu.au](mailto:john.bartholomeusz@ctc.edu.au)) to check eligibility or arrange to defer or change ceremony.

## EndNote X9 is now available

EndNote is now available to all staff and currently enrolled students of the University of Divinity.

EndNote is a reference management software tool, used to manage bibliographies and references when writing essays and articles. EndNote can help you:

- collect and organise references to resources, such as books and journal articles.
- add footnotes to your essays
- create bibliographies that use standard citation styles.

EndNote's 'Cite While You Write' feature links references to a Microsoft Word document and automatically generates a reference list or bibliography.

The latest version of EndNote X9 has just been released, and both Windows and Mac versions are available. An updated EndNote Access form is available via the Academic Resources button on the Library Hub. Several EndNote training guides and videos are also available via the Academic Resources page.

All new forms should be emailed to [library@divinity.edu.au](mailto:library@divinity.edu.au). Staff and students will then receive instructions on how to download the EndNote file.



Please note: If you have previously submitted a form and installed an earlier version of EndNote, the latest version is now available for you to access in the ARK delivery unit.

It is recommended that you backup all data before installing the new version. The latest version of EndNote includes enhanced styles for Chicago and Turabian.



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# Open Day



*Tell your friends.*

**Wednesday 7 November 2018**

4.30-6.30pm (afternoon session), or  
6.00-8.00pm (evening session)

## Program

- Welcome
- What can I study at CTC? Study options and courses
- Reflections: A lecturer's experience and a student's experience

**Guided tour**  
**Refreshments**

Joy and peace to all this Christmas

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

—John 1: 14

