

CTC Net work

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

IMPORTANT DATES

21 February - Semester 1 start

25 February - 2022 Academic Year
Inaugural Mass

25 February - Faculty & Staff
Workshop/Discussion
on Synodality

ANNOUNCEMENT / PANUI

CTC in partnership with the Australian Catholic University (ACU) will be offering the 2-year Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture (GCLCC) programme commencing July 2022. More details will be posted in the CTC website in the coming weeks.



INAUGURAL MASS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022

You are all invited to attend the Inaugural Mass for the Academic Year 2022.

Main Celebrant: Bishop Michael Gielen
February 25, 2022 at 12:10pm
Sacred Heart Parish Church
(16 Vermont St., Ponsonby)
Shared Lunch follows at the Church Hall

FREE ONLINE EVENT

CTC Lecturer in Moral Theology, Fr Bernard Teo CSsR will facilitate this event.

To register, click [HERE](#)



"And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think - and I say it with humility - that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy."
Pope Francis

MERCY: One key to understanding Pope Francis' papacy

Thursday, 24 February 2022
6:30-8:00pm
Via Zoom

Presenter:
Fr Bernard Teo CSsR
CTC Lecturer in Moral Theology

Register for free via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/ZYpdeCtqTwtGNzYwHkMyGnR91RFD98uR773>

Foundation Course For Teachers New To Catholic Schools

In late January, 29 primary and secondary school teachers new to Catholic schools attended "Whakataki Ki Ngā Kura O Te Hahi Katorika: Introduction to Catholic schools", run by the Catholic Theological College and the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. The first day of the course covered Catholic Special Character, expectations of teachers in a Catholic School, the background to Catholic education in Aotearoa New Zealand, the roles of the DRS, principal, tagged teachers, preference, and the culture, climate, and community of a Catholic school, and Bible basics.

Teachers from a number of secondary subject areas also took part; science, mathematics, English, hard materials, social studies. They were joined by primary school teachers and support staff. Days two and three will be held later in the first term.



Paul Shannon, a religious education advisor for the Hamilton Diocese explaining the role of tagged teachers to educators from Tauranga, Matamata, Whakatane, Tokoroa and Rotorua at Aquinas College, Tauranga.

The three-day course introduces teachers to the five categories for certification for teachers, Catholic Character, Scripture, Theology, Religious Education, and Spirituality. We hope it will better prepare teachers for CTC's level five NZ Certificate in Christian Studies - Religious Education courses. To make it easier, those attending had a choice of two venues, either Tauranga or Hamilton.

Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista

Welcome to the new 2022 Academic Year.

"Pilgrimage is a symbol of life" (Pope Francis). Indeed, each day is always a new page that forms part of the many chapters of our life.

This coming week marks a new chapter for our students. I would like to welcome our new students who are taking their first steps towards being theologians. And to our returning students: "it's so good to welcome you back to our College once again". To all our students, a food for thought from the great academic, Joseph Ratzinger: **"Education is the most interesting and difficult adventure in life. Educating – from the Latin educere – means leading (young) people to move beyond themselves and introducing them to reality, towards a fullness that leads to growth"** (Pope Benedict XVI, January 01, 2012).

It also marks a new chapter for our faculty and staff as we continue to take on the arduous but joyous task of forming our students to form part of a "humanity in love with the Person and Gospel of Jesus Christ" which is the vision of the Catholic Theological College.

This academic year marks a new chapter for the College as we commence offering the degree of Bachelors in Divinity in affiliation with the University of Notre Dame – Australia through the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

As we all move forward into our common "pilgrimage" as part of the "CTC family", I invite you once again to listen to the words of Pope Francis:

"Pilgrimage is a symbol of life", says Pope Francis. **"It makes us think of life as walking, as a path. If a person does not walk, but instead stays still, this is not useful; it accomplishes nothing. Think of water: when water is not in the river, it does not course, but instead it remains still and stagnates. A soul that does not walk in life doing good, doing many things that one must do for society, to assist others, or who does not walk through life seeking God and inspiration from the Holy Spirit, is a soul that finishes in mediocrity and in spiritual poverty. Please: do not stand still in life!"**



CTC Staff Feature

Cynthia Piper

Know more about your lecturers and staff. In this issue, we talked to Cynthia and here is what she has to say:

Tell us something about yourself.

I was a teacher for 10 years, a publican for 12 years then went back to university to do another two degrees majoring in cross-cultural religious history. I started working at the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton in 2002 and then transferred to TCI (now CTC) in 2011. In 2020 I moved from Cambridge to Matamata where I live with 2 cats and 4 crazy hens. In 2012 a group of us established the Waikato Refugee Whanau Reunification Trust, working for family reunification for refugees.

What professional activity/research are you busy with these days?

Indigenous vocations to religious life and the priesthood with emphasis on Māori vocations. Native convent schools 1886-1940.

If you could write a book about your life, what would the title be?

I asked my son about this he said "Challenging the Unknown", it's probably right.



Who is/are the persons that have made the most impression on you?

My two grandmothers, who were both very strong determined women. Mata Tawio, a former Sister of Mary the Māori (order of nuns between 1938 and 1952).

What is your favourite Gospel passage/scene?

Phil 1: 3-8; John 21: 1-14.

Name 3 books that you have really enjoyed reading.

Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*; Thomas Merton, *The Seven Story Mountain*; Hiro Arikawa, *The Travelling Cat Chronicles*.

What would we most likely find you doing on the weekend?

Gardening, reading, dreaming of overseas travel, listening to music.

What's the top destination on your must-visit list?

Anywhere in the Pacific; Redo the Portuguese Camino Lisbon to Santiago de Compostela.

What's one of your favourite memories from the past year?

Sharing in the celebrations when students graduate; my wildflower garden which was full of surprises.

If you could make one rule for everyone in the world to follow, what would it be?

Love one another; St Oscar Romero, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Cynthia is a lecturer for the certificate and diploma programmes based in the Hamilton Diocese.

The New Code of Pastoral Care

Mayte Ramos, Pastoral Care Lead

A new Code of Pastoral Care has been put together to make sure you have the best possible support system. Here is a general overview of the goals and outcomes that apply to **all CTC students** and to **our international students**. In subsequent CTC Network issues we will explain each one of them:

Outcome 1: Learner wellbeing and safety system

Outcome 2: Learner voice

Outcome 3: Safe, inclusive, supportive, and accessible physical and digital learning environments

Outcome 4: Learner wellbeing and safety

Outcome 8: Responding to the distinct wellbeing and safety needs of international students

Outcome 9: Prospective international tertiary students are well informed

Outcome 10: Offer, enrolment, contracts, insurance, and visa

Outcome 11: Appropriate orientation, information, and advice for international students.

This means that while you're learning, you should be:

Safe – physically and mentally;

Respected for who you are;

Supported in your learning and wellbeing;

Connected with your social and cultural networks; and

Able to have your say in decisions about services.

If you want to find out more, or if something isn't working for you, talk to us or, if you need to, you can talk to NZQA (www.nzqa.govt.nz/know-the-code)

What's new at Colin Library

Mark Hangartner

Keep up your regular reading.

Using the electronic resources of the Colin Library can help you extend your professional reading.

About 80 members are accessing the London Tablet each week, using [this link](#). I suggest making this a regular weekly appointment ideally on the Thursday afternoon when each edition appears. It means you get an easy link and a reminder.

Here is a list of some journals you might like to look at to add to your regular reading. <https://gsc.on.worldcat.org/courseReserves/course/id/18437170>

Covid19 Update

MASK



Wear a face covering inside the premises at all times.

SCAN



Scan the QR code located at the entrance or sign in manually at the reception.

PASS



Have your vaccine pass ready or let our staff know if you don't have one.

We are in **Red Light** setting (Phase 2) of the Covid19 Protection Framework.

As we commence Semester 1, we want to provide you with a safe learning environment.

To keep you and our staff safe, please follow health guidelines.

For more information, go to www.covid19.govt.nz