



UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

GRADUATION

6.00pm, Sunday 19 May 2024

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Brisbane



WELCOME.

WE GATHER AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BRISBANE, TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 32 STUDENTS.

On behalf of the Council of the University, I am delighted to welcome each graduand to tonight's ceremony. We honour your academic achievements in theology, ministry, education, and professional practice.

It is a particular pleasure to honour our speaker, The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall AC, Archbishop Emeritus of Brisbane.

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 their churches and communities in extraordinary ways. As you join them, I trust that you will draw more on your attributes as a graduate of the University, as you continue to learn, articulate, communicate, engage and serve.

I thank all who have come tonight in support of our graduands, including family, friends, colleagues, and members of the University Council and the staff of its Colleges. Your support is invaluable to our graduands and to the University as a whole as it seeks to address the issues of our contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD

BD 1993, MTheol 2006

Chancellor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council of the University of Divinity thank the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland and the Dean and Chapter of St John's Cathedral for their hospitality in welcoming the University.

Refreshments are generously hosted by St Francis College and St John's Cathedral.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Archbishop Dr Phillip Aspinall AC is a former Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Dr Aspinall is a graduate of the University of Divinity. He studied a Bachelor of Divinity with Honours at Trinity College Theological School and the United Faculty of Theology, graduating in 1988. Dr Aspinall also has a Bachelor of Science (University of Tasmania), a Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (Brisbane College of Advanced Education), a Master of Business Administration (Deakin University) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Monash University).

Prior to ordained ministry, Dr Aspinall worked as a computer programmer for the Tasmanian Education Department. He has worked in a number of roles in the Anglican Church in Tasmania including diocesan field officer for the Anglican Boys' Society; the diocesan youth and education officer; deputy warden at Christ College in the University of Tasmania. In the Diocese of Melbourne, Dr Aspinall served as Director of parish education at St Stephen's Church, Mount Waverley.

Dr Aspinall was consecrated Bishop in Adelaide in 1998 and installed as Archbishop of Brisbane / Metropolitan of the Province of Queensland in 2002. He was elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia in 2005 (serving in that role until 2014) and was Chair of the General Synod Ecumenical Affairs Commission 2016-2022. Dr Aspinall has been a member of the International Commission for Anglican Orthodox Theological Dialogue since 2017.

In 2021, Dr Aspinall, was appointed a Companion (AC) of the Order of Australia (General Division). The citation for the honour is: "For eminent service to the Anglican Church of Australia, to the development of ecumenical relationships and professional standards, and through commitment to social justice and welfare."

*The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall AC,
BSc, GradDipRE, BD, PhD, MBA
Archbishop Emeritus of Brisbane*

GRADUATION

The Chair of the Academic Board,

Professor Katharine Massam,

certifies to the Deputy Chancellor that all graduands have completed the requirements of their awards.

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Jordan Caroline Smith *Bachelor of Theology*

Steven Lawrence *Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*

Denis Jon Mercier-Lee *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

Miriam Louisa Hage *Master of Education and Theology*

Stuart Anthony Foster Needham *Master of Education and Theology*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Renjith Joseph *Diploma in Theology*

Deborah Mary Rooney *Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation*

EVA BURROWS COLLEGE

Belinda Elisabeth Dobbie *Diploma in Theology*

David James Dobbie *Diploma in Theology*

Lynette Anne Cook *Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*

Catherine Ruth Philpot *Master of Theological Studies*

PILGRIM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Fernando Da Silva Torres *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

ST FRANCIS COLLEGE

Evelyn Louise Scott *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Jacob Nyok Agoot *Bachelor of Theology*

Richard Ronald Butler *Bachelor of Theology*

Lynette Priscilla Kareta *Bachelor of Theology*

Mamuor Malueth Kun Peter *Bachelor of Theology*

Arien Christopher Miller *Bachelor of Theology*

Courtney Charles Smith *Bachelor of Theology*

Edward Bruce Harvey Starr *Bachelor of Theology*

Chaiyaporn Peter Branjerdporn *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*



TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Michael John Thomas Lindsay *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Carol Ann Webster *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Anthea Jean Haughain *Master of Theological Studies*

UNITING COLLEGE FOR LEADERSHIP AND THEOLOGY

Jovan Bogicevic *Diploma in Theology*

John Richard Brew *Bachelor of Ministry*

WHITLEY COLLEGE

Kimi Toa Kahika *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Chi Hung Lee *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Alice May Arnott *Graduate Certificate in Spirituality*

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Francesca Anne Lauderdale *Bachelor of Counselling*

Bonita Julie-Ann Seip *Graduate Diploma in Professional Supervision*

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE RESEARCH

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Karyl Joy Davison

Uniting College for Leadership and Theology

Thesis: Sacramental Sausages: Freeing the Lord's Supper for Mission

Supervisors: Reverend Dr Steve Taylor and Dr Rosemary Dewerse

This thesis established that the practice of serving food and drink as part of Eaton/Millbridge Community Project events was a contextual celebration of the Lord's supper and that these eucharistic celebrations should be available to all, regardless of baptismal status.



GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

LEARN

Graduates are equipped for critical study, especially of Christian texts and traditions.

ARTICULATE

Graduates articulate theological insight and reflection.

COMMUNICATE

Graduates communicate informed views through structured argument.

ENGAGE

Graduates engage with diverse views, contexts and traditions.

SERVE

Graduates are prepared for the service of others.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS 2024

Vice-Chancellor's Scholars are graduands who have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the University's Graduate Attributes. The award is made at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the graduand's College.

Lynette Priscilla Kareta

St Francis College

Lyn embodies the values of inclusion, compassion and curiosity in learning. Lyn is a keen student who has achieved well in the academic side of this part of her theological education, but it is her attitude of openness to new ideas, concepts and her joy in learning which marks her as exceptional.

Catherine Ruth Philpot

Eva Burrows College

Catherine has shown remarkable academic achievements. Her inquisitive nature and humility have been instrumental in her pursuit of excellence. In addition to her academic success, Catherine serves as an Auxiliary Lieutenant in the Salvation Army, where she holds the position of national manager of the Salvation Army pastoral services. Catherine also serves as a committee member of the South Pacific Theological Forum and convener for the Thought Matters Conference, contributing to the advancement of Christian thought and practice in the Salvation Army.

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.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

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 or Schools. Based in the Australian cities of Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Perth, each 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, University Council and Academic Board.

OUR MISSION

To excel in education, engagement, and research in spiritual practices and Christian beliefs and their contemporary application.

OUR VISION

To enable our graduates and partners to serve the common good and to be agents of transformation in the world.

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