

VENUE:
Level 8, St. Andrew's House
474 Kent Street, Sydney
(Behind Sydney Town Hall)

TERM DATES FOR 2001
(Classes are held on Monday evenings):

TERM 1 - 26 February - 9 April
TERM 2 - 30 April - 2 July
Seminar/Conference - 21 July *(at Toongabbie)*
TERM 3 - 30 July - 17 September
TERM 4 - 8 October - 19 November

Examinations (optional): 26 November, 2001
End of Year: Monday, 3 December, 2001

FEES (per course):
\$35 per term (\$120 per year),
payable on enrolment.
Concessions for multiple courses.
Tea or coffee and biscuits available - cost \$1.00

ENROLMENT: On attendance at first class.

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The Centre for Thomistic Studies

The Centre for Thomistic Studies was founded in 1985 to make available to everyone the philosophical and theological riches of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Thomistic tradition.

St. Thomas Aquinas is the great teacher for three reasons:

- 📖 In humility he read the teachings of his intellectual predecessors, especially Aristotle and St. Augustine, and gathered together all that was true.
- ✍ He synthesised all these truths, both natural and supernatural, in a way still unsurpassed, and perfected and added to them with his own mighty genius.
- ✝ Everything St. Thomas did was in complete faithfulness to the Magisterium of the Church and in obedience to the lights and inspirations given him by God.

The Catholic Church calls St. Thomas her Common Doctor, to be consulted in the areas of philosophy that relate to faith and morals and in all areas of theology. St. Thomas is the guiding light for the Centre and can be for all those dedicated to the apostolate of the intellect.



Philosophy and Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas

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Courses for 2001

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What is philosophy?

Philosophy is a knowledge which makes one wise about the deepest realities.

Philosophy uses the natural power of reason to get to the very nature of things – to what things are, not just to their appearances. It obtains objective truth about matters touching our very existence. It provides answers to questions about time and space, cause and effect, body and soul, good and evil, the existence of God and the nature of eternity. A knowledge of true philosophy gives a clear understanding of reality.

What is theology?

Theology is knowledge about God, the Supreme Being and Creator of all.

There is a science which proves from reason the existence and attributes of God - this is called *natural* theology. There is another science which studies God not as He is naturally knowable, but as He has chosen to reveal Himself. This is *sacred* theology, which proceeds from principles believed, not seen.

Sacred theology works from God's revelation of Himself as the Blessed Trinity, and author of sanctifying grace. It studies the history of Salvation - Creation, the Fall, the Incarnation and Redemption, the Church, the Sacraments, Our Lady and the Four Last Things.

5-6 PM

Logic II - Don Boland

This course covers the application of logical procedures to those areas of discussion where scientific and probable proof can be had. It also examines the various kinds of logical fallacy. It thus deals with practically all kinds of proof both real and apparent. It includes a close study of scientific method as it is employed in the mathematical and empirical sciences as well as the study of the philosophical methods used in the resolution of ethical and metaphysical questions. It is however only concerned with these questions in a general and introductory way and is designed so that the student beginning philosophical studies may follow it. It is divided into three parts which correspond in general terms to the material dealt with in Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*, *Topics* and *Sophistical Refutations*. The text for the course is sections four to nine of the third part of Woodbury's *Logic*. Copies of the text will be provided to students during the course for a small charge. There are three assignments and a final examination at the end of the year. These are optional but those students who wish to obtain a Certificate of Approval from the Centre must do the assignments and sit for the exam.

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Apologetics II - Robert Haddad

This course continues the Apologetics course that began in 2000. Topics to be discussed include the holy sacrifice of the Mass and the real presence, the forgiveness of sins, the prerogatives of the blessed Virgin Mary, the invocation of the saints, purgatory, indulgences, guardian angels, infant baptism, Sunday worship, statues and many more. No prior knowledge is required and it is not necessary to have attended the course in 2000. All are welcome.

6-7 PM

The Divine Attributes - Alice Nelson

This course considers what we can know about God from the light of natural reason. We cannot know everything about God, but what we do know is certain and therefore of great value.

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Reasoning Things Out - John Young

Using the lecturer's internationally known booklet *Reasoning Things Out* as a text, this course will look at such questions as: How do we know reality? How does our knowledge differ from that of the lower animals? Has man an immortal soul? Have we free will? Can God's existence be proved? What does philosophy show about God's nature and His relation to the world? Are there objective and unchangeable moral principles? The course will conclude with an historical sketch of philosophical themes from early times to the present. Suitable both for beginners and previous philosophy students.

7-8 PM

Ethics II - John Ziegler

This is the second part of a full, two-year course in Ethics or Moral Philosophy. The notions encountered in Ethics will be had more easily by those who have studied or are studying Metaphysics, but all will be welcome and should find the course extremely interesting. Ethics I has been given in three Sections over two semesters (four terms).

Ethics I

Section 1: On the ULTIMATE END of man.

Section 2: On the HUMAN ACT.

Section 3: On MORALITY.

Ethics II

Section 1: On the RULE OF MORALS.

Section 2: On PASSIONS AND HABITS.

Section 3: On the ATTAINMENT OF THE ULTIMATE END.

This year Ethics will consider Law (natural and human), which is very timely now when the foundations of both are widely forgotten. It will go on to treat of Passions, Habits, and Virtues. This continues Ethics for those who studied Ethics I, but the course is particularly addressed to beginners in Ethics, who are most welcome. For those proceeding to the Centre's Approval in Moral Philosophy, doing assignments and exam in Ethics II will complete the main requirements. (For others, the exam is voluntary.)

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The Cycle of the Church's Year

- Fr. F. Callanan, SM

This course will be based on selected texts of St. Thomas and will take us through the annual church cycle from Advent through Easter and Pentecost. It will relate the significant events of the liturgical year to the long haul of our spiritual life leading up to death and eternal life. Nobody does it better than St. Thomas. His rich fare always inspires mind and heart.

8-9 PM

Introduction to Thomism - Andrew Nimmo

An introduction to key concepts in Thomistic philosophy and theology. The course will be based on *Reality*, a synthesis of Thomistic thought by Fr R. Garrigou-Lagrange O.P. Concepts such as matter and form, act and potency, cause and effect, as well as supernatural truths such as the Trinity, grace and the Mass will be considered.

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