

CTC Update

IMPORTANT DATES

30 April - Faculty Academic Seminar

30 April - Mass of St Joseph

07 May - Auckland Staff Meeting



Jubilee Bursary For theology studies

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

Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese

**Applications for Semester 2, 2021
close Thursday, 10 June 2021**

For further information and an application pack, please [contact](#)

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Auckland Catholic Diocese

Sir Pat Lynch visits CTC

Sir Pat Lynch visited the CTC Auckland campus and had an informal discussion with management regarding the state of Catholic education in New Zealand.

Sir Brother Patrick Lynch KNZM, QSO is a leading New Zealand educationalist. He attended De La Salle College, Mangere East where he became a religious brother of the De La Salle Order. He has been a very active leader in education culminating in his role as Chief Executive of the New Zealand Catholic Education Office (NZCEO), a position he has held for 22 years until his retirement in 2016.



Sir Pat has committed to support CTC in the work we are doing in tertiary education.

Hemi Ropata is off to Rome



Deep.' A lecture which covered the theological basis of Inculturation and its application to Tikanga Maori.

Hemi will be leaving this June to complete his studies and formation in Rome. He will be studying at one of the pontifical

Hemi Waerangaahika Ropata SM has been studying at Te Kupenga-CTC since 2018. Various students have noted his integrity, attention to detail and leadership qualities. He has been an incredible contribution to the college, such as taking up the role as Student Representative in 2020. Many would remember his exceptional public lecture 'Deep Calls Unto

universities to obtain a Baccalaureate and eventually start a Licentiate. All going well, Hemi will return back to New Zealand in 2025. We pray for his journey and wish him all the best in his personal and academic endeavours.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe! Mā te wā!
Grazie mille! Alla prosimma!

What should we call
our newsletter?

Send your ideas to
j.cortez@tekupenga.org.nz
by 21 May.

If we pick yours we'll send you a
\$50 Prezzy card!
No limits to entries.



Message from the Dean

Dr. John Evangelista

During this Easter season, we are reminded of the instruction of the Risen Lord to His apostles before He ascended into heaven: **“Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature.”** This participation in the divine mission is at the very core of the work we do at CTC.

Our mission statement points to the direction and reason for our existence, and the ideals we uphold in our work.

As a Catholic tertiary education provider, our mission is to develop and nourish well-formed students who will live the Gospel values in their everyday lives.

“In education, a sense of responsibility is crucial: the responsibility of the educator, of course, but also, as he grows up, the responsibility of the child, the student, the young person who enters the world of work. Those

OUR MISSION

Provide high quality Catholic tertiary education, research, and advocacy to develop and nourish leadership, knowledge, and faith formation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

who can measure up to themselves and to others are responsible. Those who believe seek further: indeed, they seek to respond to God who loved them first.” (Benedict XVI, January 21, 2008)

Dr John Owens’ book now in paperback

Dr. John Owens’ book *Rorty, Religion, and Metaphysics*, which was published as hardback and e-book in September 2019, will appear in a new paperback format in a few months. It is produced by Lexington Books, an imprint of Rowman and Littlefield, situated in Lanham, Maryland, USA. The author is pleased it will be available at a cheaper price, and even holds out hopes of seeing it one day in an airport bookstall!

American Philosophy • Metaphysics
American Philosophy Series
Series Editor: John J. Kaag, University of Massachusetts Lowell

“One might think there is little to add to our understanding of Richard Rorty’s sharply critical attitude toward both metaphysics and religion. John Owens compellingly shows in *Rorty, Religion, and Metaphysics* that this is not the case. Engaging with Rorty’s core works as well as some less well-known writings, he examines the key Rortyan view that metaphysics remains committed to the religious idea of human answerability to something nonhuman but moves far beyond the standard opposition between metaphysics and pragmatism. This rich and original book considers, among other things, what kind of religious attitudes might be possible within a pragmatist framework and plausibly argues that Rortyan pragmatism needs to deal with the concept of recognition.”
—Sara F. Pihlakoski, University of Helsinki

“In *Rorty, Religion, and Metaphysics*, Owens offers a superb engagement with Richard Rorty’s thought that genuinely considers the challenges that Rorty offers to religion, ethics, and metaphysics. Far from drawing any easy conclusions, Owens invites readers to interrogate their own assumptions. This book is rigorous, exceptionally well-written, and genuinely a pleasure to read. For those interested in not only figuring out what Rorty claims but also what should be claimed about religion after Rorty, this book sets a new standard.”
—J. Aaron Simmons, Furman University

Believing that humanity would be better off if it simply dropped its traditional religious and metaphysical beliefs, Richard Rorty proposes an alternative approach, drawn from the American pragmatist tradition, where things get their significance against a background of lived human interests, and knowledge is regarded as part of the active pursuit of a better world.

Rorty, Religion, and Metaphysics argues that while Rorty’s case is clearly and robustly made, it is fundamentally challenged by the phenomenon of human recognition, the relationship that arises between people when they talk to one another. John Owens demonstrates that recognition, so central to human life, cannot be accommodated within Rorty’s proposal, given that it precisely attributes a reality to others that goes beyond anything a pragmatist framework can offer. It follows that there is more to human interaction than can be explained by Rorty’s pragmatism.

John Owens is lecturer in philosophy at Good Shepherd College, Auckland.

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Graduation 2021

The CTC faculty and staff would like to express their congratulations to all students who are completing their current studies.



The formal Graduation Ceremony is scheduled on the 11th of June 2021 at 5:00pm. This will be a national event for the whole CTC and will take place at the St Columba Center (40 Vermont Street, Auckland 1011).

This event will be a recognition of the intense time of learning, commitment and hard work of the students and will culminate in the conferment of their corresponding degrees and certificates.

A message from your Student Representative

If you want to raise an academic matter that affects courses and general learning, fill out a feedback form. This link is located in the Student Common Room Moodle Page. Alternatively, for L7 students, you can also email the L7 Student Representative, Joseph Mijares (josephmijares@ymail.com).

Feedback is essential for maintaining or improving your student life at Te Kupenga-CTC. Any feedback either positive or negative will be great. Confidentiality is kept for all submissions.