DP9003W  Pastoral Care: Communal Response

Offered: 2017: Semester 2
[Unit offered alternatively as DL9003W]

This unit considers the links between pastoral care and communal expressions of ritual and meaning making. Students will examine life changes and critical experiences, considering how ritual and liturgy become processes of communal care and meaning making both within the church and in engagement with the wider community.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Identify life-cycle transitions and disruptions common in contemporary Australian society;
2. Evaluate the theological themes that shape pastoral responses to these experiences;
3. Develop theological and practical responses to these experiences, particularly with regard to the pastoral and communal experiences of infant dedications, weddings, funerals, baptism and communion;
4. Develop rituals for use outside of the church community;
5. Examine the pastoral rituals of the church within the context of the wider Australian community.

Prerequisites: DA1001W

Class Time: Four hours per week over 9 sessions

Assessment:

1. One essay (2,500 words)  (50%)
2. Reflection journal (five x 300 words)  (25%)
3. One tutorial paper (1,500 words)  (25%)

Faculty: Anne Mallaby

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase