



UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

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*Graduation Address
delivered by*

The Reverend Canon Dr Gregory Jenks

OUR 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.

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 VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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



Officers of the University

Chancellor

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AO FTSE FAICD

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WELCOME.

TODAY WE GATHER AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 35 STUDENTS.

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

It is a particular pleasure to welcome our guest speaker, the Reverend Canon Dr Gregory Jenks, who today receives the University's highest academic honour, the Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa).

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 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



The University Mace, dedicated 2017



DOCTOR OF DIVINITY (HONORIS CAUSA)

The Doctor of Divinity is the oldest award of the University, created in 1910 and first awarded in 1913. It is the highest academic honour that the University bestows.



The Reverend Canon Dr Gregory Jenks DD 2025

ABOUT THE RECIPIENT AND GUEST SPEAKER

The Reverend Canon Dr Gregory Jenks has made a sustained and distinguished contribution to theological education in Australia. He has been involved in theological education for more than forty years, including full-time positions at St Barnabas College (Adelaide College of Divinity, Flinders University) and at St Francis College.

Dr Jenks has provided leadership in theological education at St Francis College at significant times in the College's history, notably his work as Academic Dean as St Francis College transitioned from membership of the Brisbane College of Theology (BCT) to enrolment with Charles Sturt University.

Dr Jenks has demonstrated leadership in various expressions of theological education, as the associate director of the Westar Institute (1999-2001), the Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem (2015-2017) and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Diocese of Grafton (2017-2022).

Since 'retiring', he has returned to St Francis College and has assisted with the preparation of new curriculum and delivery of units of study with the University of Divinity, alongside locum tenens work in parishes involved in transition processes.

Dr Jenks is the Coin Curator for the Bethsaida Excavations Project, the archaeological work done at Et-Tell. As the Executive Director of the Centre for Coins, Culture and Religious History (CCCRH), he ensures that researchers can access online photographs of each item, that some items are on public display at St John's Cathedral in Brisbane and that there are teacher resource packs for schools and colleges.

Dr Jenks engages with the wider community in areas of religion consistent with the University of Divinity's mission and vision and has made a significant contribution to both formal and informal theological education in Australia and beyond.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

*Guests are asked to switch off mobiles during the ceremony
Please join us in speaking the responses as indicated.*

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Please stand for the procession

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

WELCOME

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD
The Chancellor

OPENING HYMN

Here I am, Lord

OPENING PRAYER

The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves
*Archbishop of Brisbane,
and Metropolitan of the Province of Queensland*

Peace to those who are far off.

All: Peace to those who are near.

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: As in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

**All: Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest, opportunity to study
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour,
Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Grant Matthew Garvie DipTheol 2025

Matthew 13:44–46, 51–52

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Be still, my soul

INTERCESSIONS

Hugh Wilfrid Harry Botting BTheol 2025
Peter Madit Makuei BTheol 2025

God of truth

All: teach us to love you with heart and mind.

God of love

All: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

God of peace

All: bring us together as one.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE PRIZES

THE GRADUATION



HERE I AM, LORD



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples pain;
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Words: Isaiah 6

Music: Daniel Schutte (1947)

Together in Song #658

BE STILL, MY SOUL



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Words: Katharina von Schlegel (1697-?)

tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897) alt.

Music: from 'Finlandia' by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

Together in Song #123

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



GRADUATION

The Chair of the Academic Board,
Professor Katharine Massam,
certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands
have completed the requirements of their awards.



AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Marnie Elizabeth Bartleet *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*
Sarah Joy Wigan *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*
Josephine Anne Maher *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*
Andrea Rachel Blakely *Master of Education and Theology*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Tri Tue Pham *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*
Howard Malcom *Graduate Diploma in Theology*
Oliver-Jonathan Bajon *Master of Theology*

EVA BURROWS COLLEGE

Grant Matthew Garvie *Diploma in Theology*
Bernhard Henry Muendel *Diploma in Theology*

PILGRIM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

William Herbert Wilson *Diploma in Theology*
Vijayanand Nandeti *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*
Stkira Budhi Purwosuwito *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

ST ATHANASIUS COLLEGE

Bill Gergis *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*
Joseph Zamer *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*
Anthony Mikhail *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

ST FRANCIS COLLEGE

Heidi Jayne Frier *Diploma in Theology*
Beverley Joan Winifred Rilatt-Richardson *Diploma in Theology*
Peter Kur Jongkuch *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*
Hugh Wilfrid Harry Botting *Bachelor of Theology*
Peter Madit Makuei *Bachelor of Theology*
Tony Oswald Brett *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*
Christine Mae Grimwade *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*
Lydia Fairhall *Master of Divinity*

TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Frederik Mul *Bachelor of Theology*
Andrew Michael Sexton *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

WHITLEY COLLEGE

Devni Yasindra Attygalle *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Peter Robert Leaver *Graduate Diploma in Spirituality*

Diane Page *Graduate Diploma in Spirituality*

WOLLASTON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Joey Faye Athena McAuley *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

Anthony Zulli *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Emily Christina Booth

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE RESEARCH

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Donnie George Begay

Whitley College

The Lifeworld of Navajo Millennials: Seeking balance and harmony in their world and others

Supervisors: The Reverend Dr Terry LeBlanc
and Assistant Professor Kelsey Dayle John

Abstract: This research explores the unique persona of Navajo Millennials, a persona shaped by their distinct culture, identity, and lifeworld. Navajo Millennials share similarities with the typical American Millennial, facing economic pressures and technological integration. The findings are presented in story form, highlighting the commonalities and the crucial differences.

Lachlan James Davis

Trinity College Theological School

Reconciliation and Forgiveness in the Joseph Story

Supervisors: Associate Professor Rachelle Gilmour
and Dr Megan Warner

Abstract: This thesis explores the dynamics of interpersonal and political reconciliation through the Joseph Story. By looking closely at the story's language and composition history, it reveals how ancient ideas of reconciliation and forgiveness were complex and could develop over time. The analysis is supported by looking at how subsequent edits to the Joseph Story could shift the audience's understanding of these concepts.

Phillip Andrew Larking

Whitley College

A praxis of shalom for social practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand: An integrative theology using World Christianity and migration theology as resources

Supervisors: The Reverend Associate Professor Darrell Jackson,
Professor Peter Phan
and the Reverend Associate Professor Jason Goroncy

Abstract: A praxis of shalom is proposed as a response to anti-discriminatory social practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand. This praxis is underpinned by a theology of particularity. A movement toward shalom is generated when grace as gift and responsibility constructs communities and encounters that embody shalom at the borders created by difference.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Donna Maree Neander

Yarra Theological Union

A reading of time, place and invitational space in the Fourth Gospel

Supervisors: Professor Emerita Mary Coloe PVBM
and Dr Kathleen Rushton RSM

Abstract: Through a socio-rhetorical critical reading of the distinct style and incarnational claim of the Fourth Gospel, this thesis established that the theological intent of the gospel is to construct an invitational space through which the reader may encounter and experience God's eternal presence in the circumstances of this worldly life.





VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS 2025

Vice-Chancellor's Scholars are graduands who have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the University's Graduate Attributes. This may include academic excellence, contribution to the College community, and service to wider society. The award is made at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the graduand's College.

Andrea Rachel Blakely

Australian Lutheran College

Andrea's commitment to communicating well-developed theological argument in accessible language has been a feature of her master's program. She has demonstrated sophisticated insight into the ways in which the theological worldview of Lutheran schools informs and manifests itself in the lived expression of their education practice. Andrea is a self-motivated, meticulous, and passionate student. Her work was always thoroughly prepared, perceptive, and skilfully argued.

Lydia Fairhall

St Francis College

Lydia has excelled in her theological studies. A Worimi woman with a flair for creativity and a deep sense of care for creation, Lydia has brought both theological insight and First Nations wisdom to ministry engagement, community education and spiritual awareness, enriching each class she attended.



UNIVERSITY MEDAL 2025

The University Medal may be awarded by the Academic Board of the University to a student of the University who has completed a doctoral thesis of exceptional quality. Commissioned in 2016, each medal is hand-crafted by Melbourne artist Michael Meszaros.

Donna Maree Neander

Yarra Theological Union

Dr Neander has completed a doctoral dissertation of exceptional quality which argues that the Fourth Gospel constructs textual spaces through which the reader is invited to encounter and experience God's eternal presence in the circumstances of life.

The thesis, entitled *A Reading of Time, Place and Invitational Space in the Fourth Gospel*, reads passages from the Fourth Gospel, examining time, place and rhetorical construction through the hermeneutical insights of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and Vernon Robins, incorporating a range of postcolonial perspectives.

Dr Neander's thesis is praised as providing a fresh and compelling exploration of the Fourth Gospel's use of time and place as theological constructs, that demonstrates a high level of methodological sophistication. The thesis is described as original, in conception and expression, discerning a "biblical spirituality" of encounter based in an interpretation of bodily resurrection that is perceptive and persuasive.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES

Andrea Rachel Blakely MEdTheol 2025

Lydia Fairhall MDiv 2025

AWARD OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY AND THE GRADUATION ADDRESS

The Reverend Canon Dr Gregory Jenks
DD2025

FINAL HYMN

God gives us a future

CONCLUSION

The Chancellor

BLESSING

The Archbishop

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Please remain standing until the
procession has concluded and all
graduates have exited the Cathedral.

REFRESHMENTS

All are welcome to refreshments hosted
by St Francis College.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council of the University of Divinity
thanks the Dean, Chapter and Staff of
St John's Cathedral for provision of the
venue for this Graduation Ceremony.

Music was provided by The Salvation
Army Brisbane City Temple Band.

Photography was provided by
GFP Events.

GOD GIVES US A FUTURE



1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives us hope, and insight
and the strength we lack.

3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.

Words: Elizabeth J. Smith (UD Alumna) b.1956

Music: John Michael Brierley b.1932

Together in Song #687





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