

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## *From the President:*

We have already reached week 12, and this will be the last edition of TIN for the year. The end of the semester is always a busy time for everyone as we complete our various tasks. There are essays to write or exams to sit; there are assessments for our staff to mark; and results to be processed by the Registry. I hope that these final weeks pass smoothly for everyone.

Some of our students will be finishing their studies this year and leaving CIS. We all wish you well as you find ways to live and apply what you have learnt over these years. Everyone makes a unique contribution to the ethos and culture of a place like CIS. I thank you for your contribution. We look forward to seeing you at the graduation ceremony and publicly celebrating your achievement.

A great many of our students will continue their studies next year. You will have choices to make about which course units to register for in the first semester. Don't forget to make an appointment to meet with one of our course advisors and to complete your registration.

At this time of year we all know people who are giving some thought to what they might do next year by way of study. If you have friends or colleagues who have been thinking of studying theology, then remind them of what CIS is like and tell them the advantages of choosing this as their place of study. Perhaps they simply want to deepen their understanding of the faith, or the Scriptures, or the philosophical tradition, or the history of the church. Perhaps they are looking to develop their pastoral skills because they are already involved in some form of ministry or service in their local parish, or they are hoping to get involved. Perhaps they want a further qualification to help them in their usual place of work. CIS may be the place they are looking for! People I meet tell me that the attractiveness of CIS is the quality of the lecturers, the small class sizes, the care shown to all students, the resources of the Veech Library, and the peacefulness of the campus. So let others know about what we have to offer here at CIS.

The year moves rapidly, and soon the liturgical season of Advent will be with us. May this be a time of prayerful expectation as we meditate on the coming of Christ at the end time, but also in the celebration of Christmas.

*Fr Gerard Kelly*

## REGISTRATIONS

FOR JANUARY 2018 INTENSIVES/EXTENSIVES AND 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER 2018 UNITS

**Week 13, Monday 6th - Thursday 9th November, 2017**

**11.30am – 5.45pm (excluding 1 – 2pm)**

## MASS THIS WEEK

Monday, Wednesday (All Saints) and Thursday (All Souls) at 12:40pm.

There is no Mass on Tuesday 31st October.

Last Mass for the year will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd November 2017.

*From the Registrar:*

As we come to the close of semester 2, I wish to highlight a few key points.

First, over the next few weeks, the lecturers will submit all student results to the registry office. The registry will process and prepare these for presentation at the CIS Assessment Review Committee. Following this, the results will be approved by the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD) in mid-December. Please note, all results are provisional until they are approved by the SCD. After this, your final result will be sent to you by mail.

Secondly, for some of you, this current semester may be your final one with us in your studies. If you believe that you are eligible to graduate in 2018, please complete the 'Initial Application for SCD Graduation', which can be found on the registry shelves and on our website. This will need to be lodged with me or placed in the registry chute by the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. The ceremony next year will be held on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April.

Thirdly, some exciting news for us at CIS for next year. Beginning in semester 1 2018, we plan to begin phasing in an online learning management system (LMS), namely Moodle. For those who may not be familiar, Moodle will enable students to log into a website to access content such as the course unit outlines and readings. Classes will function as usual with face to face delivery only. Moodle will only supplement the current courses; there are no plans at this stage to offer online course units. As we are still in the planning stage, full details are not yet available, you will be updated as the Moodle rollout occurs.

Finally, I also take this opportunity to wish the very best with your final assessments and exams.

*Jason Israel*

TO ALL THE CATHOLIC  
INSTITUTE OF SYDNEY  
STUDENTS AND FACULTY,

*WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS & A HEALTHY,  
PEACEFUL &  
HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

FROM ALL THE ADMIN STAFF

**CISAA ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday,

31st October

TIME: 5:30pm

PLACE : RYAN AUDITORIUM  
(ABOVE THE VEECH LIBRARY)

*ALL ARE WELCOME*