



# UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

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*Graduation Address  
delivered by*

**The Reverend Dr Bruce Kaye AM**

**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.

The ceremony begins with the procession of the University's academic staff, doctoral graduands, distinguished guests, and members of the University's Council, ending with the University Mace and the Chancellor.

As befits a University of Divinity, the first part of the ceremony includes prayer, song, and a reading from scripture.

The formal graduation commences in the second part of the ceremony, when the Chair of the Academic Board certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands listed in the program, whether present or absent, have completed the requirements of their awards as established by the Council and the Academic Board.

Candidates for coursework awards are then presented to the Chancellor, grouped by Colleges and Schools, followed by candidates for research masters' degrees and doctoral awards.

The guest speaker delivers an address, and, following a final song and prayer, the ceremony concludes with the academic procession, now augmented by the new graduates.



WELCOME.

TONIGHT WE GATHER AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL MELBOURNE,  
TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 228 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 tonight to welcome our speaker, the Reverend Dr Bruce Kaye AM.

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

*Chancellor*





## 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.*



## ABOUT THE RECIPIENT AND GUEST SPEAKER

The Reverend Dr Bruce Kaye AM has made a significant impact on scholarly and religious life in Australia and abroad.

Dr Kaye is a Church Historian of considerable international renown. After graduating from the universities of Sydney and London, he pursued doctoral studies at the University of Basel. He has taught at the University of Durham, as well as at the University of New South Wales, where he was also Master of New College.

More recently, he has been Adjunct Research Professor at Charles Sturt University's Centre for Public and Contextual Theology, where his resume lists no less than seventy-seven publications. Dr Kaye has a particular interest in the early history and theology of Australian Anglicans. His books include *A Church without Walls: Being Anglican in Australia* (1995) and, as editor, *Anglicanism in Australia* (1998).

He has also had a distinguished career as an Anglican priest, and a major contributor to the governance of the Anglican Church, serving as General Secretary of the General Synod of the Australian Anglican Church from 1994 to 2004.

His work is informed by a deep knowledge and appreciation of the theological precepts that relate to the many issues he has addressed, as a professional scholar, theologian, pastor and administrator.

Dr Kaye's contribution to international Anglican scholarship is most profoundly exemplified by his role with the *Journal of Anglican Studies*. Dr Kaye founded the *Journal* and has been its Editor and Chair of trustees over a twenty-year period from 2000. Under Dr Kaye's leadership, the *Journal* has become one of the premier publications for addressing key theological issues of significance to the international Anglican Communion. In 2005 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for contributions to Anglican scholarship.

*The Reverend Dr Bruce Kaye AM*

*BA, ThL, BD(Hons)*

## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

### ACADEMIC PROCESSION

#### WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Daniel Ross

#### WELCOME

*The Chancellor, Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD*

#### OPENING HYMN

*Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand*

#### OPENING PRAYER

**The Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe**

*Dean of St Paul's Cathedral*

*The Dean: The Lord be with you*

*Response: **And with your spirit***

#### HEWBREWS 1:1-4

**Stacey Ruth Wilson**

MTS 2026

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

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

#### INTERCESSIONS

**Joshua Ben McDermid**

MTh 2026

*Reader: In your mercy*

*Response: **Hear our 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.**

#### HYMN

*Brother, sister, let me serve you*

#### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Soli Deo Gloria* by William Himes

#### THE GRADUATION

#### VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES

**Eliza Meredith Adamthwaite**

MTS 2026

**Marco Attia**

MTS 2026

#### CONFERRAL OF THE DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

#### GRADUATION ADDRESS

**The Reverend Dr Bruce Kaye AM**

#### FINAL HYMN

*We are marching in the light of God*

#### CONCLUSION

*The Chancellor*

#### BLESSING

**The Most Reverend Dr Ric Thorpe**

*Archbishop of Melbourne*

#### ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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

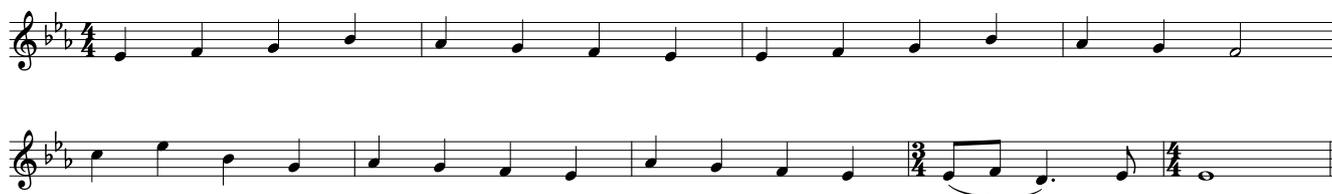
*Guests are asked to switch off mobiles during the ceremony*



## WHERE WIDE SKY ROLLS DOWN AND TOUCHES RED SAND



## BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the miles and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joys and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.
5. Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

### *SERVANT SONG*

*Music: Richard Gillard arr. Betty Pulkingham (1928-)*

*Words: Richard Gillard (1953-)*

*Together in Song 650*



## 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

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Jeremy Murray Mitchell *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Jessie Cecilia Barker *Bachelor of Counselling*

Hayden John Lambie *Bachelor of Counselling*

Taitusi James Matia *Bachelor of Counselling*

Hayden Luke McLachlan *Bachelor of Counselling*

Marijke Rancie *Bachelor of Counselling*

Nancy Yau Sim *Bachelor of Counselling*

Lana Marie Zampelas *Bachelor of Counselling*

Erin Margaret Grainger *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Susan Maree Westhorp *Master of Theology*

Fotani Ziliwu *Master of Theology*

### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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Allan James Gerard Dwyer *Diploma in Theology*

Ondine Keohan *Diploma in Theology*

Soussandra Markahi *Diploma in Theology*

Domenic Marogh *Diploma in Theology*

Samantha Yoel Patros Toma *Diploma in Theology*

Veko Edoardus Farneubun *Bachelor of Ministry*

Lester Reuben Agyar *Bachelor of Theology*

Klemens Belyanan *Bachelor of Theology*

Nicolas Charles Calandra *Bachelor of Theology*

Afia Enosa *Bachelor of Theology*

Jero Danistan Jesuthasan *Bachelor of Theology*

Gregory Bernard Lewis *Bachelor of Theology*

Anil Gilbert Menezes *Bachelor of Theology*

Sitagisilao Moeloa Vaipuna *Bachelor of Theology*

Vincent John Parr *Bachelor of Theology*

Samuel Joseph Potter *Bachelor of Theology*

Foua Junior Tea Peato *Bachelor of Theology*

Anthony Michael Wright *Bachelor of Theology*

Karl Raymond Zelesco *Bachelor of Theology*

Rhys Alexander Lowther *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Damir Posenjak *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Frances Margaret Mooney *Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*

Jithin Puthanpurakkal Anto *Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*

Jaya Prakash Oli *Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation*

Niki Frances Astuto

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Jake Matthew Bacon

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Alexandra Leanne Brack

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

James Anthony Brown

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Ebony Maree Bryar

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Jessica Elizabeth Connors

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Mikaela Dorothy Mostyn

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Isaac Edwin Charles Debono

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Christine Magdy Mourad Eskander

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Meg Eliza Ferguson

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Fiona Jane Friberg

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Lorelle Nadine Griffin

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Amy Leigh Hinchliffe

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Shannon Kate Hume

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Karen Hutchinson

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Esther Betty Jackson

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Jaid Maree Jones

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Cynna Elunid Kydd

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Rebecca Jane Lark

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Stephanie Lo Piccolo

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Katia Macrides

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Dylan Mangione

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Brendan Patrick McCarthy

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Eleanor Jane Mitchell

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Melisa Anne Morabito

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Adam Marcus Nankivell

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Nicole Maree Sadler

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Jeanette Carmel Simpson

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Bindiya Singh

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Olivia Barbara-Ann Walsh

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Karinda Marguerite Watmore

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Kathryn Margaret Wooles

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Cristina Yousif

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Nelia Llanto *Graduate Diploma in Spirituality*

Jonathan Xavier Antony *Master of Education and Theology*

Timothy John Edwards *Master of Education and Theology*

Derryn Chia Wen Ling *Master of Education and Theology*

Fiona Bridget Nevin *Master of Education and Theology*

Ann Maree Pagon *Master of Education and Theology*

Teresa Tran *Master of Education and Theology*

Nicholas John Wanless *Master of Education and Theology*

Peter Stephen John Woodhouse *Master of Education and Theology*

Frances Mary Smullen *Master of Spirituality*

Andrew Duncan Ferguson *Master of Theological Studies*

Joshua Ben McDerimid *Master of Theology  
and Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Denib Josette Mina Suguitan *Master of Theology*

Vincent Taouk *Master of Theology*

Ian Daryl Vergel *Master of Theology  
and Graduate Diploma in Theology*

John Peter Vespa *Master of Theology*

Huong Viet Vu *Master of Theology*



## eva burrows college

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Adam Michael Purcell *Diploma in Theology*

Anthony Lawrence Bezzina

*Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*

Darren Jeffrey Elkington

*Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*

Kate Louise Clifford *Master of Theological Studies*

Victoria Yang Song *Master of Theological Studies*

Alison Louise Templar *Master of Theological Studies*

## pilgrim theological college

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Peter William Harris *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Sue Jacqueline Beeton *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Pui Kwan Chan *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Chang Dae Yoo *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Catriona Louise McKay *Master of Divinity*

Ennis Anne Roche Macleod *Master of Theological Studies*

Stacey Ruth Wilson *Master of Theological Studies*

Michael Gordon Butler *Master of Theology*

## st athanasius college

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Filopateer Makram Eshak Basanda

*Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Georg Frederick Rautenbach Snyman

*Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

George Younan *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Pierre Albert *Diploma in Theology*

Alexander Aziz *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Mina Botros *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Melwin Jolly *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Aaron Weng Cheng Wong *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Senote Ossama Keriakes *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

Benjamin Ibrahim *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Monica Mikhail *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Arsanious Barsoum *Master of Divinity*

Bishoy Attia *Master of Theological Studies*

Marco Attia *Master of Theological Studies*

Sawiris Ava Mina *Master of Theological Studies*

Mina Alphonse Awad *Master of Theological Studies*

John Matthias Farid Wahba *Master of Theological Studies*

Ehab Alfayyaz Zaki *Master of Theological Studies*

## st francis college

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Roby Puthenparampil Babu *Bachelor of Theology*

Daniel Walker *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

## TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

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Keith Albert Chamberlain *Bachelor of Theology*  
Andrew Stuart Murray *Bachelor of Theology*  
Margaret Ann Brown *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*  
Catherine Joan Carden *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*  
+ Sharon Lyndall Mulready *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*  
Joshua Benedict Newington  
*Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*  
Judith Ann Harbour *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Ferry Asa Mangapul Hasiholan *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Cheryl Jones *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Andrew Schapper *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Jennifer Amy Zdravkovski *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
*and Graduate Certificate in Theology*  
Alison Catherine Marven *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Debadip Dutta *Master of Divinity*  
Emma Elizabeth Harris *Master of Divinity*  
Timothy David Gray *Master of Theological Studies*  
Sheryl Ann Hooper *Master of Theological Studies*  
Eva Elisabeth McAlister *Master of Theological Studies*  
*and Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation*  
*(through Catholic Theological College)*  
Heather Louise McKellar *Master of Theological Studies*  
Christine Doreen Sharrod *Master of Theological Studies*  
Joanne Loretta Stuchbery *Master of Theological Studies*  
Christian John Frederick Tatman *Master of Theological Studies*  
Anneke Gouws *Master of Theology*  
Angela Katherine Peverell *Master of Theology*

## UNITING COLLEGE FOR LEADERSHIP AND THEOLOGY

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Charissa Simone Manako-He-Lotu Suli *Master of Theology*

## WHITLEY COLLEGE

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Emily Rose Dobson *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*  
No Lain Hre *Diploma in Theology*  
Socrates Leon Tsoronis *Diploma in Theology*  
Tuan Hlei Thang Zam *Diploma in Theology*  
James Wakow Kun *Bachelor of Theology*  
Weimin Zhang *Bachelor of Theology*  
Shirley Wynne Gillam *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*  
Naomi Jane Knight *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*  
Tluang Ceu Thang Rahtin *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*  
Joshua James Van Damme *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Stephen Wei Shan Tan *Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*  
Sally Leanne Danger *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Joonhyong Lee *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Paul Alexander Vale *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Sharyn Marie White *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*  
Katecia Jade Taylor *Graduate Diploma in Pastoral and Spiritual Care*  
Chan Sam Chloe Hwang *Master of Divinity*  
Yegi Jung *Master of Divinity*  
Garry Sese Maningas *Master of Divinity*  
Catherine Lilian Margaret Cameron *Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care*



## WHITLEY COLLEGE *(continued)*

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Kylie Louise Chenoweth *Master of Spirituality*  
Kay Lynette Derham *Master of Spirituality*  
Eliza Meredith Adamthwaite *Master of Theological Studies*

Kalem Stafford Bradborn *Master of Theology*  
*and Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*  
Benjamin Ray Dickson *Master of Theology*  
Benjamin Bawi Za Thang Tlak Ling *Master of Theology*

## YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

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Sulita Naiqui Ravoce *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*  
Van Tri Cao *Bachelor of Theology*  
*and Bachelor of Ministry*  
Daniel Christian Antonio Campos Magadia  
*Graduate Certificate in Divinity*  
Christina Bagas  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Daniel John Bates  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Tamara Lee Busbridge  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Natasha Bianca Therese De Silva  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Nuri Anahi Gil  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Carla La Terra  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Rachael Maree Lampe  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Tom Anthony McFarlane  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Melody Carmel Patton  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Laura Jane Ruddick  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Vanessa Varano  
*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*  
Agustinus Buu Araujo Siga *Graduate Certificate in Theology*  
*and Bachelor of Theology*  
*and Bachelor of Ministry*  
Frances Cassidy *Graduate Diploma in Pastoral and Spiritual Care*  
Madelaine Irene Schumann  
*Graduate Diploma in Pastoral and Spiritual Care*  
Narcizio Da Costa Vila Nova *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*  
George Godfrey Hogarty *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*  
Yen Siew Loh *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*  
Ewa Anna Toomey *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*  
Sarah Ellen Chappell *Master of Education and Theology*  
Labrini Niarchos Ooi *Master of Education and Theology*  
Rebecca Louise Gueldemann *Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care*  
Monique Lisa Saywell *Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care*  
Fransiskus Lagadua Atamuking *Master of Theological Studies*  
Gnantina Phiakao *Master of Theological Studies*  
Handrianus Sanga Raang *Master of Theological Studies*  
Venansius Geroda Sogen *Master of Theological Studies*  
Duy Ngoc Huy Huynh *Master of Theology*  
Gift Mubayiwa *Master of Theology*  
Quoc Trieu Nguyen *Master of Theology*  
Van Vuong Nguyen *Master of Theology*

## PARTNERSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE - HOSTED BY WHITLEY COLLEGE

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Christopher Geoffrey Barnett

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Amilia Chai Hui Chuan

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Andrew John Forder

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Joseph Alexander Gray

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Peter Anthony Hendriks

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Thi Ngoc Anh Hoang

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Annette Catherine in't Hout

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Carolyn Joan O'Brien

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Teresa Mary O'Connor

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Colin Osborn

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Carolyn Jane Philpott

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Sarah Jane Elizabeth Puls

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Kate Jacqueline Jackson

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Kelly Anne Taylor

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Judith Cheryl Waldron

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Sally May Waters

*Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*





## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE RESEARCH

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### MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Marilyn Ann Hope**

Trinity College Theological School

*The Benedictine Community of St Mark in Camperdown*

**Supervisors:** Emeritus Professor Peter Sherlock  
and Dr Carmel Posa sgs

#### **Thanh Van Tran**

Catholic Theological College

*Fostering a Dramatic Encounter with Jesus Christ*

**Supervisors:** The Reverend Dr Simon Wayne  
and The Very Reverend Dr Kevin Lenehan

### DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

#### **Nemanja Mrdjenovic**

Uniting College for Leadership and Theology

*Ecclesial Identity and the Serbian Orthodox Diaspora in Australia:  
From Ethnic Preservation to Pastoral Transformation through Lay  
ministries*

This study explores the significance of lay ministry for parish koinonia in the Serbian Orthodox Church of Australia and New Zealand. Through theological analysis, historical reflection, and mixed-method research, it examines evolving diasporic challenges and proposes practical strategies to renew lay participation in the Church's liturgical, educational, and administrative life.

**Supervisors:** Dr Rosemary Dewerse and The Reverend Dr Sean Gilbert

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Heather May Cetrangolo**

Yarra Theological Union

*Towards a Franciscan Pedagogy*

This research introduces Franciscan pedagogy to the landscape of systems change leadership. Francis, Clare and the early Franciscans are presented as exceptional leaders of Church and social renewal. The study blended a critical examination of historic sources with participatory action research, to classify and transfer the practice to leaders today.

**Supervisors:** The Reverend Dr Matthew Beckmann  
and Dr Jennifer Bleazby

#### **Michael John Esbensen**

Whitley College

*Time after time: Paul, the present age and the age to come*

This study argues that the Apostle Paul addresses issues for his Christ gatherings by focusing on the present age, in light of the 'end/goal/telos to come.' It challenges the concept that 'the age to come' has already commenced in 'the present age,' often expressed as 'the overlap of the ages.'

**Supervisors:** Associate Professor Keith Dyer  
and The Reverend Dr Chris Monaghan CP

**Ruth Ann Fowler**

Catholic Theological College

***The Charism of Spiritual Authority: A Call to Recover the Heart of Spiritual Guidance in Western Christianity***

This research explores the relationship between the charism of spiritual authority, contemplation, and spiritual direction in contemporary Western Christianity. It argues that the recovery of sustained contemplative practice is essential for the renewal of spiritual guides who, grounded in experiential knowing of God, embody the charism of spiritual authority and are capable of accompanying others toward divine union.

Supervisors: Professor Katharine Massam, Dr Lisa Agaiby  
and Dr Kerrie Hide

**Katie-Anne Haldane**

Catholic Theological College

***Rider-gods, Equites and Emperors: A Visual Exegesis of the Single Horseman Imagery in Revelation 6 and 19***

The horsemen of Revelation 6 and 19 reflect first-century Greco-Roman rider imagery. Using visual exegesis adapted from socio-rhetorical interpretation, this study links Revelation 6 and 19 to Greco-Roman rider-gods, Roman equites, generals, and emperors, arguing the author subverts imperial ideologies by presenting Christ and God as the true sovereigns and commanders of heaven and earth.

Supervisors: Dr Rosemary Canavan  
and The Reverend Associate Professor Robyn Whitaker

**Deborah Anne Kent**

Catholic Theological College

***The Role of Charism in Enhancing the Catholic Educational Mission in Colonial Australia***

This study examines the impact of the Ignatian charism, the Jesuits, and lay Catholic leaders on early Australian Catholic education before 1900. It reveals how they shaped Catholic school identity amid rising secularism, highlighting their enduring influence on contemporary Catholic education by fostering strong faith-based educational principles.

Supervisors: + The Reverend Professor Austin Cooper OMI AM,  
Dr Max Vodola and Sr Professor Maryanne Confoy RSC

**Shari Lynn Russell**

Whitley College

***Dreamcatching the 8th Fire: Standing at the crossroads of right relations between evangelical denominations and Indigenous Peoples in Canada.***

This research examines evangelical responses to three flashpoints key to Indigenous relations in Canada. Analysing archival literature, seven missiological shifts emerge towards decolonisation. These shifts aim to move evangelical denominations from performative reconciliation to genuine right relations with Indigenous peoples, aligning with the Anishinaabe 8th Fire prophecy's hopeful path.

Supervisors: The Reverend Dr Terry LeBlanc  
and Professor Andrea Smith

**Bradley Jon Watson**

Eva Burrows College

***Queer Blood and Fire: The experiences of Salvation Army Officers who identify with diverse sexuality.***

This study discusses the experiences of Australian Salvation Army officers who identify with diverse sexuality. It includes a historical survey of the relationship between The Salvation Army and the LGBTIQ+ community, considers harms experienced by these officers and articulates their hope found in authenticity and integration of theology and sexuality.

Supervisors: Professor Glen O'Brien and Professor Douglas Ezzy



## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS

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*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.*

### **Eliza Meredith**

Whitley College

Eliza's Minor Thesis was a masterful and unique contribution to the field of Muslim-Christian studies, challenging several established scholarly assumptions with her systematic field research in the Silk Road area. Her early research experience has equipped her for further research and publication opportunities.

### **Marco Attia**

St Athanasius College

Marco has contributed in various ways to the life of the College. An effective communicator and collaborator with his lecturers and peers, he is an exceptional ambassador for the College. His outstanding academic results reflect his strong commitment to learning, and his ability to integrate this knowledge into his faith and service within both the church and the broader community.

### **Kate Louise Clifford**

Eva Burrows College

Kate has achieved outstanding academic success, demonstrating capacity for deep critical thought, and eloquent and creative communication. She has completed her entire degree online, while also engaged in full-time ministry as a Salvation Army officer in Tasmania. In her ministry, Kate demonstrates the integration of her theological knowledge and reflection in her service to others through acts of justice and mercy.

### **Joshua Ben McDermid**

Catholic Theological College

Joshua is a priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. After completing degrees in education and the arts, Joshua has maintained highest levels of achievement in undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in philosophy and theology. He has exemplified the attributes of academic excellence, critical and creative thinking informed by Christian texts and traditions, and compassionate engagement with church and society.

### **+ Sharon Lyndall Mulready**

Trinity College Theological School

Sharon commenced as an audit participant, before enrolling in the Graduate Certificate in Divinity at the start of 2025. Despite undergoing cancer treatment throughout her studies, Sharon achieved High Distinctions in each of her units, with an average of 86%. A well-loved member of the community, Sharon died in early December 2025, just two months after completing a study tour in Türkiye.

### **Van Vuong Nguyen**

Yarra Theological Union

Vuong has been an excellent student, consistently achieving the highest grades in the College over the duration of his course. A member of the Redemptorist Congregation, Vuong is now serving as a Deacon in Young, NSW. He will be ordained to the priesthood in May 2026.

### **Stacey Ruth Wilson**

Pilgrim Theological College

Stacey consistently demonstrates high academic achievement at Pilgrim Theological College. She reads widely and engages critically, integrating theology and practice with an awareness of the dynamics of power. In her coursework and research, and in published peer-reviewed essays, Stacey demonstrates her capacity to speak with clarity and conviction on issues impacting the most vulnerable in the church and beyond.

## WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD



1. We are marching in the light of God.
2. We are living in the light of God.
3. We are moving in the power of God.

*SIYAHAMBA*

*Music: South African Traditional*

*Words: South African Traditional tr. Anders Nyberg (1955-)*

*Together in Song 666*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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**Music** is provided by The Salvation Army Melbourne Staff Band under the direction of Bandmaster Mark Hamilton.

**Processional music**  
*For All The Saints*  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
arr. Sam Creamer

**Recessional music**  
*Crown Him With Many Crowns*  
by Charles Skinner

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