

CTC Net #work

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

ANNOUNCEMENT / PANUI

Anticipating Level 2 Auckland

We are anticipating the Prime Minister to announce on the 4th of October (Monday) the move to Level 2. To give time for on-campus students to come back to Auckland, we will be commencing all on-campus classes the following Monday (October 11). This will mean that we will have 2 weeks of on-campus classes before the end of semester 2. This will shortly be followed by study and exams on October 26 – November 5.

We realise how unsettling the times are and hence we would like to give our students the option to attend class on campus or continue with online classes during these two weeks. However, most of our lecturers would prefer students to personally sit their final exams.

Level 2 government guidelines will strictly be observed on-campus.

Stay safe!

Jubilee Bursaries

For Theological and Religious Education

APPLICATIONS INVITED

for Semester 1, 2022

Applications close **Thursday,**
11 November 2021

Applicants must be Catholic and making a contribution to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese

The Bursary is a contribution towards Tertiary Study for Theology and RE courses at Degree or Post Grad Level

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Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista

The phrase “Fear not!” or “Have no fear!” or “Do not be afraid!” or “Be not afraid!” is one of the most repeated phrases in the whole Bible. St John Paul II reminded us of the same thing throughout his pontificate: “Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.”

This is a good reminder for all of us as we move from one lockdown to another in this current pandemic we are experiencing. As we celebrate Mental Health Awareness week, let us encourage one another with this thought as well.

In this edition of CTC-Network, we welcome the news of our new affiliation with the University of Notre Dame (Australia) through the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

Let us continue praying for our students, Monty Bamford, Adam Kirkeby and Alfred Tong who will be receiving the Ordination to the Holy Order of Deacons tomorrow, October 2 (Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels) in Christchurch with Archbishop Paul Martin presiding. It will be livestreamed [here](#).



CIS Partners with UNDA

Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College (CTC) currently teaches the Bachelor of Theology degree as an offshore campus of the Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS). Last week CIS have officially announced that they are moving its civil accreditation from the Sydney College of Divinity to the University of Notre Dame, Australia. They have advised all their students and stakeholders that “the Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS) will be changing its civil accreditation partner from the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD) and will be partnering with the University of Notre Dame, Australia (Notre Dame) to deliver recognised programs accredited by the University. This change will begin to take effect from the beginning of 2022.”

This directly affects 33 of our students who are studying for that award. Indirectly it also affects the 20 students studying for our Graduate Diploma in Theology as the papers that award is composed of are the same papers as the BTh. The Catholic Theological College wants to maintain its link with CIS and (eventually) to teach the University of Notre Dame (UNDA) award. At present we have the SCD BTh registered on the NZ National Qualifications Framework and we have commenced the process of getting the new UNDA award registered on the Framework.





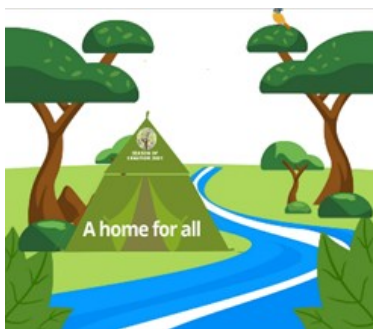
Mental Health Awareness Week



Welcome to Mental Health Awareness Week 2021. This year's theme is *Take time to kōrero - a little chat can go a long way.* This theme is particularly relevant in the current environment as we continue to navigate *business as usual* and start to return to our work after the recent COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. This is a timely opportunity for us to check in on each other's psychological wellbeing and ensure this is considered through this transition. We must consider the effect of work on mental health and mental health on work and put in place helpful solutions where support is needed. One of the simplest ways we can start to do this is by talking about our mental wellbeing at work - so take time to kōrero this week (a little chat can go a long way!).

For more resources, go to www.mhaw.nz

Season of Creation Prayer



Creator of All,

We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life. With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house "even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she

may lay her young." We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honour the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth. But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live. In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

Support Life Sunday

The theme of **Support Life Sunday** on 10 October is "Supporting and honouring health carers." This year's focus acknowledges the work of health carers, including family carers and health professionals, who are on the front line in supporting and protecting life.

The [change of name and focus to Support Life Sunday](#) recognises that we need to move beyond political debate or legal argument and extend to active, practical support for people facing a range of life challenges at the beginning of life, throughout life, and at the end of life.

Health carers are currently under intense pressure because of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as experiencing the impact of recent changes to New Zealand's abortion and euthanasia legislation. Health carers are also witnesses to the ongoing impact on health and life of poverty, exclusion, attitudes towards disabilities, and addictions.

Pope Francis has acknowledged and thanked health carers in many statements throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. This year's Support Life Sunday resources share the stories of health carers who are examples of people who support life in their homes, jobs and careers. Each of our parishes and communities has many such examples. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and support those who support life.

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2021

Supporting and honouring health carers

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<https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/support-life-sunday-2021>