



# SRC BULLETIN

## From your SRC

### *Introduction*

Beautiful, Wonderful and so Amazing: Welcome to the second week. Big thanks to Fr Michael Kelly, our celebrant for the Inaugural Eucharist, together with Br Matthew Beckmann OFM, and Claire Renkin, for the great job done on Friday to usher us all to our tasks for this semester. Thanks to Lidia and her daughter for doing the offertory procession and the altar servers. For everyone who participated in the Inaugural Eucharist on Friday and all the students who gave support during the light supper in the common room, blessings upon you all.

### “Meet the Folks” - Matthew Beckmann

We are getting to know our "academic parents" here at YTU. Mostly, the profiles of our academic and admin staff get looked up in the college website. This week the 'Folk' coming to meet us is 'Abba' Matthew Beckmann ☺. The conversation is as follows:

#### **1. What is your name/area of work/how long have you been at YTU?**

Matthew Beckmann! I work in education at present and, on this swing around through YTU, I have been here since the end of 2015 although my connection goes back to 1992.

#### **2. How did you start working at YTU?**

I started work here by being sent here by my Provincial! I had been running a legal service for refugees and then one day the Provincial called me into his office and said he needed me to make a change of job...

#### **3. What's your favourite part about working at YTU?**

I am tempted to mention the high quality biscuits provided by the good folk of the SRC, but in truth there is much satisfaction to be had in helping people bring elements of their experience, faith and tradition together in ways that are new even to them and bring them to a more profound relationship with God. There is a sorrow in seeing wonderful people move on from YTU but knowing that they are going on to all sorts of roles that add a few more bricks to the building up of the Kingdom of God is a great sensation.

#### **4. What's a funny fact about yourself?**

When I was at YTU as a student, my areas of specialisation/Major were New Testament and

Moral Theology. This possibly explains why I now teach church history and systematics! (Am I allowed to add that I also get a chuckle at how frequently people forget that the friars live at YTU and that my bedroom is behind classroom 2 and above classroom 3. Those private conversations you have in classrooms during the break are not nearly so private as you seem to think!)

**5. If you were a ruler of your own country, what would be the first law you would introduce?**

In any political debate, there must be a day's delay before you reply to your opponent. People need to calm down and think! (This rule works equally well on essays!)

**6. What's your favourite quote?**

Sitting of my desk when I was doing my doctorate (and still in my room) is this line from one of the great fathers of British history, Edward Gibbons, author of 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire': "I am unprovided with original learning, unformed in the habits of thinking, unskilled in the arts of composition and so I have resolved to write a book on history."

### Important Things to Take Note of...

Thanks to all those who gave some donations last week for the social provisions in the common room. The donation envelops are in each class room. Kindly pick and envelop, put in your donation and hand it to any lecturer, SRC member or the admin staff. Your donation of AUD\$ 20 to supports provisions fruits, tea, coffee and biscuits in the common room. Our donation also supports: Start of Year BBQ, Start/End of Year Eucharist, Social Night etc.

### “Common Room Raffle” 😊😊😊

Hi everyone 🎉🎉🎉 the monthly “Common Room Raffle” which is being organised by the SRC has taken off. Please place your gold coin donation in the raffle box in the common room. We the big draw coming up at the close of the year; however, you could win a ‘mouth-watery’ monthly price. Our first monthly draw is end of March...*Rush...Rush...Rush with your gold coin*



### ID Cards

The University of Divinity ID Cards could be obtained from the Admin Office this and the subsequent weeks. Feel free to approach Janette and the admin team for support in this regard. You can contact Janette on, registrar@ytu.edu.au

### This Week's Quote:

*Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life – Pope Francis.*

Edward Okletey Teye, svd (SRC Secretary).