



Welcome to "Frank's News" - a community newsletter for our St Francis College friends and supporters.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear readers,

Thank you to all who attended Commencement Service on February 18. I found it very special to gather in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, St Francis College, where morning and evening prayer is said Monday to Friday during term time. It was terrific to have Archbishop Jeremy as the presider and preacher, and lovely that Professor Peter Sherlock could join us in his last few weeks as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity. It was also an occasion when we acknowledged the contribution that Dr Sheilagh O'Brien has made to St Francis College, especially with our rapid transition to the University of Divinity.

If you have any queries about enrolment or study plans at St Francis College please contact us using the ACSQ St Francis College Registrar registrar@ministryeducation.org.au email or ring the office (3514 7401), as we are yet to appoint a new Registrar. Course advice is now being provided by our Academic Dean, the

Rev'd Dr Wendi Sargeant. I really appreciate the additional work undertaken by her and also Linda Burrige and Wendy Dann in the office during a very busy enrolment period. If you are interested in doing a piece of research such as a M.Phil. or PhD, please contact the Rev'd Dr Greg Jenks, our acting Research Coordinator, while Associate Professor Peter Kline is on sabbatical this semester.

The University of Divinity will hold a Graduation Ceremony in Brisbane for the first time this year. It will be on Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024 as part of choral evensong at 6 pm in St John's Cathedral. It will be quite an occasion with the Deputy Chancellor coming from Melbourne and Archbishop Emeritus, Phillip Aspinall, as the guest speaker. The eight St Francis College students graduating will be joined by several students from other Colleges of the University.

For those of you who are graduates of St Francis College I encourage you to [join the Alumni organisation](#). After a couple of years of hiatus, the AGM will be held at 3 pm on Friday June 21, 2024 at St Francis College. Please register interest [here](#) by 9am on that day to receive the agenda papers. An alumni event is being planned for St Francis Day, Friday October 4; please save the date and watch for more details.

Please note that there are a number of different opportunities coming up and consider registering for these events: May 2 Public Lecture by Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh; May 10 Felix Arnott Lecture by the Rev'd Dr Joan Riley; and May 25 SFC Open Day with the Rev'd Dr Garry Deverell as Guest Speaker. I heard Garry speak at the *Raising our Tribal Voice for Justice: An Indigenous Theological Revolution* in February, and strongly recommend coming to hear what he has to say.

Already this year, it is the end of the first teaching block for the University of Divinity, the Lay Education (FormEd Faith) team has visited three deaneries, the Ordination Formation program intensives have started, including a silent retreat focused on Benedictine spirituality, the Spiritual Direction Formation course has 4 new enrolments and AYCF have held a young adults retreat and quiz night.

In our Holy Week journey through Good Friday to Easter Day, may we know the riches of God's grace.

Ruth

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



We are approaching Holy Week and if you were interested in worshipping on site, here is the list of services in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Good Friday

8:30am Hour at the Cross

Easter Day

8.30am Sung Eucharist

CALLING ALL SFC ALUMNI



For those of you who are graduates of St Francis College you are encouraged to [join the SFC Alumni organisation](#).

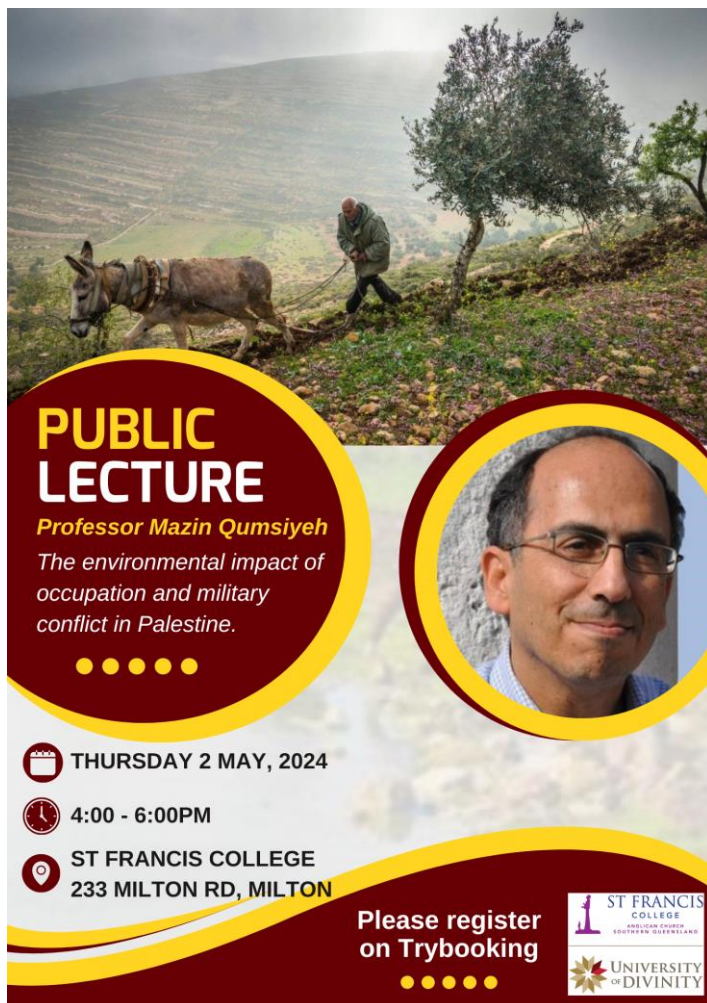
After a couple of years of hiatus, their **AGM** will be held at 3 pm on Friday June 21, 2024 at St Francis College.

Please register interest using [this link](#) by June 3 and to receive the agenda papers.

The Rev'd Helen Paget is the Secretary for the Alumni, please contact her on helen.paget@anglicanchurchsq.org.au for further information.


An **Alumni Event** is being planning for **St Francis Day, Friday October 4**, please save the date and watch for more details.


PUBLIC LECTURE - PROFESSOR MAZIN QUMSIYEH




PUBLIC LECTURE
Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh
The environmental impact of occupation and military conflict in Palestine.

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 THURSDAY 2 MAY, 2024

 4:00 - 6:00PM

 ST FRANCIS COLLEGE
233 MILTON RD, MILTON

Please register on Trybooking

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ST FRANCIS COLLEGE
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All are invited to a Public Lecture at St Francis College
Come hear Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh speak on the environmental impact of occupation and military conflict in Palestine.

Date: Thursday, 2 May, 2024

Time: 4.00pm - 6:00pm

Venue: Old Bishopsbourne at St Francis College, 233 Milton Rd, Milton.

Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh is the founder and volunteer director of the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability (PIBS) at Bethlehem University. He has previously served at several US universities including Tennessee, Duke and Yale.

Professor Qumsiyeh has published over 180 scientific papers, more than 30 book chapters, hundreds of articles, and several books.

Please register on Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPZGH>

2024 FELIX ARNOTT LECTURE - REV'D DR JOAN RILEY

St Francis College
presents the 2024

FELIX ARNOTT LECTURE

THE LECTURE WILL BE GIVEN BY

**The Rev'd Dr
Joan Riley**

On the subject of 'Scripture
and Silence in a Context of
Domestic and Family
Violence'

7PM, FRIDAY MAY 10
Light refreshments from 6:00pm
PLEASE REGISTER ON TRYBOOKING

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Save the date!

This year the **Felix Arnott Lecture** will be presented by the **Rev'd Dr Joan Riley** during May, the Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month.

Dr. Riley will be discussing the topic of '**Scripture and Silence in a Context of Domestic and Family Violence**' on **Friday, May 10 at 7pm**.

The Rev'd Canon Dr Joan Riley is the Principal of another college of the University of Divinity, St Barnabas College in the Diocese of Adelaide. An experienced parish priest, Joan blends her work in the church and desire to follow Christ's mission and calling with her academic learning. A New Testament scholar with a classics background, her research areas include the Letter to the Colossians, Greek inscriptions in Asia Minor, Greek and Roman religion, women in Asia Minor, and the cultural engagement between pagans, Jews and Christians.

Before the lecture, we invite you to enjoy light refreshments at Old Bishopsbourne starting at 6pm. It will be a great opportunity to mingle and connect with fellow attendees.

To secure your spot, please register on Trybooking. Don't miss out on this enlightening and thought-provoking event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please register on Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CQMPD>

OPEN DAY + SEEKERS AFTERNOON - SATURDAY MAY 25



**ST FRANCIS
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**UNIVERSITY
OF DIVINITY**

OPEN DAY

25th May 2024

9:30am-12:30pm



Register [now](https://www.stfran.qld.edu.au)
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07 3514 7400



Are you looking to further your education?

Join us for our Open Day on Saturday 25 May, 2024 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Come and explore our diverse range of study options and see all that St Francis College has to offer. Engage with our teaching staff, enquire about courses and subjects, hear

firsthand from current students about their experiences and take a tour of our stunning site and facilities.

Hear from our guest speaker, The Rev'd Dr Garry Deverell, Academic Dean, Lecturer, and Research Fellow in the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Divinity, as he shares his expertise in Indigenous studies and spirituality. A trawloolway man from northern lutruwita (Tasmania), Dr Deverell is the author of *Contemplating Country* (Wipf & Stock, 2023), *Gondwana Theology* (Morning Star Press, 2018) and *The Bonds of Freedom* (Paternoster, 2008).

The title of Garry's paper will be *Communion in Country: Aboriginal ways to embrace the paschal spirituality of Christ*. He will explore analogies and connections between the liturgical experience of the Great Three Days in the Western Church and the Aboriginal experience of country and community.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore your educational and spiritual journey. Register your attendance for catering purposes on [Trybooking](#) today!

Seeker's Afternoon will follow the Open Day (see article below).

Mark your calendars and join us at St Francis College, University of Divinity for a day of inspiration and discovery. We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Please [click here](#) to look at the Program.

SEEKERS DAY 2024



*A time of discussion, information,
discernment and reflection
on vocation, ministry and more!*

Saturday 25 May 2024

12:30pm to 3pm

Following the **St Francis College Open Day**
St Francis Theological College,
Barooka Rd, Milton



Anglican
Church Southern Queensland

VOCATION *It's your call*

Enquiries to the Rev'd Canon Sarah Plowman
Director of Discernment at vocations@anglicanchurchsq.org.au
Or visit www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/vocations to register.

Are you considering ministry in the Anglican Church?

Seekers Day will be a time of **discussion, information, discernment** and **reflection** on **vocation, ministry** and more!

Suitable for anyone considering ministry of any kind in the Anglican Church.

Saturday 25 May 2024 12:30pm to 3pm

Following the **St Francis College Open Day**
St Francis Theological College, Barooka Rd, Milton

Contact the Rev'd Canon Sarah Plowman, Director of Discernment for more details and to register your interest.

[Click here to email and register: vocations@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:vocations@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)

UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY GRADUATION - DATE CLAIMER



All are welcome to attend the 2024 University of Divinity Brisbane Graduation Ceremony. This will be held at St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann St, Brisbane City on Sunday 19 May, 2024 at 6pm as part of the Evensong.

Come celebrate the achievements of our St Francis College students who completed their courses during 2023.

Please register for catering purposes on Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/COJPF>

AYCF CAMP LEADER APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



AYCF is excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for Camp Leaders for **all camps** in 2024!

Maybe you're a regular leader, or maybe you've never done it before. No matter your

experience, if you've been thinking about applying then now is the time!

Leading on Ichthus Camps (otherwise known as Dorm Leading) is an extremely rewarding experience.

It can help you to become a better leader, learn more about your leadership style, strengthen your faith, make friends, have fun, read scripture, get outdoors, be yourself and a great deal more. [Click here](#) to find out more.

OTHER UPCOMING CONFERENCES & WEBINARS



June 9 - 14, 2024: Xavier School of Mission: 'One Word, emerging voices: Is mission the key to a synodal Church?'

What is involved on the journey of becoming a Church that listens, dialogues, walks and grows together. What does that look like? <https://seminary.catholic.net.au/xavier-school-of-mission/>

Sept 23 - 24, 2024: Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies National Conference: 'Spirituality and Ageing: Flourishing in Community and Care'.

Be inspired by keynote speakers, practical workshops and stimulating papers as we explore, discuss and enable spiritual care and flourishing in the areas of dementia, palliative care and community and aged care. caps@csu.edu.au

OLD BISHOPSBOURNE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE 2024



Are you planning a corporate or private function such as a family reunion, workshop, wedding or community event in 2024? Have you considered using the gracious Old Bishopsbourne? This heritage-listed building is equipped with WiFi and lecture facilities, has a fully functional kitchen and is surrounded by beautiful spacious grounds. It has flexible seating for 60; and features a number breakout configurations.

For more information please contact [Rod](#).



NEED A BREAK? - TRY BEAUTIFUL POINTRO



Need a break from the daily grind of city life? Try out our Diocese's Pointro Campsite at Boonah.

Pointro Campsite offers affordable accommodation, spectacular views, lots of water activity options, hot showers, a friendly onsite manager and a tranquil place to relax.

- There is a roomy bunkhouse, which has been fitted with a new gas stove and has free satellite TV, a huge kitchen, plenty of hot water, a games room and more
- There are also eight well-spaced-out campsites with stunning outlooks.
- You can enjoy the open-air chapel where you can see the water from different directions from the pews. It is a peaceful spot to sit and contemplate, to pray or to worship with others.
- Experience the beautiful waterhole, complete with waterfall, which is large enough for swimming.



Because of the peacefulness, the campsite is the perfect place for parishes and ministries to enjoy fellowship time or go on retreat or pilgrimage.

The campsite and bunkhouse facilities are affordable, with camping from \$15 per night per person and the bunkhouse from \$25 per night per person.

Want to know more? Read the anglican focus article '[How's the serenity?](#)'

For bunkhouse bookings, please email pointro@anglicanchurchsq.org.au. For campsite bookings, please call the campsite manager Bill on 0491 446 271.

(the only traffic jam you'll encounter is cows!)



For all our latest news, subject offerings, and the wide range of degree and postgraduate courses check out our [Website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

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