A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

03 June - Faculty Academic Seminar

06 June - Queen's Birthday

10 June - 2022 CTC Graduation

10 June - End of Semester 1 (Auckland Campus)

13 June-01 July - Study and Exam Weeks (Auckland Campus)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT / PANUI**

### Jubilee Bursaries

For Theological and Religious Education

#### **APPLICATIONS INVITED**

for Semester 2, 2022

Applications close Thursday, 09 June 2022

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

The Bursary is a contribution toward Degree and Post Grad Theology and RE courses

For information and an application pack please contact:



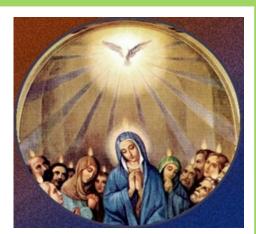
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# Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista

This week, as part of our course on Pastoral Care Counselling, we invited speakers to talk about their works in Chaplaincy (see related story in this newsletter). One of the speakers talked about "empowering" people. However, he qualified this by clarifying that real empowerment comes from God, by the works of the Holy Spirit.

As we journey towards Pentecost Sunday, I would like to share with you the prayer that St John Paul II learned from his father and prayed every day of his life:



O Holy Spirit,

I ask you the gift of wisdom, to understand you and better understand your divine perfection.

I ask you the gift of intelligence, don't go deeper, by the spirit of secrets with holy

Give me the gift of knowledge, to know how to guide my life according to the principles of faith.

Give me the gift of advice, so that in all I want to do I ask for advice and always find it with you.

Give me the gift of strength, so that no weakness or earthly power keeps me away from you.

Give me the gift of piety, so that I can serve your divine majesty with love of my intentions.

Give me a God-fearing gift so that there is no fear or any consideration that separates me from you, Amen.

### **Praying the Holy Rosary**



We will be resuming the praying of the Holy Rosary every Monday and Thursday at 12:10pm in Lecture Room 2. Everyone is welcome to join. For those joining via Zoom, please use this link.

### **Chaplaincy Seminar**



The Chaplains from left to right Mark. Cameron and Gustavo

Introduction class on to Counselling hosted a seminar on Chaplaincy on the 1st of June.

Mark Rivalland, former Deputy Principal at Mt Albert Grammar School who was ordained a permanent deacon in 2012 currently works as a Catholic Chaplain at North Shore Hospital and Officiating Chaplain at Devonport Naval Base. He talked about the "theology of love" and offering hope to those who are sick and dying.

Gustavo Herrera migrated to NZ from Argentina 10 years ago working in the software industry.

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### CTC Staff Feature

# Know more about your lecturers and staff. In this issue, we talked to Sarah and here are her answers to our questions.



#### Tell us something about yourself.

Since 2021 a new world is having my first dog—a rescue dog— from the Te Kuiti pound. It is a challenge learning her strengths and limitations and to work with that reality.

### **Dr Sarah Hart**

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

In the past I studied biblical Hebrew in the classic manner with grammar books and vocabulary lists but this year I am learning Hebrew through the Communicative-Language Teaching (CLT) approach at Laidlaw College. My goal is to read Hebrew fluently aloud and to get a more natural sense of grammatical inflections.

Other activities I am engaged in are working on the violin parts of the late Beethoven string quartets and exploring them with three music colleagues. I am also reactivating my school chemistry to better understand the interaction between fertiliser, the growth of plants, and soil restoration on the family farm.

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

The title of a book on my life might be— "Mystery and Seeking Cosmic energy."

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

The major person who fascinates me is Jesus the Christ. The Hebrew writings which formed him are one very significant way to

learn about him. Formed by the exercises of Ignatius of Loyola is a further way to grow and orient a life in Jesus.

# Name books that you have really enjoyed reading.

Reading Quantum Theology: Spiritual Implications of the New Physics by Diarmuid O'Murchu got me interested in links between quantum physics and spirituality. More recently I have enjoyed an audio book —Finding the Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard.

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

Most weekends I am at taichi or checking traps at Ark in the Park.

#### What's the top destination on your mustvisit list?

Somewhere I really want to visit is Mangarara, an organic farm in Elsthorpe, the Central Hawkes Bay.

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

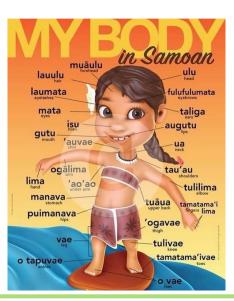
A phrase I sometimes use to relativise things is "Sarah. Don't take yourself so seriously"

Dr Sarah Hart is a Lecturer in Biblical Studies for the Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma programmes.

### Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai'

#### Talofa lava!

This week we celebrate Samoan Language Week – the theme for this year is 'Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean - Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai' - The theme recognises the importance of having the right tools, good leadership skills, relationships, and the correct medium (va'a) that is adaptable to faring the ocean and its elements.





As a member in various communities whether it is school, work church or family, we all embark into unchartered waters that can be challenging or different – it is with good leadership, having the right skills and tools and building relationships and support with and for all – that we, are able to navigate an ocean to face a journey of different elements towards any destination successfully.

### **Chaplaincy Seminar**

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He is married and the father of three young adults. He got involved in Prison Ministry a couple of years before the lockdowns. He shared his unforgettable experiences in providing "empathic human contact" to those in prisons. He talked about the importance of having a solid religious formation to be able to make a difference in the lives of the people he works with in the middle of their human brokenness.

CTC alumni Cameron Surrey is a lay chaplain at the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy which is located near AUT and the University of Auckland. He studied theology here at CTC and went on to gain his PhD in theology through the University of Otago. He lives in Pukekohe with his wife Cheryl and their three children. He shared with the class his passion in working with the youth as they search for a meaningful direction and love in their life journey.