

From the Acting President:

Happy Easter! Welcome back after our Easter break. I hope it was a fruitful time for you spiritually, personally, and academically. We are now entering the second half of our semester and it can be an incredibly busy period. Fr Gerard would often speak about letting the joy of the Easter period carry us along during the weeks ahead. I think that's very good advice. These next few weeks are often the most difficult of the semester. There's not only many assessment tasks to complete, there is still a lot of new material being introduced in class. It can be overwhelming, so it helps us to be aware of the challenges that are coming our way.

Considering that we are well into the semester, and the growing workload, it's probably a good time to start planning for the weeks ahead. We have two periods of three weeks separated by our study week after week 8 of the semester. It would be time well spent at this point to work out which assessment tasks you will complete when so that you can devote adequate time to all of them.

I should also point out that last semester there were over 70 uncollected essays left in the library. For those few of you not collecting your work and taking on board your lecturer's comments, you are probably doing your learning a disservice. Lecturers do give feedback in an attempt to help you improve your writing and learning. Please make sure you collect your marked work and reflect on the advice given in the comments. It helps to ensure that you have the best chance to maximise your learning.

I hope you are able to hang on to your Easter joy, Fr Gerard-style, in the weeks ahead.

Dr Rohan Curnow

REFLECTION

When the High Priest and the religious leaders, in collusion with the Romans, believed that they could calculate everything, that the final word had been spoken and that it was up to them to apply it, God suddenly breaks in, upsets all the rules and offers new possibilities. God once more comes to meet us, to create and consolidate a new age, the age of mercy. This is the promise present from the beginning. This is God's surprise for his faithful people. Rejoice! Hidden within your life is a seed of resurrection, an offer of life ready to be awakened.

That is what this night calls us to proclaim: the heartbeat of the Risen Lord. Christ is alive! That is what quickened the pace of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. That is what made them return in haste to tell the news (*Mt 28:8*). That is what made them lay aside their mournful gait and sad looks. They returned to the city to meet up with the others.

Now that, like the two women, we have visited the tomb, I ask you to go back with them to the city. Let us all retrace our steps and change the look on our faces. Let us go back with them to tell the news... In all those places where the grave seems to have the final word, where death seems the only way out. Let us go back to proclaim, to share, to reveal that it is true: the Lord is alive! He is living and he wants to rise again in all those faces that have buried hope, buried dreams, buried dignity. If we cannot let the Spirit lead us on this road, then we are not Christians.

Let us go, then. Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. May we allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. May we allow the beating of his heart to quicken our faintness of heart.

RECEPTION TO HONOUR OUR 2017 CIS GRADUATES

Place: Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield

Date: Friday 5th May 2017

Time: 6.00pm

The Reception will be in the form of Evening Prayer and refreshments.

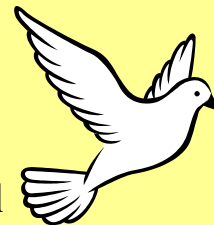
RSVP Angelina Tropeano— 9752 9500 no later than noon, Friday 28th April,

Email: cisinfo@cis.catholic.edu.au

A reminder for students that Mass
is celebrated in the chapel during teaching weeks

Monday-Thursday at 12:40pm

**There will be no Mass on Anzac Day, Tuesday 25th April
as the campus is closed**



NO PARKING

Everyone is again reminded not to park at the front of the CIS building.
(Administrative staff may park in the 'loop' at the front of the building.
Students are asked not to).

Please do not park on the grass.

Parking is available in the allotted spaces under the Veech Library and in
spaces at the back of the Institute building. If no parking is available please find
appropriate parking on the street. Thank you.

SCD ANNUAL LECTURE

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY, 2017

7:30PM - 9:00PM

6b/5 Talavera Rd, Macquarie Park NSW 2113

Dr John Dickson

*Public Christianity for a Post-Christian World:
Lessons from the Pre-Christian past*

RSVP by

Friday 12 May to gillianm@scd.edu.au



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