



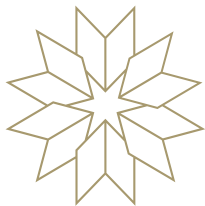
UNIVERSITY  
OF DIVINITY

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GRADUATION AND  
THANKSGIVING CEREMONY

*1pm, Saturday 20 November*

ST PASCHAL CHAPEL, MELBOURNE



**THE CEREMONY** of conferring degrees and awarding diplomas and certificates is a time-honoured ritual performed at universities throughout the world. It is the moment when awards are formally made, and is a celebration of the achievements of the graduands.

Graduation ceremonies at the University of Divinity celebrate the academic excellence of our students, honour our collegiate structure and reveal the richness of the many Christian traditions which shape our identity.

### WELCOME.

This afternoon the University gathers to witness the graduation of 6 Higher Degree by Research students and to celebrate with graduates from 2020.

We honour your academic achievements in theology, philosophy, counselling, education and ministry.

Graduation ceremonies at the University of Divinity honour the University's academic excellence, collegiate structure and Christian traditions.

I thank all who join the Vice-Chancellor and me today in support of our graduands, including family, friends, colleagues, members of the University Council and the staff of its Colleges. Your support is invaluable to our graduands and to the University as together we address the issues of our contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

At this ceremony, each of you becomes a member of the alumni community of the University of Divinity. Our alumni are found in every corner of the globe, serving churches and communities in extraordinary ways. As you join them, I hope that you will draw on your attributes as a graduate of the University, as you continue to learn, articulate, communicate, engage and serve.

***Dr Graeme Blackman*** AO FTSE FAICD  
*BD 1993, MTheol 2006*  
*Chancellor*



## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

### ACADEMIC PROCESSION

*Please stand for the academic procession*

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS, WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

*The Chancellor,*

**Dr Graeme Blackman** AO FTSE FAICD

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Amir Malek** PhD 2021

Philippians 4:4-9

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

### INTERCESSIONS

The intercessions are written and led by

**Luke Mark Hopkins** PhD 2021

**Christy Maree Capper** PhD 2020

*Reader:* Let us pray to the Lord

*Response:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**Amen.**



## GRADUATION

The Chair of the Academic Board, the **Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees**, certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands have completed the requirements of their awards.

## GRADUATE ADDRESSES

**Grant David Buchanan** PhD 2021

**Elissa Roper** PhD 2021

**Andrew Stuart Calder** PhD 2020

## VICE-CHANCELLOR ADDRESS

*The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Sherlock*

## CONCLUSION

*The Chancellor, Dr Graeme Blackman*

## BLESSING

**The Lord bless us and keep us;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us,  
and be gracious to us;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon us,  
and grant us peace.**

*At the conclusion of the ceremony, please follow the academic procession out of the Chapel to the University Hall for refreshments.*

## HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

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*Presenter* **Associate Professor Liz Boase**, *Dean of the School of Graduate Research*

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### MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Samuel John Curkpatrick**

*Pilgrim Theological College*

*Thesis: Saying by unsaying: The redemptive outworking of Terry Eagleton's irony*

*Supervisors: Reverend Associate Professor Geoff Thompson and Reverend Dr John Martis*

### MASTER OF THEOLOGY (RESEARCH)

#### **Kenneth Tapiwa Macharaga**

*Yarra Theological Union*

*Thesis: St Cyprian's Understanding of Synodality as Inclusive of the Laity*

*Supervisors: Reverend Dr Matthew Beckmann and Associate Professor Adam Cooper*

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Grant David Buchanan**

*Pilgrim Theological College*

*Thesis: The Spirit, New Creation and Christian Identity in Galatians: Towards a Pneumatological Reading of Galatians*

*Supervisors: Reverend Associate Professor Sean Winter and Reverend Associate Professor Geoff Thompson*

*This thesis identifies the creative and significant way Paul engages the Holy Spirit in Galatians 3:1–6:17. Placed strategically throughout the letter, I argue that the Spirit is an important lens to understand Paul's argument, even if not always explicit; especially in his discussion of Christian identity in Galatians, culminating in the theme of New Creation in Galatians 6:15.*

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Luke Mark Hopkins**

*Trinity College Theological School*

*Thesis: Cyprian of Carthage and the Australian Anglican Episcopate*

*Supervisors: Reverend Dr Don Saines and Professor Peter Sherlock*

*This thesis brings the theological weight and pragmatism of third century bishop and martyr Cyprian of Carthage to bear on the problems facing the contemporary Anglican episcopate in Australia. In doing so, it examines the vision of episcopacy within the Cyprianic corpus and as well as the development of the Anglican episcopate over the last five hundred years.*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Amir Malek

*Yarra Theological Union*

*Thesis: Marqus (Mark) Ibn al-Qunbur: Commentary on the Book of Genesis (1-11). An Edition and Translation*

*Supervisors: Reverend Associate Professor Mark O'Brien, Dr Callan Ledsham and Dr Lisa Agaiby*

*Marqus (Mark) Ibn al-Qunbur was a 12th century Coptic monk and priest, a prolific teacher and writer. Of his surviving works is a significant commentary on the Pentateuch. This thesis offers a first edition with an apparatus of Ibn Qunbur's commentary on Genesis 1-11 together with a first English translation and commentary.*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Elissa Roper

*Yarra Theological Union*

*Thesis: Synodality and Authenticity: Towards a Contemporary Ecclesiology for the Catholic Church*

*Supervisors: Dr Kathleen Williams and Dr Brendan Reed*

*This thesis establishes foundations that support the development of an ecclesiology of synodality, which provides a new lens through which to perceive the identity and nature of the Catholic Church. Using the theology and method of Bernard Lonergan - and critiquing biblical, conciliar, and papal sources - foundations are developed for a Church that is dialogical, mature, merciful, and authentic.*

## RETURNING 2020 HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH GRADUATES

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## MASTER OF THEOLOGY (RESEARCH)

### John Tanner O'Connor

*Pilgrim Theological College*

*Thesis: The Parable of the Persistent Widow: Luke 18:1-8 in Context*

*Supervisor: Reverend Associate Professor Sean Winter*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Kathleen Alleaume Ross

*Pilgrim Theological College*

*Thesis: Good Priest, Virtuous Woman: Thérèse of Lisieux and Non-Heroic Sanctity in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century French Literature*

*Supervisors: Professor Katharine Massam and +Dr Janette Gray*

*This thesis argues that the person of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) is connected to the way in which non-heroic sanctity is portrayed in the literary tropes of the Good Priest and Virtuous Woman of nineteenth and early twentieth-century French literature.*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Andrew Stuart Calder

*Pilgrim Theological College*

*Thesis: Adults with intellectual disability and their spirituality: Voices to be heard by faith communities and the disability services sector in Victoria, Australia*

*Supervisors: Reverend Dr Alan Niven and Professor Emeritus Trevor Parmenter*

*This research, the first of its kind in Australia, interviewed 14 adults with intellectual disability, seeking their experience and meaning of spirituality. What did they say is important for them? Outcomes included development of new policy statements with recommended responses by faith communities and Australia's National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Christy Maree Capper

*Trinity College Theological School*

*Thesis: The Theological Imperative to Authenticity*

*Supervisors: Reverend Professor Mark Lindsay, Right Reverend Dr Stephen Platten and +Dr Janette Gray*

*This thesis explores the concept of authenticity and argues that authentic selfhood is a theological imperative. It examines the anthropology of John Macquarrie as a basis for a theological understanding of authentic selfhood before providing and defending a theological definition of authentic selfhood as “[the] bringing of one’s unique, God-inspired self to life.”*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### David Janssen

*Whitley College*

*Thesis: Divine and Roman Warriors: The Roman Imperial Cuirass in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10*

*Supervisors: Associate Professor Keith Dyer and Dr Rosemary Canavan*

*This thesis adopts Socio-Rhetorical Interpretation to examine Paul’s use of armour language in 1 Thessalonians 5:8. Specific consideration is given to the blending of imagery from Roman Imperial cuirass statue types and the Divine Warrior motif. Rather than emphasising eschatological alertness, the merging of these figures informs the identity of the ekklesia in Thessalonica.*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### **Jacob Joseph**

*Pilgrim Theological College*

*Thesis: The Christ Who Embraces: An Orthodox Theology of Margins in India*

*Supervisors: Reverend Professor John Flett and Reverend Dr Duncan Reid*

*This thesis develops a Christological response to Orthodox Christian mission in the context of caste dynamics among St. Thomas/Syrian/Orthodox Christians in India. In the context of Dalit social and theological concerns, it intends to offer a casteless Orthodox theology of mission that envisions a reconciling mission through a miaphysite Christological embrace or kiss of peace.*

### **University Medal, 2020**

*Citation: Dr Jacob Joseph has completed a doctoral thesis of exceptional quality which has significance for Indian and global theology into the future. His thesis, The Christ who Embraces: An Orthodox Theology of Margins in India, engages in both Dalit and Orthodox theology, developing a constructive rereading of accepted concepts and practices. The thesis challenges the existing structures of knowledge, especially regarding a multicultural, yet deeply stratified, Indian society. Dr Joseph's reading is passionate and ingenious, presenting audacious arguments with conceptual clarity and accuracy.*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### **Cecilia Francisco-Tan**

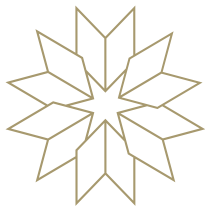
*Yarra Theological Union*

*Thesis: The Implications of Authentic Authority for Contemporary Pastoral Leadership: An Application of Bernard Lonergan's Dialectic of Authority*

*Supervisors: Dr Kathleen Williams and Dr Alan Wade*

*This dissertation is a systematic study into authentic authority as informed by Bernard Lonergan's cognitional theory of intentional consciousness and his method in theology.*

*Cecilia was also named a Vice-Chancellor's Scholar for 2020*



## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

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The University of Divinity promotes the highest standards of scholarship in theology, philosophy and ministry. Through scholarship, the University aims to address the issues of the contemporary world. Founded in 1910 as the Melbourne College of Divinity, the University has a long history of pursuing and achieving these aims.

All students and staff join the University through one of its Colleges. Based in the Australian cities of Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney, each College is a unique learning community that contributes to a theologically diverse and rich culture of scholarship at the University.

Through the Colleges, the University is supported by thirty partners in the churches and religious orders. These include the Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Coptic Orthodox, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and Uniting Church traditions.

The University's work is further resourced by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, which provides support to the Colleges and the University's Council and Academic Board.

### OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

#### *Chancellor*

**Dr Graeme Blackman** AO FTSE FAICD BSc(Hons) BD MTheol PhD

#### *Deputy Chancellor*

**Professor Gabrielle McMullen** AM BSc(Hons) PhD

#### *Vice-Chancellor*

**Professor Peter Sherlock** BA(Hons) MA DPhil

#### *Chair of Academic Board*

**The Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees**

BA(Hons) MA BD(Hons) TheolM PhD DipEd



### THE UNIVERSITY BADGE

The University Badge represents its Vision, Mission, and collegiate identity. The Badge is a star, formed by a constellation of open books. The star is a biblical symbol that appears in the heavens to point wise ones on earth towards the Christ. It is also an Australian symbol, as shown by the federal star and the Southern Cross on the Australian flag.

The books which make up the star represent wisdom, and are open to critical interpretation. The gathering of these many parts into a whole expresses the collegiate shape of the University.

The gold represents excellence. The distinctive accent is red, representing passion and sacrifice which facilitate and flow from the study of divinity.

The constellation of books creates two stars, one on the outside and one on the inside, illustrating the University's commitment to tradition and innovation. Through critical study, the University brings ancient truths into dialogue with the issues of the contemporary world.

### THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace was commissioned in 2017 from F. J. Rocca Silversmiths in Carlton, Victoria. The Mace is based on the University Badge, which appears at the tip of the Mace on a head of brass.



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