



SRC BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE SRC PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2016 academic year. My name is Tiziana D'Costa and I am this year's SRC president. This year's secretary is Mark Chia CSsR, and the treasurer is Matthew Tonini OCarm. We are fortunate to be at the helm of a wonderful SRC team of dedicated and friendly members.

The SRC is here to help and represent the YTU students. So if you have any queries, questions or concerns, feel free to talk to any of us or to contact the SRC on src@ytu.edu.au.

A big thank you goes to last year's SRC, headed by the very capable Matthew Tonini OCarm, Elissa Roper and Khoi Nguyen MSC. They have certainly set the bar high and this year's SRC has a lot to live up to. With that in mind we have already started to plan our big social event for the year...Stay tuned for more details to come. Make sure you keep the evening of Friday, 19 August free!

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Pope Francis' recent much publicised statement that anyone who is closed to refugees is not Christian wasn't really a surprise when we think of the emphasis that has coloured his whole pontificate. The Pope's concern for all people, especially the down-trodden, the poor, the refugees and the homeless is legendary. One of the Pope's favourite words is 'mercy'. As you know, he has declared this year an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

In the footsteps of his predecessors, John XXIII and Paul VI, Pope Francis has invited the Church, including us at YTU, to 'refashion itself as a place not of judgement or condemnation, but of pardon and merciful love.' He believes that the church's 'very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.' Indeed 'we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.' He says that 'whenever we judge another, we are looking no further than the surface, whereas God looks into the very depths of our being.' The Pope's words give us much food for thought and for prayer.

Our first Spirituality Day for 2016 will pick up Pope Francis' invitation and challenge to be 'merciful like the Father', which is the Jubilee Year motto. (Luke 6:36-37) The spirituality Day is on March 18: everyone is welcome to join in reflection and prayer together on the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

(The quotations are taken from the Pope's letter *Misericordiae Vultus*.)

Hospitality Week: 07th to 11th March

Held in the third week of the 1st semester, this is an opportunity for students to meet each other in a friendly atmosphere. Classes will be requested to have a break around 10:45am for morning classes and 7:30pm in the evening. Please bring a small plate to share if possible.

Inaugural Eucharist: Friday 11th March 7pm

You are all warmly invited to our Inaugural Eucharist and Supper - a wonderful way to welcome in a New Year and meet new people. All are welcome!

7.00pm here at St Paschal Chapel. Followed by Supper in the Common Room.

Weekly Eucharist

Tuesday 1st March at 12.40p.m. in the Common Room. Thank you to Phil Malone MSC. All are very welcome.

News from your SRC

Some students have queried on the suggested donation of \$15 for tea/coffee/biscuits provided for in the common room. This is \$5 more than was suggested last year and is to mainly help cover the increase in prices for some items provided for in the common room. At \$15 per semester, this is about \$1 a week. However this is also merely a suggested donation and any amount is gladly accepted.