



# Plunkett Centre for Ethics

Annual Report 2012



## Mission

The Mission of the Centre is to promote the values of compassion and fellowship, intellectual and professional excellence, and fairness and justice. Its primary focus is on the realisation of these values in the provision and allocation of health care. The Centre expresses this commitment through research, teaching and community engagement, as these are informed by the Catholic tradition.

## Objectives

- ◆ To deepen and advance knowledge and understanding of the ethical standards relevant to human health and well-being, and in particular to clinical practice, medical research, business and management practices, and the allocation of healthcare resources.
- ◆ To offer courses in philosophical ethics and in the ethics of healthcare provision, medical research and healthcare resource allocation.
- ◆ To engage and where appropriate to collaborate with local, national and international bodies as they seek to respond to their intellectual and ethical needs.
- ◆ To foster collaboration on ethical matters between Australian Catholic University and St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney and Sacred Heart Hospice.

## Functions

- Conducting and promoting research.
- Providing research training and supervision.
- Developing and teaching courses.
- Conducting reviews of professional practice.
- Providing an ethics consultation service.
- Participating in public discussions.



John Hubert Plunkett

## Chair's Foreword

A review of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in the second semester of 2011, as part of ACU's normal regime of organisational reviews, resulted in two very important decisions:

The current Agreement with St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney in regard to the Plunkett Centre for Ethics will continue, with the Plunkett Centre continuing to provide an ethics consultancy service to local healthcare agencies.

ACU will establish a national centre for ethics, which resides in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, and which is focused on applied ethics and its theoretical foundations, with its scope of activity to include (i) health care and bioethics, (ii) social ethics, based in Catholic social teaching, (iii) business and professional ethics, and (iv) perhaps, in the longer term, environmental ethics.



The University was very pleased in 2012 to enter into a new Agreement with St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney for a further five year period, 2013-2017 and looks forward to further strengthening of the relationship.

In regard to the establishment of a national research centre for ethics, the Vice-Chancellor determined in 2012 that a forum for consultation with senior officers of the Australian Catholic Church and Church agencies regarding the University's plan to establish a national research centre for ethics be put in place. Following that consultation, a proposal was to be put to the Senate of the University.

An important part of the vision for the national centre will be actively to promote strongly collaborative and mutually supportive relationships with the Plunkett Centre for Ethics and the local diocesan-based Catholic ethics centres in Australia. The national centre will also foster ongoing connections and collaborations with other ethics centres around the world, with particular attention to ethics centres which are in close alignment with the national centre's mission and ethos.

As Executive Dean of the Faculty, I wish to thank the Director of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics, Associate Professor and Reader Bernadette Tobin, for her dedication to and leadership of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics. I also thank Dr Steve Matthews for his contributions to the work of the Centre. We look forward to furthering the mission, vision and fruits of the Centre.

**Professor Anne Hunt OAM**  
**Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy**  
**March 2013**

## From the Director

To begin at the end! Towards the end of 2012, and after noting the recommendations of an academic committee which had reviewed the Plunkett Centre, Australian Catholic University's Vice Chancellor, Professor Greg Graven, announced that the University wished to 'enter into a new memorandum of understanding [with St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney] to ensure the ongoing work of the Plunkett Centre and its service to the local Catholic health service'. And so it was that, just before the Christmas break, a new five-year memorandum of understanding with respect to the Plunkett Centre was signed by Professor Greg Craven and Mr Robert Cusack, CEO St Vincent's Private & Mater Hospitals and Group General Manager NSW.



In 2012 Dr Matthews and I taught the remaining students who were enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics. This course, which was originally developed in consultation with St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, has now been replaced by a Graduate Certificate in Philosophy (Health Care Ethics) which builds on the Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics but widens its remit and is structured in such a way that students will be able to use it as a stepping stone towards a Graduate Diploma and Masters. This Graduate Certificate is now to be offered to interested professionals in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

We were also both involved in the educational activities of the Clinical School at St Vincent's Hospital, supervising the Independent Learning Project of a medical student and giving occasional lectures in bioethics to medical students in the clinical school and in the University's Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture.

Our Annual Plunkett Lecture was given by Dr Andrew McGee who lectures in law in the Faculty of Law at the Queensland University of Technology and who is a member of the Faculty's Health Law Research Program. Dr McGee addressed the subject: Stem cells, organ donation and end-of-life care. Dr Steve Matthews responded to the argument advanced by Dr McGee and thus initiated the lively discussion which followed. Steve Matthews is a valuable member of staff of the Centre: his research, publications, public speaking and consultation work all focus on questions of moral identity and moral agency, philosophical questions which are called into question in the treatment and care of people with mental illness and addiction.

Finally, at Christmas, we farewelled our Administrative Officer, Kath Bradburn. We did so with sadness but in the knowledge that she will now be free to spend much of the immediate future looking after her first grandchild in England!

**Bernadette Tobin**  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## Academic Staff

**Steve Matthews** BA (Hons) (Monash), PhD (Monash)  
Senior Research Fellow, Full time  
Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Australian Catholic University



**Bernadette Tobin** MA MEd (Melb), PhD (Cantab)  
Reader in Philosophy, Australian Catholic University  
Director, Full time



## Honorary Staff

**Stephen Buckle** MA Hons (MaqU), PhD (ANU)  
Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Australian Catholic University  
Research Associate, Part time



**Gerald Gleeson** STB (CIS), MA (Cantab), PhD (Leuven)  
Associated Professor of Philosophy, Sydney College of Divinity  
Research Associate, Part time.



**Jonathan Gillis** MB BS, PhD, GradDipPallMed, FRACP, FJFICM, FACHRM  
Director, Commonwealth Organ and Tissue Donation Authority  
Clinical Associate Professor, University of Sydney  
Research Associate, Part time



## Administrative Assistant

Kathleen Bradburn



## Management Committee

Professor Anne Hunt, Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

Mr Robert Cusack, Chief Executive Officer, St Vincent's Private & Mater Hospitals Sydney

Mr Mark Hales, Director of Mission/Corporate Relations, St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney

Dr Richard Colledge, Head, School of Philosophy, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy

Dr Bernadette Tobin, Director

## Research

### Projects

**The relationship between human sexuality and procreation – the ethical implications.**

Gerald Gleeson

**The metaphysics of the incarnation – recent proposals in Catholic theology.**

Gerald Gleeson

**History of the human corpse: philosophical and ethical issues**

Jonathan Gillis

**The language used by paediatricians in talking to families when their children are dying**

Jonathan Gillis

**Addiction, moral identity and moral agency: Integrating theoretical and empirical approaches:**

Steve Matthews: This ARC-funded project attempts to evaluate scientific and ethical claims about addiction, to integrate these claims partly through interviews with alcohol and drug dependent populations, and to contribute to effective public policy, treatment and education. During 2012, ten peer-reviewed publications by the team were submitted to a range of well-regarded journals (*AJOB Neuroscience, Inquiry and Neuroethics*) and publishing houses (Oxford University Press, Elsevier). The empirical study is progressing well. In Sydney sixty-nine qualitative interviews were conducted with people either in a 'detox' facility or in maintenance treatment. In 2012 a major academic workshop was held at Macquarie University: key speakers included Wayne Hall, Adrian Carter, Nita Farahany, Neil Levy and Jon Curry.

**Internalism and externalism in contemporary bioethics**

Bernadette Tobin: Contemporary bioethics is informed by the idea that the source of judgments about good and bad, right and wrong, the professional and the unprofessional, in the practice of medicine lies outside medicine: the source is to be found in the *prima facie* obligations of common morality itself. Four such obligations are generally enumerated: respect for autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice. This 'externalist' view contrasts with an older, 'internalist', view according to which the practice of medicine itself, in particular its goals or ends or purposes, is the source of these judgments. This debate is revisited with a view to restoring the older conception of medical ethics, and in the process analyzing and defending the idea that life-prolonging treatment may be futile and/or overly-burdensome in the context of current debates about advance care planning.

## Research Supervision

Alcohol and drug dependence causes death and disability, and are responsible for immense health, economic, and social costs. Much of this could be prevented or mitigated. The so-called medical model of addiction views it as a chronic, relapsing brain disease, even though the practices of those who take drugs are often voluntary (despite the negative consequences). Addiction thus links to some key questions in moral psychology concerning addicts' self conceptions and moral character, their capacity for self-control, and their freedom and responsibility. This research was aimed at clarifying models of addiction by distinguishing two sub groups of addicts by the severity of the negative consequences they face. Under the supervision of Dr Steve Matthews, the research was carried out by Ms Tara McCall, a Phase 2 medical student at the University of New South Wales, as her Independent Learning Project at the Clinical School of St Vincent's Hospital.

## Teaching

**Phil 609** Principles of Bioethics: Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics (Steve Matthews)

**Phil509** Competing interest, choice and conflict: Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics (Steve Matthews)

**Phil 605** Philosophy and the Moral Life: Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics (Bernadette Tobin)

**Phil 506** Ethics in a Faith-Based Context: Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture (Bernadette Tobin)

## **Clinical Ethics**

### **St Vincent's Hospital Social Work Department**

Trustworthiness as a quality of character of social workers: meaning, implications for professional relationships with patients in acute care settings (with Ms Elizabeth Richter, Caritas)

Competing conceptions of what it is to respect the client's autonomy (with Mr James Clarke)

Is an advance care plan a form of 'Ulysses contract'? (with Mr James Clarke)

### **Children's Hospital at Westmead**

Parent Blogs: bordering on the slanderous (with Dr Jacqui Dalby-Payne, General Paediatrician, Multi-Disciplinary Feeding Team).

Continuing care of Yasmin: 8 year old child with SMA type 1 (with Dr Henry Kilham, Ms Kelly Gray and Mr Ben Tassie)

A child with recurrent coma (with Dr Richard Webster)

### **St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney**

What is the distinctive contribution of a Catholic hospital in a secular society? What should make Catholic health care different? .

Competing conceptions of patient responsibility for health care decisions: meaning and significance of these conceptions for patients whose capacity for decision-making is compromised.

End of life treatment, over-treatment and under-treatment; respecting religious beliefs, competing conceptions of what it is to respect human dignity, 'double effect' reasoning.

Individual and institutional cooperation with others: how to decide when it is legitimate.

### **St John of God Hospital, Burwood**

Ethical challenges in the provision of treatment to people with disorders associated with drug and alcohol misuse, mood and anxiety conditions; post-traumatic stress; psycho-geriatric conditions; psychosis, peri-natal stress.



## Publications

### Chapters in books

**Matthews, S.** Flow and Sailing, Patrick Goold (ed). *Sailing and Philosophy*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2012, 96-109

**Matthews S.** Marketing and neuroscience, *Springer Handbook of Neuroethics*, Neil Levy and Jens Clausen (eds). Forthcoming.

**Tobin, B.** Tell him to get a move on! *A sense of humanity: papers in honour of Raimond Gaita*, edited by Craig Taylor, Monash University Press. Forthcoming.

### Peer-reviewed articles

**Gleeson, G.** Vatican II, Humanae Vitae, and the Renewal of Moral Theology, *Australian eJournal of Theology*, 19 (2), 2102

**Matthews S.** Lying, narrative and truth-shareability, Co-authored with Jeanette Kennett. *American Journal of Bioethics (Neuroscience)*, 3 (4), 2012, 86-7

**Matthews S.** Authenticating an online identity, *American Journal of Bioethics*, 12 (10), 2012, 39-41

**Matthews S.** Truth, Lies and the Narrative Self, Co-authored with Jeanette Kennett. *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 49 (4), 2012, 301-15

**Matthews S.** Pleasure and value in addiction, with Jeanette Kennett and Anke Snoek, *Frontiers in psychiatry*. Forthcoming.

**Matthews S.** Addiction, Competence and Coercion, *Journal of Philosophical Research*. Forthcoming.

Jordens, C. O'Connor M. Kerridge, I. Stewart, C. Cameron, A. Deown, D. Lawrence, J. McCarrity, A. Sachedina, A. **Tobin, B.** Religious perspectives on umbilical cord blood banking, *Journal of Law and Medicine*, 19 ( 3), 2012, 497-511

Isaacs, D. Fitzgerald, D. **Tobin, B.** Palivizumab: a debate about funding, *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*, 48, 2012, 373-377

### Other articles

**Gillis. J & Rennick, J.** Affirming parental love in the paediatric intensive care unit, *Bioethics Outlook*, Vol 23, No 4, December, 2012; 7-11

**Matthews S.** Internet Ethics, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*. Hugh LaFollette (ed). Wiley-Blackwell, 2012

**Matthews S.** Seeing the Self: The Moral Goals of Service Provision in the Mental Health Sector. *Bioethics Outlook*. 23, ( 2), June 2012; 1-7

**Tobin, B.** We need to talk about death, *The Health Advocate*, Issue 14, June 2012, 14-15 (reprinted in *Bioethics Outlook*, 23, ( 2 ), June 2012, 11-12

**Tobin, B.** Euthanasia: my view, *Insight*, Issue 5, Winter 2012, 3

**Tobin, B.** Advance care planning: purpose, instruments, use and misuse, *Bioethics Outlook*, 23, ( 3), September 2012; 1-9

**Tobin, B.** If nobody wants you at the party, why should you stay? Recent developments in the debate about euthanasia and public policy, *Bioethics Outlook*, 23, ( 4), December 2012; 4-6

## Consultancies

### A selection of ethical issues addressed:

- principles informing withdrawing/withholding life-sustaining treatment
- organ donation after circulatory death
- role of the family in decisions about organ donation
- what it means to call a treatment ‘extraordinary’
- competing conceptions of human ‘dignity’
- DNA banking
- clinical trials and the need to avoid pregnancy
- addressing the causes of infertility
- surrogacy arrangements and Catholic hospitals
- pacemaker deactivation
- advance care planning
- the best interests standard versus substituted judgement

### Summary by source:

| Year | St Vincent’s & Mater Health | Other Institutions | Total     |
|------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1997 | 11                          | 23                 | <b>34</b> |
| 1998 | 14                          | 24                 | <b>38</b> |
| 1999 | 15                          | 24                 | <b>39</b> |
| 2000 | 34                          | 20                 | <b>54</b> |
| 2001 | 35                          | 29                 | <b>64</b> |
| 2002 | 24                          | 14                 | <b>38</b> |
| 2003 | 19                          | 12                 | <b>31</b> |
| 2004 | 15                          | 12                 | <b>27</b> |
| 2005 | 12                          | 20                 | <b>32</b> |
| 2006 | 9                           | 19                 | <b>28</b> |
| 2007 | 14                          | 13                 | <b>27</b> |
| 2008 | 15                          | 22                 | <b>37</b> |
| 2009 | 26                          | 38                 | <b>64</b> |
| 2010 | 18                          | 36                 | <b>54</b> |
| 2011 | 15                          | 18                 | <b>33</b> |
| 2012 | 17                          | 44                 | <b>61</b> |

## Summary by profession:

| Year | Administration | Doctors | Nurses | Allied Health Practitioners | Others | Total     |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1997 | 4              | 5       | 7      | 4                           | 14     | <b>34</b> |
| 1998 | 5              | 6       | 8      | 3                           | 16     | <b>38</b> |
| 1999 | 6              | 9       | 9      | 4                           | 11     | <b>39</b> |
| 2000 | 18             | 6       | 6      | 4                           | 20     | <b>54</b> |
| 2001 | 22             | 12      | 6      | 2                           | 22     | <b>64</b> |
| 2002 | 10             | 6       | 4      | 7                           | 11     | <b>38</b> |
| 2003 | 8              | 9       | 8      | 1                           | 5      | <b>31</b> |
| 2004 | 7              | 7       | 1      | 4                           | 8      | <b>27</b> |
| 2005 | 6              | 6       | 1      | 7                           | 12     | <b>32</b> |
| 2006 | 4              | 7       | 2      | 3                           | 12     | <b>28</b> |
| 2007 | 8              | 8       | 5      | 1                           | 5      | <b>27</b> |
| 2008 | 15             | 7       | 7      | 3                           | 5      | <b>37</b> |
| 2009 | 24             | 17      | 4      | 1                           | 18     | <b>64</b> |
| 2010 | 31             | 7       | 3      | 3                           | 10     | <b>54</b> |
| 2011 | 9              | 11      | 3      | 1                           | 9      | <b>33</b> |
| 2012 | 4              | 11      | 6      | 10                          | 30     | <b>61</b> |

## 2012 Annual Plunkett Lecture

In 2012 the Annual Plunkett Lecture was given by, Dr Andrew McGee, Lecturer at Faculty of Law Queensland University of Technology and Member of Faculty's Health Law Research Program. Dr McGee addressed the subject: *Stem cells, organ donation and end-of-life care*.



L to R: Dr Bernadette Tobin, Dr Andrew McGee, Dr Steve Matthews

## Media

### **30<sup>th</sup> January: ABC Local Radio, Sydney. Mornings with Linda Mottram:**

How best to promote good public policy in indigenous affairs; whether there should be mental health sick days available (Bernadette Tobin with Hugh Macken, Law Society of NSW)

### **16<sup>th</sup> April: ABC Local Radio. Mornings with Linda Mottram:**

Is the film *The Hunger Games* a good vehicle for teaching ethics to young people (Bernadette Tobin with Justin Dowd, Law Society of NSW)

### **23rd April: ABC Local Radio, Sydney. Mornings with Linda Mottram:**

According to what principle should people in public life stand down from the office when allegations are made against them? Should Norwegians have kept Anders Bleivik's account of himself off the public airwaves? Why do people doubt the 'humanity' of criminals (Bernadette Tobin with Simon Longstaff, St James Ethics Centre)

### **12<sup>th</sup> July: Channel 10's Nightly News.**

The ethical challenges in stem cell research (Bernadette Tobin)

### **5<sup>th</sup> October: ABC Local Radio, Brisbane: Afternoons with Katrina Davidson.**

Ethical implications of Japanese scientists having turned mouse skin cells into eggs which were matured, fertilized and issued in mice (Bernadette Tobin)

### **5<sup>th</sup> December: ABC Radio National: Big Ideas Program.**

Stem cells: challenges and opportunities (Bernadette Tobin with Alan Trounson, California Institute of Regenerative Medicine)

### **Quoted in Sydney Morning Herald:**

25-6 Feb: 'Scrutiny unfair': parent group blasts inquiry into school ethics classes (Bernadette Tobin)

2<sup>nd</sup> March: re Philosophers' claim over moral right to kill newborns sparks outrage (Bernadette Tobin)

25<sup>th</sup> October: 25.10.12 re general practitioners' reluctance to euthanize patients (Bernadette Tobin)

**The Mary Philippa Brazill Foundation**  
**Supporting research and education in the ethics of health care**  
**2012 Awards**



Julia Trimboli  
Director of Mission, Calvary Health Care  
Bethlehem, Caulfield, Melbourne

Catherine Garner  
Executive Director Mission &  
Strategy, Cabrini Health, Malvern



Jane Phillips  
Cunningham Centre for  
Palliative Care, Sacred  
Heart Hospice, Sydney

## Submissions to Public Inquiries

To NSW Parliament's General Purpose Standing Committee: Inquiry into Education Amendment (Ethics Classes Repeal) Bill 2011; February

To NSW Parliament's General Purpose Standing Committee: Inquiry into Education Amendment (Ethics Classes Repeal) Bill 2011: responses to questions on notice; March

To Senate's Standing Committee on Community Affairs: Submission to the Inquiry on the provision of palliative care in Australia; March

To National Health and Medical Research Council: re Stem Cell Treatments: a quick guide for medical practitioners and Frequently Asked Questions: a resource for patients; October

To National Health and Medical Research Council: re National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 Human biospecimens (with Dr Gerald Gleeson); October

To National Health and Medical Research Council: re proposed advice to general practitioners re patients who undergo 'direct to consumer' genetic tests; November



Professor Terry Campbell  
Chair of Bioethics Committee  
St Vincent's & Mater Health, Sydney

## **Presentations**

### **Gerald Gleeson**

Conscience and Agent Neutrality Association of Australian Catholic Bioethicists; Melbourne, January

Vatican II, *Humanae Vitae* and the Renewal of Moral Theology, ACTA, July

Ethics and Natural Family Planning, February; Ethical Issues for parish clergy, April, July

Ethics and institutional leadership University of Notre Dame, November

### **Jonathan Gillis**

Workshop on natural cause deaths - 3rd Australasian Child Death Inquiries and Review Conference, Sydney, August 2012

We want everything done: things said at the end of life, Concord Hospital Clinical Week, September 2012

The ethical principles of paediatric critical care: New South Wales Australian College of Critical Care Nurses , Beyond the Books Seminar, Sydney, 2012

### **Steve Matthews**

Addiction, Identity and Stigmatisation, Grand Rounds, St Vincent's Hospital, August with Anke Snoek

Addiction, Autonomy and Identity, St Vincent's Hospital, Drug and Alcohol Service, September, with Anke Snoek

Ethical issues for advance directives, Palliative Care Centre, Sacred Heart Hospice, St Vincent's Hospital, September

Response to Andrew McGee's, My Brain, My Mind and My Body, The Plunkett Centre Annual Lecture, October

Truth and Narrative Selves 3tu. Centre for ethics, Delft U T., Netherlands, October

### **Bernadette Tobin**

Advance care planning: the debate amongst Catholics, Australian Association of Catholic Bioethicists, Melbourne, February

Introduction to bioethics, Medical students, University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney Campus, February

Advance care planning: benefits, pitfalls, related questions, Calvary Mater, Newcastle, February

Ethical issues in palliative care at the end of life, Palliative Care Perspectives: a workshop for health professionals, Sacred Heart Palliative Care & Rehabilitation Services, Sydney, March



Ethical challenges for managers of Catholic health care institutions, Lamplighter Program, Little Company of Mary, Baulkham Hills, April

Complex case discussion: Care of a pregnant woman, previously diagnosed with a mental health condition, who presents at 34 weeks gestation with a ruptured membrane but refuses to agree to undergo a caesarean section, South East Sydney Perinatal Mental Health Forum, Sydney Children's Hospital (with Dr Andrew Bisits, Dr Matthew Large and Sasha Callaghan), April

The 'doctrine of double effect' and its significance for good medical practice, Calvary Bethlehem, Melbourne, May

Advance Care Planning: purpose, instruments, challenges, Sacred Heart Hospice, Sydney, June

The voice of faith in public reason (with Raimond Gaita, Asma Barlas, Susan Neiman and Scott Stephens), The Wheeler Centre's Faith and Culture Series, Melbourne, June

Ethics and euthanasia: ACU Forum, Sydney, June

Hope seeking understanding: a review of Mark Johnston's exploration of what it is to believe in God in *Saving God: Religion after Idolatry*, Annual Conference of the Australasian Philosophy of Religion Association, Melbourne, June

Stem cell research: opportunities and challenges (with Alan Trounson), Dean's Lecture, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales, July

Ethical challenges in advance care planning, Research Forum, Calvary Hospital, Kogarah, NSW, August

Nephrology: medical, ethical, legal, Renal Supportive Care Symposium, St George's Hospital, Kogarah (with Dr Susan Crail, Nephrologist, Royal Adelaide Hospital and Professor Cameron Stewart, Professor of Law, University of Sydney), August

Comparative ethics: the ethics of medical practice, Ethics Forum, The Law Society of New South Wales, Sydney, August

Contemplation and action in the domain of medical ethics, Spirituality in the Pub, Newtown, September

The person in the bed: 'patient' or 'consumer'? Mater Hospital, Sydney, September

How do trustees and boards ensure that practitioners in their hospitals live up to the ethical guidelines set out in the *Code of Ethical Standards for Catholic Health and Aged Care Services in Australia*? Calvary Ministries, Sydney, September

## Appointments

### **Gerald Gleeson**

Member, NHMRC Australian Health Ethics Committee (until June 30)  
Discipline Coordinator, Humanities, Sydney College of Divinity  
Deputy Chair, Academic Board, Sydney College of Divinity

### **Jonathan Gillis**

Deputy Convenor, NSW Child Death Review Team  
Specialist Paediatric Assessor NHMRC National Certification Scheme of Ethics Committees  
Member of World Federation of Paediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies Task Force on Ethics  
Director of NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Authority  
Clinical Associate Professor, Centre for Values, Ethics and Law in Medicine, University of Sydney  
Part time member of Certification Assessor Review Panel of ethical review processes for the National Health and Medical Research Council 2010-2011

### **Steve Matthews**

Member, Ethics committee, NSW Institute of psychiatry  
Member, School of Philosophy committee  
Member, Assessment Review committee, School of Philosophy  
Reader, Australian Research Council  
Referee, Ethics and Information Technology  
Referee, Neuroethics  
Member, Organising Committee, Addiction Neuroscience Workshop, Macquarie University

### **Bernadette Tobin**

Bioethics Committee, St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney  
Mission, Culture and Identity Committee, St Vincents & Mater Health, Sydney  
Mission, Advocacy and Ethics Sub-Committee, St Vincent's Health Australia  
Reader, Australian Research Council  
Advisory Board, Anatomy Bequest Program, University of Technology Sydney  
Advisory Board, DNA Data Bank, Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Clinical Ethics Advisory Panel, New South Wales Ministry of Health  
Blood Borne Virus Advisory Panel, New South Wales Ministry of Health  
Clinical Advisory Committee, NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Authority  
Editorial Board of *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*  
Garvan Institute of Medical Research  
Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education  
Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Board  
Scalabrinian Villages  
Council of St John's College Sydney  
Mary Philippa Brazill Foundation  
Council of Guild St. Luke

## **Bioethics Outlook Volume 23, 2012**

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*Assessing Peter Singer's argument for utilitarianism: drawing a lesson from Rousseau and Kant.* Stephen Buckle

### **No 2**

*Seeing the self: the moral goals of service provision in the mental health sector.* Jeanette Kennett and Steve Matthews.

*There's no good argument for infanticide.* Andrew McGee.

*We need to talk about death.* Bernadette Tobin.

### **No 3**

*Advance Care Planning: purposes, instruments, use and misuse.* Bernadette Tobin

An interview with Don Chisholm

### **No 4**

*Truth, justice, understanding: a reflection.* Susan Crennan

*'If nobody wants you at the party, why should you stay?' Recent developments in the debate about euthanasia and public policy.* Bernadette Tobin

*Affirming parental love in the paediatric intensive care unit:* Jonathan Gillis and Janet Rennick.

## **Dr Maxwell Coleman's portrait of John Hubert Plunkett**



Dr Coleman, a surgeon at St Vincent's Hospital for over 30 years, a past Chair of the Board in General Surgery of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, presented the hospital with his portrait of John Hubert Plunkett at a ceremony in the Plunkett Centre in 2012. The portrait now hangs in the Douglas Miller Lecture Theatre in St Vincent's Public Hospital.

## Financial Report 2012

|                          |                            |         |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| <b>Carried Forward</b>   |                            | 230,880 |
| <b>Income</b>            |                            |         |
|                          | St Vincents & Mater Health | 159,939 |
|                          | Australian Catholic Univ   | 159,939 |
|                          | Consultancies              | 20,000  |
|                          | Teaching                   | 12,670  |
|                          | Other Income               | 4,570   |
| <b>Total Income</b>      |                            | 587,998 |
| <b>Expenditure</b>       |                            |         |
|                          | <b>Salaries</b>            | 342,900 |
|                          | <b>Non-Salary Items</b>    |         |
|                          | Equipment purchase         | 8,530   |
|                          | Equipment maintenance      | 14,472  |
|                          | Leasing                    | 4,872   |
|                          | Library                    | 3,820   |
|                          | Internet                   | 1,024   |
|                          | Other                      | 4,221   |
|                          | Rent                       | 29,942  |
|                          | Stationery                 | 2,535   |
|                          | Travel                     | 3,995   |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> |                            | 416,311 |
| <b>Carried Forward</b>   |                            | 171,687 |

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