

# CTC Net work

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**11-29 April - L7 Mid-semester Break**

**14 April - Holy Thursday**

**15 April - Good Friday**

**17 April - Easter Sunday**

**25 April - Anzac Day**

**02 May - L7 Classes Resume**

## ANNOUNCEMENT / PANUI

**Enrol now for a Certificate  
Course starting in May**

### **TH504 Catholic Social Teaching**

Tuesdays, 03, 10, 17 May &  
07, 21, 28 June 2022

6:00 - 9:00pm

Chanel Centre, Hamilton Diocese

### **TH501 What Catholics Believe**

Fridays, 20 May, 03 June & 01 July  
9:00am - 4:00pm

Chanel Centre, Hamilton Diocese

### **TH504 Catholic Social Teaching**

Thursdays, 05, 12, 19, 26 May &  
02, 09, 16, 23, 30 June 2022

3:30 - 5:30pm

Via Online from Palmerston North

### **SC501 Understanding the Old Testament**

Fridays 06 & 27 May, 5:30-8:30pm

Saturdays 07 & 28 May, 9:00am-4:00pm

Catholic Centre, Wellington

## **Easter Greetings**

*Dr John Evangelista*

At the start of the Holy Week, we read a passage from St John's Gospel when Mary of Bethany anointed the feet of Jesus (Jn 12: 1-11). Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with ointment worth three hundred denarii and its odour filled the entire house. And she would proceed to wipe Jesus' feet with her hair. She did all these in anticipation of his burial. The generosity of Mary is an example that would be good to emulate.

To anoint Jesus' feet, Mary had to break the jar of ointment and nard thus emptying all its contents. Likewise, in our own daily lives, we need to respond generously to God's love by breaking all those things that lead us away from God and empty everything from within us, both good and bad, and offer all to Our Lord. If we do this, we will receive the reward of seeing God face-to-face as another Mary (*or is it the same Mary?*), Mary Magdalene was rewarded with being the first person to see the Risen Lord (Jn 20: 1-18).

**Happy Easter to all!**



## **We Are Moving**



It has been more than 2 decades since the Good Shepherd College occupied 20 Ponsonby Road. Now it's time for the CTC Auckland Campus community to move to our new premises at 40 Vernon Street, Ponsonby (St Columba Centre).

The precursor of CTC, the Good Shepherd College brought together the resources and traditions of two theological

colleges in New Zealand, the Holy Cross College, Mosgiel and Mount St Mary's College, Greenmeadows.

In 1890 the first faculty of Mount St Mary's, a Novitiate-Scholasticate for the formation of religious priests for the Society of Mary, was formed by the Marists at Meeanee in Hawkes Bay. Mount St. Mary's, as the Scholasticate was called, remained on this site until 1992, when, after 100 years in Hawkes Bay, the College transferred to Auckland and became a member of the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education.

Holy Cross College was established in 1900 at Mosgiel in the Diocese of Dunedin as

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## CTC Staff Feature

### Mayte Ramos

**Know more about your lecturers and staff. In this issue, we talked to Mayte and here is what she has to say during the interview.**

#### Tell us something about yourself.

I was born and raised in Lima, Peru but since I was 31 yo I've lived in a few different countries including Australia, US, UK, and now here in New Zealand since 2020. My name, Mayte, means Beloved in Basque, and it's really a shorten version of my full name: Maria Teresa. I have two brothers, one sister, five nieces and one nephew, all of them living back in Peru, as well as my parents, and I love and miss them very much.

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

For the past two years, besides preparing my courses, I have been studying New Zealand Church history, as it is a new area of study for me.

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

Probably something like "An unexpected journey", or "Seeing the silver linings: a smile, kindness, and hope can help you survive anything".

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

My mother.



#### What is your favourite Gospel passage/scene?

Jesus waking up from his nap to calm the storm (Mk4:35-41; Mt8:23-27). It's a good justification for taking naps oh, and yes, it also helps us to cope with the storms in our life.

#### Name 3 books that you have really enjoyed reading.

In my childhood, Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach; in my youth, the Foundation Series by Isaac Asimov and Exodus by Leon Uris; as an adult... it's too hard to choose, and I've already mentioned three.

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

Going for a walk while chatting with friends and family on WhatsApp, drawing or doing puzzles with some music on the background, or doing something with friends, anything really, for me it's more about the company than the activity.

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

I'd love to see my family in Lima, so that's at the top of the visit-back list. At the top of the must-visit new destination list: Florence!

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

Spending Christmas with Catherine Lipski's family and singing Polish Christmas Carols.

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

Well, there's a reason why it's called the Golden Rule: 'Treat others as you would like others to treat you'. But I didn't make that one. I'd say something like: 'Be kind to others and to yourself'.

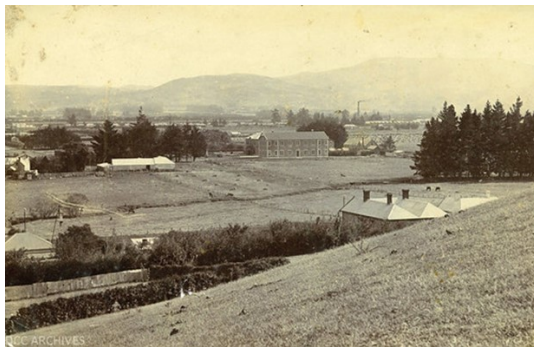
*Mayte Ramos is a lecturer in Church History in the Bachelor and Graduate Diploma programmes and the Pastoral Care Lead.*

## We are moving

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the national seminary for the formation of diocesan priests. The formation of diocesan priests at Mosgiel was undertaken for ninety-eight years.

In 2001, after considerable discussion, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference decided to enter into an agreement with the Society of Mary to establish a partnership for the theological education of candidates for the priesthood in New Zealand.



*Holy Cross College Mosgiel*



*Mount St Mary's College Greenmeadows*

The result is Good Shepherd College, a theological college where both seminarians and lay people study theology.

The current Catholic Theological College was formed in 2020 with the merger between Good Shepherd College (GSC) and The Catholic Institute (TCI). We are the sole provider of Catholic theological, ministry and religious education qualifications in New Zealand serving a Catholic community of more than 470,000.

## We need you

The Colin Library is in urgent need of volunteers to help in packing our wide collection of books for the move to St Columba Centre. Kindly approach Mark Hangartner if you wish to be involved. Nga mihi.



**FREE FREE FREE**

**BOOKS available in  
Lecture Room 2 until  
30 April**