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IMPORTANT DATES

- 07 October - Board of Studies Meeting**
- 10 October - Library Committee Meeting**
- 13 October - Online Seminar “No hope in hell: How a real Gospel view of the afterlife can make us better missionaries (Dr Cameron Surrey)”**
- 14 October - Talk on “Catholics and the Culture War” (Tim Staples)**
- 21 October - Faculty Academic Seminar: *Æsthetic Soul: Pictorial Art as Source of Theology* (Dr Christopher Longhurst)**

UPCOMING EVENTS



TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

No hope in hell: How a real Gospel view of the afterlife can make us better missionaries

Thursday 13 October
6:30-8:00pm
Via Zoom
Speaker: Cameron Surrey
Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplain

Register for this free online event

Click [here](#) to register.



THE CATHOLIC ANSWERS NZ TOUR
WITH TIM STAPLES

FRI, 14 OCTOBER 2022 | 1 PM

TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
40 VERMONT STREET, PONSONBY
“CATHOLICS AND THE CULTURE WAR”

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Message from the Dean

Dr John Evangelista

As New Zealand recently celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week, once again we are offered loads of materials and collaterals surrounding the “mental health crisis”. The Church in New Zealand dedicates the 9th of October as Support Life Sunday 2022. It would be timely to reflect on the ministry of Jesus Christ when he spent 3 years of his public life immersed in the daily lives of people who were desperately searching for meaning in their broken lives. Jesus, the Counsellor continues to be our model in our pastoral care for people’s mental well-being.



Most of Jesus’ pastoral work took place within personal encounters and in conversations with hurt and troubled individuals. Multitudes of people encountered Jesus personally – Zacchaeus, the woman caught in adultery, the rich young man, Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman in the well, the widow of Nain, and many more - and they all went away with a different perspective on life’s challenges. Jesus counselled them so that they were able to accept the thoughts and actions that were becoming burdens in their lives. In the process, they encountered the Kingdom of God. His emphatic words, “my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” should continue to provide peace for many of us who find ourselves trapped in the cares of the modern world. And it all starts with Jesus taking the time to listen to their stories and responding with divine empathy.

Enrolment 2023

Enrolments for Level 7 studies for the 1st semester of 2023 is ongoing.

We are pleased to mention that we have designed an enhanced programme of studies leading to the Graduate Diploma in Theology that would be of interest to school teachers and leaders in Catholic schools. Students will now have the option to choose papers from the Bachelor of Divinity or Religious Education course units at NQF level 5 and 6, depending on availability of papers and personal interest.

This Graduate Diploma in Theology programme is a 120 credit, Level 7, NZQA registered qualification. You can study either part-time or full-time. Papers are offered face-to-face at the Auckland campus and also online. The entry requirement is a bachelor’s degree in any subject. If you have completed other papers with CTC or another theological provider, you may qualify for recognition of prior learning. You can go to the CTC website for more information: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/graduate-diploma.

We are also delighted to announce that we will continue with the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture in January 2023. This programme is offered in partnership with the Australian Catholic University (ACU). If you are interested in this programme kindly email Caitlin at c.plummer@ctc.ac.nz.



He Timatanga - A Beginning

TH506 He Timatanga - A Beginning is a marae-based course over three days. Last September, this was held at Takipu marae in Gisborne.

Thank you to the lecturers and everyone involved for this mahi.



From left to right: CTC Lecturers Dr Christopher Longhurst, Arama Pou and Cynthia Piper; St Mary's Catholic School Gisborne Principal Helen McGuigan.

Photo credit: Christopher Longhurst

Ordination of Fr Alfred Tong

The Wellington Diocese is blessed with Ordination of Fr Alfred Tong to the Order of Priesthood. This was held on Saturday 24 September at St Joseph's Church in Upper Hutt, officiated by Cardinal John Dew.

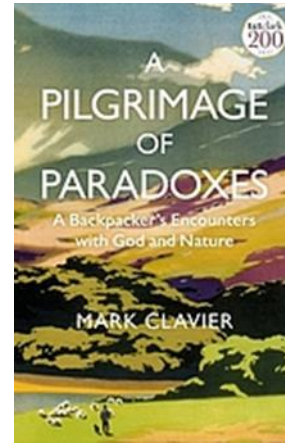


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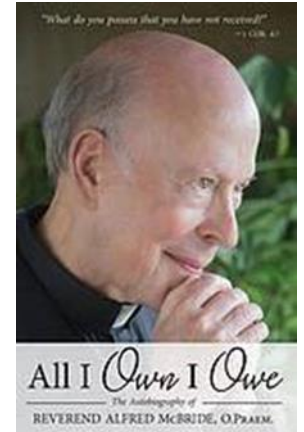
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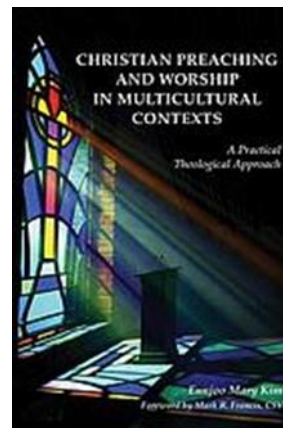
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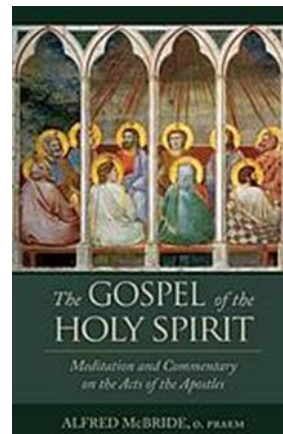
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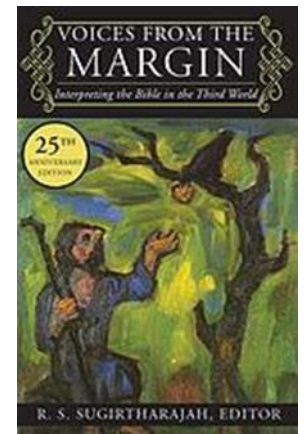
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