

SAVE THE DATES

- 27 March—Mid-semester break
- 01 April—Holy Thursday
- 02 April—Good Friday
- 03 April—Holy Saturday
- 04 April—Easter Sunday
- 13-14 April—NZQA EER
- 16 April—CTC Strategy Map Presentation (Auckland Campus Staff)
- 19 April—Classes resume

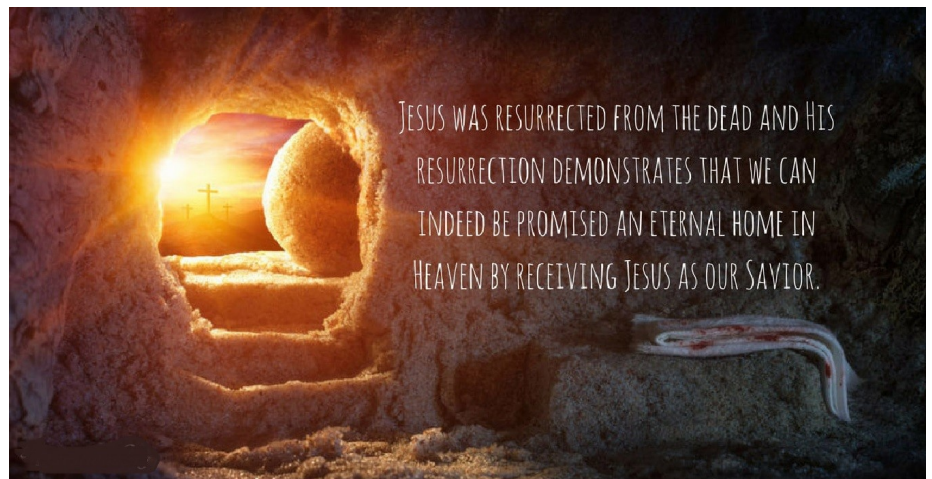
EVENTS

CTC Strategy Map Presentation

Dr John Evangelista will be presenting the CTC Strategy Map (2021-23) to various stakeholders starting with the Auckland Campus Faculty and Staff on the **16th of April 2021** at **10:30am** (Lecture Room 1). Schedules of successive presentations to other stakeholders will be published soon.

An Easter Message

Dr. John Evangelista—CTC Dean



Christ is Truly Risen. Let us Rejoice!

May we truly rejoice this Easter Sunday after spending time in personal reflection on the events leading to that first Easter Sunday.

In the years that I have worked in healthcare, I have personally witnessed birth, sickness, death and dying. Just recently, I witnessed a very close family friend succumb to cancer. As I accompanied him in his final hours, he quietly confided to me that he was ready to pass on this life and finally meet Our Lord. That moment was a reminder for me that our life on earth is something transient – a time to grow and mature toward something which is permanent and beautiful. And this path to salvation has been

opened to us by the Risen Lord. In this life we will surely experience the pain and suffering of Good Friday. And it is only through the light of Easter Sunday that we will learn to accept, love and treasure our everyday crosses.

And time flies fast. It has been almost a month since I commenced as your Dean. The past weeks was a time to get to know you all and start planning the future of CTC. Together with the Leadership Team and endorsed by the Governance Board, we have started to paint the future of our College in broad strokes. As we move forward, we will all together paint the finer strokes and details on what would be a splendid masterpiece.

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Easter Message

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Welcome to this maiden issue of our fortnightly CTC newsletter. In due time, we will have a name for this common venue of communication and engagement within the CTC community.

I would like to leave you with some words of Pope Francis as we all observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter Sunday: *"This Paschal faith nourishes our hope. ... It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic. It is a hope: hope does not disappoint; it is not an illusion, it is a hope."*

Hari ana te Aranga ki te Katoa.

John



We wish to welcome all our new students who joined us at the start of the year.

There are three from NZ Certificate in Christian Studies, three from NZ Diploma in Christian Studies, 62 from the Certificate of Personal Interest, and 13 from the Graduate Diploma and Bachelor of Theology.

We continue to pray for you as you embark on your learning journey. God bless you.

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Fr Merv Duffy SM

The Auckland Campus of the Catholic Theological College is quiet as Easter approaches. On Friday 26 March we celebrated the last day of lectures of the half semester. Fr John Owens SM was the celebrant for the Mass and he managed to refer to the philosopher David Hume in his homily and suggested that would have surprised both the philosopher and most homilists.



The Holy Cross Seminarians have scattered to their home parishes and dioceses to be part of the Easter celebrations of those communities. The Marist Seminarians are preparing

The Faculty are working on future lectures and presentations and research outputs. One group have been working on the *Ratio Nationalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis* – the New Zealand version of what Seminarians are to study. Fr Kevin has to work well ahead of the liturgical calendar to have his Sunday scripture commentaries ready for New Zealand Catholic. Rocio has been sent the cover image of her latest book, just before it hits print. It is about a Mexican saint and mystic called Concepción Cabrera de Armida. Many of the faculty are involved in the Easter ceremonies at different parts of the diocese.

May you have a blessed and holy celebration of Easter, and a good break before lectures resume on 19 April for Week 7 of the semester.

Fr Merv

Upcoming External Evaluation and Review Visit

Fr Merv Duffy SM

The New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) periodically makes a visit to each tertiary education organisation to evaluate how it is going. Our precursor organisations were visited in 2018 (TCI) and 2016 (GSC), but this is the first time for Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College.

The visit is going to focus on two of our awards: the NZ Certificate in Christian Studies, Level 5 (Religious Education) and the Bachelor of Theology, Level 7. They are also interested in the experience of international students.

In these COVID times the 'visit', which is programmed for 13 & 14 April is being conducted via Zoom so some staff and students are being asked to be at their computer at particular hours during the break to respond on behalf of the College. Our thanks to all those participating.

Easter message from Susan Wilson — Head of Level 5 & 6

Jesus assured us through his resurrection that the path of peace, compassion, and sacrifice will always lead us to God.

Happy Easter!

Susan