



CTC Graduation Ceremony
24 May 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

- 02 June – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- 03 June – King's Birthday
- 07 June – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 08 June – Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 14 June – Board of Studies Meeting
- 10–24 June – Study and Exams Week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrolment for the Certificate and Diploma qualifications is on-going. Check the timetables for second semester at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables

To enrol online go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply

Last day of lecture for Level 7 is Friday 07 June. Study week from 10 June and exams start 17 June.

Exams
Are
Coming!!!



Message from the Director

Dr John Evangelista

On the 24th of May, the feast of Mary, Help of Christians, a total of 22 students graduated from the Catholic Theological College in a ceremony marked with joy, simplicity and solemnity. Seven students were awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree, six were awarded the Graduate Diploma in Theology and 9 received their Certificate in Christian Studies.

The day-long celebration fittingly started with the College Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Laurenson of the diocese of Hamilton who also delivered the Graduation Address in the evening graduation ceremony.

The CTC main hall was overflowing with students and their families, faculty and staff, friends and special guests for the graduation ceremony. In attendance was Professor Sr Isabell Naumann, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney. A special message from Professor Francis Campbell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Notre Dame Australia was read during the event. Sr Lyra Manalo delivered this year's Valedictory Address on behalf of all the graduating students.

Congratulations to all our new Catholic theologians and educators!

News

Update on Synod

A new consultation document prepared by the bishops as part of the Holy Father's Synod 2021-24 process has been sent to Rome. A statement about the document, and the document, are available online [HERE](#).



Event

A Taste of Theology 2024 Lecture Series

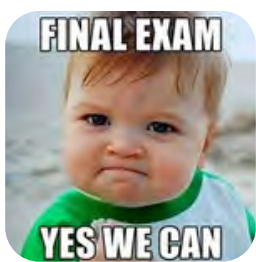
Building a relationship with God is a life-long process of transformation. The key is first figuring out where your heart lies.

This profound question will be unpacked by Dr Peter Ryan, fsc in the next lecture series titled "What is Spirituality? The answer depends on what you value" on Tuesday, 04 June from 5:30pm.

To register go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology



And finally, it's Week 13!



You blink your eye and it's already week 13! Yes, the exam week is fast approaching on the week of June 17. A quick look into the internet and you will find the following tips to prepare for your final exams ([tips for final exams](#)).

- Start preparing for final exams right away.
- Don't just study hard, study smart.
- Meet with your professors or tutors if you have questions.
- Find a good place to focus on your schoolwork.
- Don't rely on all-night study sessions right before the test.

And since most of the final exams are oral exams, here are further key takeaways ([Tips for How to Prepare for an Oral Exam](#)).

- Stay positive during your exam preparations.
- Oral exams can be stressful, but they are valuable practice for potential future interviews.
- Know your subject better than you think you need, and practice using movement intentionally to emphasize your main points.
- Don't forget to eat well, sleep enough, and drink plenty of water leading up to your exam. Exercise can also help release nervous energy.
- Take your time answering questions during your exam, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it!

Graduation Mass and Ceremony Highlights

