



Newsletter – Orientation Week, February 2024

The Rev'd Dr Joan Riley, Principal

Welcome to the beginning of the new academic year! 2024 is taking shape as an exciting year for the College as we commence new programs and launch new initiatives. As I begin the third year of being Principal, I can confidently say we are on track to deliver a great year of education and community building to our students, staff, and supporters. We are holding our place well as a College of the University of Divinity, more familiar with the systems and processes, and we have a fresh voice at the table of decision making. We are also moving forward with the mission of St Barnabas College to be a Community of Learning for the whole people of God. As such we are building a series of professional development and non-accredited learning opportunities for those not enrolled in academic higher education.

In 2023 we moved forward in faith and even as the then smallest College of the University we achieved some significant milestones. One of the most important of these was the development of a memorandum of understanding between St Barnabas College, St Peter's College, and University of Divinity to deliver accredited awards in Theology at the school. The program initially was intended for Year 12 students to study one subject per semester which would contribute towards their SACE and ATAR. The program has now expanded to include staff of the school who are undertaking a Graduate Certificate in Theology as part of their professional development with Dr Theo McCall, theologian, teacher, chaplain and priest, leading the classes.

The inaugural Clinical Pastoral Education Centre opened in Semester 2 last year and the first cohort has graduated. CPE will continue in both semesters on Monday in term time. Students may enrol either as private students or through the University as part of a degree. If you are interested in doing CPE please contact Maria in the first instance registrar@sbc.edu.au

What about 2024? Here are some of the things we can share with you about the exciting year ahead!

[Centre for Research and Missional Praxis](#)

After much planning and prayerful intention and in response to the mission of the College, the vision and mission of the Diocese, and Archbishop Geoff Smith's call for parishes and communities to undertake the Mission Shaped Introduction course, the College is developing a Centre for Research and Missional Praxis. The Centre will become a nexus for Australian-

based research into missional praxis, responding to God's call to churches and all faith communities and organisations to engage in the divine mission (*missio Dei*). The Centre will create networks across Australia and the Pacific and build on strong existing relationships. The development of the Centre is being overseen by the Academic Committee of St Barnabas College, which is led by Professor Lorna Hallahan from Flinders University.

Research on its own is only a part of the missional work. The practical output of the Centre for Research and Missional Praxis which will benefit those who are working disciples of our Lord Jesus in parishes and Anglican communities will be through the Community of Learning led by Coordinator of Education Programs, Caralyn Lammas.

The newly appointed Director of Research and Missional Praxis is Bishop Tim Harris. Bishop



Tim brings a lifetime of ministry experience, academic learning and teaching in practical theology, and deep passion for God's mission to bring life and energy to the Church. Bishop Tim will commence as Director of the Centre on 21 February and continue as Rector of the Parish of Kensington and as an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

Bishop Tim's working hours at St Barnabas College will be **Tuesday – Friday afternoons**. Bishop Tim also assumes the formal role of Research Coordinator of the College. He can be contacted at tharris@sbc.edu.au for both research matters and missional praxis work.

Diploma in Pastoral Supervision

St Barnabas College is partnering with the Institute for Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice (IPSRP) and The Rev'd Dr Michael Paterson to deliver a Diploma in Pastoral Supervision. This year long course is accredited by the IPSRP and recognised by the Australasian Association of Supervision (AAOS). This exciting new initiative will commence in October this year. The blended delivery course includes:

- Two 3-day intensives
- Ten 3-hour practitioner workshops
- A minimum of 20 hours supervising
- Ten hours of being supervised
- Altogether this represents 72 contact hours

This is an excellent opportunity to develop your pastoral skills to become a professional supervisor through the instruction of a world-renowned scholar in Dr Michael Paterson. This course is suitable for beginners in the field. More information, including costs will be available soon.

- The first intensive will take place **Monday 30 September – Wednesday 2 October, 9 am – 4 pm**. Venue to be confirmed.

Additionally, and in the same week, Michael will be offering a one-day workshop for those who have already completed a supervision course to upgrade their skills.

- Professional Supervision Workshop (for those who have already undertaken a supervision course) **Friday 4 October** – venue to be confirmed.

Register your interest in either the Diploma of Supervision or the Workshop by emailing educationprogramsadmin@sbc.edu.au

Staff Changes – New Faces

At the end of last year, we farewelled Alison St Jack as Registrar and Administration Manager of the College, as well as Julie Worrall, Director of Formation and Discernment. Alison has moved onto family commitments and Julie continues with the College as a Sessional Lecturer.



In January we welcomed Wei Gao into the role of Administration Officer for St Barnabas College. Wei works **Monday to Thursday, 10 am – 2 pm**. Please contact Wei for administration matters on educationprograms@sbc.edu.au

Welcome Wei to St Barnabas College!



We have also welcomed back Maria Harrison as Registrar and Administration Manager. Maria previously worked with the College as Operations Manager and is well familiar with the workings of the College and the higher education environment. Maria works **Tuesday to Thursday, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm**. Please contact Maria for all enrolment and University related matters on registrar@sbc.edu.au

Welcome back Maria to St Barnabas College!

The newly designed position of Coordinator of Ministry Discernment and Formation has been advertised and is open until the end of February. This position is responsible for coordinating the processes involved for those who feel called to explore ordination in the Anglican Church in Adelaide. The position is a three-year contract with a 0.5 FTE. Expressions of interest, including a copy of the position description, may be made to Jennifer Ramos bishopsoffice@adelaideanglicans.com In the interim, Bishop Denise Ferguson, Assistant Bishop of Adelaide and the Principal are caretaking the role.



While not formally a staff member of St Barnabas College, the Right Rev'd David Bassett has also left the College space to move to the Diocese of Perth. Bishop David was consecrated on 2 February and his presence and advice are greatly missed in the College precinct.

Congratulations to Bishop David Bassett, consecrated at the Cathedral Church of St George in Perth. May his ministry be long and blessed!

What Can you Study in 2024?

There is still time to enrol in academic subjects at St Barnabas College for Semester 1, including the option to audit.

- The Gospel of Mark with Dr Michael Trainor (Tuesday 9-12)
- Foundations for Theological Study with Dr Rodney Fopp (Wednesday 9-12)
- Signs and Gifts of God: Sacraments of Life and Church with Dr Steven Ogden (Wednesday 1-4)
- New Testament Greek A with Dr Joan Riley (Thursday 9-12)
- Being Anglican with Dr Raewynne Whiteley and Julie Worrall (4.30-7.30 online)
- Exploring the Old Testament with Dr Gethzi Devasagayam (4.30-7.30 online)
- Forming Communities: Introduction to Church and Ministry with Dr Tim Harris (split intensive)

For all higher education enrolments, including audit, please contact Maria registrar@sbc.edu.au

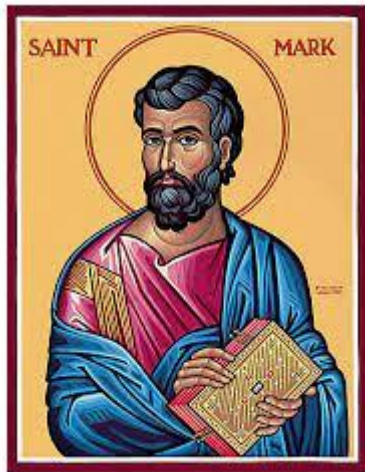
Non-accredited learning options include Six Early Church Theologians and Developing Leaders for Mission Shaped Introduction. See the following link to connect to the Community of Learning offerings.

[Community of Learning - there is lots to do in 2024 \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Don't forget the first Cathedral-College Partnership event – *The Gospel of Mark in an Era of Loneliness*, a free public lecture given by The Rev'd Dr Michael Trainor, academic with Australian Catholic University and St Barnabas College on **Thursday 29 February, 7 pm at the Cynthia Poulton Hall.**

The Gospel of Mark in an Era of Loneliness: At a time when we are experiencing unprecedented personal, local, national, and global turmoil and sadness, Mark offers us a

portrait of a struggling and misunderstood Jesus who dies abandoned and unrecognised. In a surprising twist in the Gospel's final chapter the encounter with the Risen Jesus occurs only through contemplating the experience of loneliness and absence.



Michael Trainor is senior lecturer in biblical studies with the Australian Catholic University and parish priest of the Adelaide western suburb Catholic parish of Lockleys in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, South Australia. He holds an MA in biblical literature and languages (Chicago), MEd (Boston) and DTheol (Melbourne). His area of specialisation is the study of the New Testament and its relevance for our contemporary world, ecology and pastoral life.

[Commencement Service](#)

All are welcome to attend the annual St Barnabas College Commencement Service on **Wednesday 21 February 2024, 6 pm at St Peter's Cathedral** followed by drinks and nibbles in the College Library and Foyer.

At this service we will recognise the last of our CSU graduates and award 2023 prizes for outstanding students. Please come along and support this important event. Bishop Tim Harris will give the Commencement Address: 'The coffee break test and the world of connections: bringing learning and praxis into stronger alignment.'

[St Barnabas College Council Student Representative](#)

There is currently a vacant position on the Council of the College, and we would love to welcome a student into this important governance position. Commitments include being deeply interested in the life of the College and the primary place of students in the education processes, as well as a monthly meeting from 4.45 – 6.30 pm. If you are a student and would like to be considered by your peers for this role, please forward a short paragraph of no more than 200 words. The student body will then have the opportunity to vote for their representative. Please submit your application to Wei Gao on educationprogramsadmin@sbc.edu.au

[St Barnabas College Logo](#)

You may have realised that St Barnabas College now has a new logo. This design is intended to reflect a contemporary vision with connections to our foundations and identity as the theological college of the Diocese of Adelaide. Here is the process.

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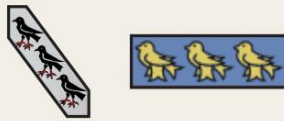
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of shield motif



Create a visual
connection with ADOA



Maintain 3 birds



And here is where we are now, building on the fantastic work of the previous eras of St Barnabas College.

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