



# SRC BULLETIN

## Time with YTU

As the academic year draws to a close, a few students like Krish Mathavan MSC will be completing their last semester at YTU. In the Appendix, Krish reflects on his time here at YTU where he has spent the last 5 years pursuing a Masters of Divinity and a Master of Arts (Theology).

## Views from a Monastery Garden

A Photography Exhibition by our very own YTU President, Chris Monaghan CP will be held at the Chapel on Station Gallery in Box Hill. Opening: 20 Oct 2016 Thursday 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. When not behind his desk and pouring over Greek Texts, Chris can often be found behind a lens and in this exhibition Chris invites us to stop and look at the beauty that can be found in suburban Melbourne. See posters for more information.

## YTU Information Day

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to help out on Information Day.

## SRC Annual General Meeting and SRC 2017!

The work of the SRC is an important part of the environment of hospitality and dialogue at YTU. All students are welcome to the YTU SRC Annual General Meeting.

All students are welcome to join the SRC for 2017. At the meeting we will elect the SRC Office bearers for 2017: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please consider offering a year of your time at YTU to serve the community in this important part of YTU life. For more information have a chat to an SRC member.

Tuesday 25th October, after mass @ 1:30pm.

## End of the Year Eucharist

YTU's End of the Year Eucharist is on 18th November Friday at 7p.m. Save the date and join the YTU Community as we come together to join in prayer, remembrance and thanksgiving.

## Weekly Eucharist

Tuesday 18th October at 12.40p.m. in the Common Room. Appreciation and gratitude to Michael Hardie SVD. All are very welcome.

## Save the Date

Invitation to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Krish Mathavan MSC, Peter Turuchai MSC and Iokimi Vunivesilevu (Kimi) MSC

Saturday 26th November 2016 at St Thomas' Parish, 57 Central Road, Blackburn at 6pm Mass. Please RSVP to Khoi Nguyen by 11th November 2016. Phone: 9878 0265 or 0423 115 208 or email: peter.khoinguyen@gmail.com.

## Weekly Quote

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are” (Theodore Roosevelt)

## Appendix

I started my theological studies at YTU in 2012 and in a blink of an eye, five years is almost up! I do remember when I first started that I was in for a long ride, and I was not sure of how I'd do studying in a whole new field again (having done quite a bit of study in biology already). In this regard, I found retirees and housewives who find the courage to start a new course of study in theology, do a subject per semester and persevere in their BTheol for over 10 years most inspiring!

The last 5 years have turned out to be quite enriching and eventful, and at times went faster than I had expected. I have always had an interest in theology and scripture in the past, and to be able to finally immerse myself into it was just wonderful. It helped to be taught and inspired by passionate and engaging lecturers who really opened up a whole new world for me to linger in. It was also a delight to study in an environment that valued hospitality and diversity, and that meant a joy in meeting seminarians from different cultures, a freedom in sharing a passion for God/ justice/ compassion with those from other traditions and vocations, and an invitation to make merry in the hallowed YTU corridor with staff and faculty. I will miss this and the familiar faces when I finish up my studies, although I will not miss writing essays and meeting deadlines.

It is true the more I learn, I become conscious of the less I know. Perhaps this is because more questions can always be raised, and the learning is in asking the right question. Perhaps it is because I am invited

**to move from seeing dimly in a mirror to a face to face encounter, and that is a different knowing altogether.**

**For me studies at YTU went hand in hand with pastoral ministry, whether it was in the prison or in the hospital, because it allowed for me a learning movement from head to heart, a grounding in whatever I had learnt and could now live out in my life and relationships with others, and an integration of knowledge with experience through reflective practice. I suspect the learning from YTU days will continue into ordained ministry in my dealings with others, and that for me will be the gift and legacy of my time of study at YTU.**

**Krish**