

CTC NETWORK

A fortnightly newsletter of Te Kupenga
Catholic Theological College



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Catholic Tertiary Teaching Excellence
Awards | 20 June 2024 |
TSB Arena, Wellington

IMPORTANT DATES

- 22 July - Start of Level 7 Semester 2
- 25 July - Te Kupenga Staff Meeting
- 02 August - Level 7 Staff Meeting
- 06 August - A Taste of Theology Lecture 5
What is Philosophy?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Courses in the Dioceses

SC501 Understanding the Old Testament
26-27 July and 16-17 August in Hamilton
Friday 4:00-7:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm
Email Fadi Yalda at f.yalda@ctc.ac.nz for more
information

PM504 Pastoral Ministry in Praxis
03 August, 07 September, 05 October
9:00am-4:00pm at St Columba Centre
Email admin@ctc.ac.nz for more information

SC502 Interpreting the New Testament
Every Thursday from 25 July-12 September,
3:30-5:30pm via online (Palmerston North)
Email Br Kevin Dobbyn at k.dobbyn@ctc.ac.nz

Colin Library is opening some Saturdays

You are welcome to come between 9am-4pm
to browse and borrow (there is a self issue
sheet), bring your lunch too and help yourself
to hot drinks and biscuits.

3rd August | 7th September | 5th October

Message from the Director

Dr John Evangelista

Kia ora!

We resume our second semester classes next week with a total of 132 students enrolled in 218 papers as of the 15th of July across all levels at CTC. A warm welcome to all new students joining us this second semester and welcome back to all our returning students.

During the term break, a formidable contingent from the CTC faculty and staff attended the NZ Catholic Education Convention from the 19th-21st of June at the TSB Arena in Wellington. Three of our faculty members, namely Lyn Smith, Cushla O'Connor and Fr Merv Duffy were given special awards for their contributions.

On the 14th of June, the new Academic Advisory Board (featured in our 3rd of May issue) met for the first time. The Academic Advisory Board provides oversight, advice and assurance to the Governance Board and Chief Executive of Te Kupenga – Catholic Leadership Institute, that the Catholic Theological College's academic programmes:

- Are robust in delivery and moderation
- Are academically rigorous and meet regulatory requirements
- Are accessible through a range of delivery methods
- Are reviewed and updated regularly, through a quality assurance system

In our effort to develop and strengthen our CTC network, we would like to invite our alumni and friends to share with us your current work and ministries so that we can feature them in our newsletter.

News

Mark Bond Ordained as Deacon

Bishop Steve Lowe has ordained Mark Bond to the Order of Diaconate last 25 May 2024 at St Joseph's Takapuna, surrounded by his family and friends. Congratulations, Deacon Mark!



Career Fair at St Peter's College

Seminarians Gerson and Peter interacted with the boys and their whanau at St Peter's College Auckland for their annual career fair last 05 June 2024.

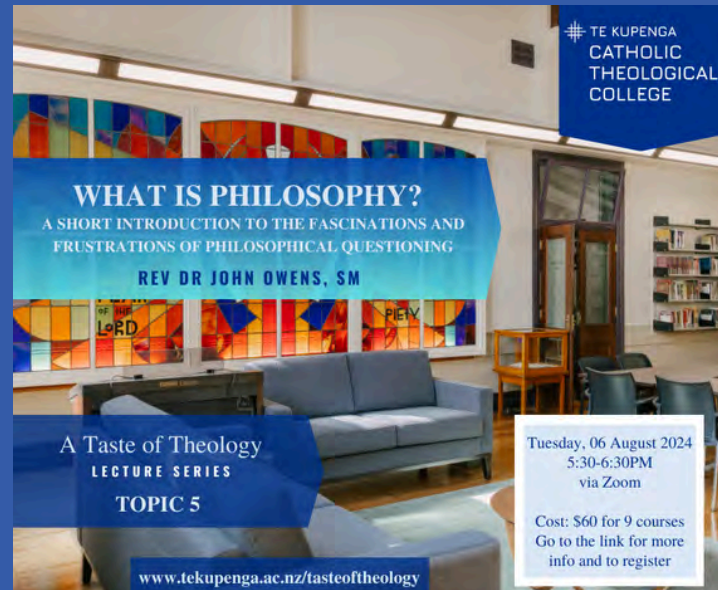


Events

A Taste of Theology 2024 Lecture Series

Explore the timeless questions that have challenged great thinkers throughout history, from Plato to Kant and beyond. Join us for the live session on Tuesday, 06 August from 5:30-6:30pm as Rev Dr John Owens takes us to the fascinations and frustrations of philosophical questioning.

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

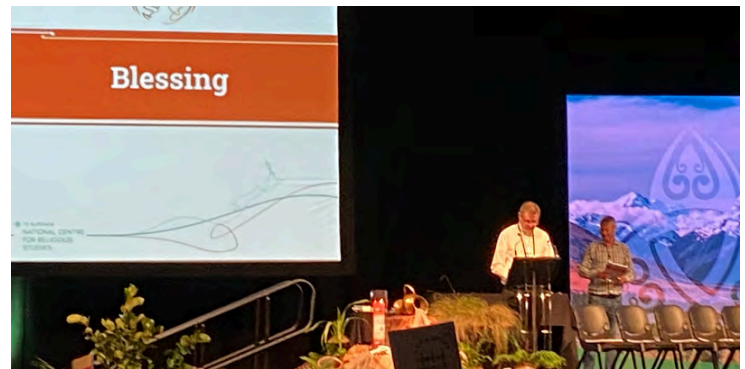


More News

Te Kupenga joins the New Zealand Catholic Education Convention

The three agencies of Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute - Catholic Theological College (CTC), National Centre for Religious Studies (NCRS), and the Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics (NCB), joined this year's NZ Catholic Education Convention last 19-21 June at TSB Arena in Wellington. This was the first national convention in six years after the pandemic. Over 700 participants from across the Catholic education sector including bishops, priests and religious were present at the event.

Te Kupenga shared the exhibitor space with other exhibitors and each agency delivered workshops. Some highlights include the launch and blessing of the new Religious Education curriculum, *Tō Tātou Whakapono Our Faith*, and the Catholic Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards, where three of our faculty received the award - Fr Merv Duffy, sm, Lyn Smith and Cushla O'Connor.



From the Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics

This week, Te Kupenga farewells Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics Senior Researcher Dr Claire Amos. Claire took up the role in 2019 and has been an important contributor to the Year 13 Study, Youth Take A Stand, a collaboration between Bioethics Education, NCRS and The Nathaniel Centre.



Claire has also brought quality, depth and precision into the Centre's research and writing on various issues including

vaping, Genetic Modification, Microplastics & Nano-Plastics, Vaccinations (COVID and other) and Forever Plastics. During the period of COVID she produced reliable background research into the complex and contentious questions raised by the roll-out of vaccines and the challenges of lock-down, and her work contributed significantly to the quality of advice the Centre gave to a wide range of parties in a time of claims and counterclaims that proved confusing to many people. We wish Claire all the best in her new role for Te Whatu Ora.