

THE CENTRE FOR THOMISTIC STUDIES, INC.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS,
THE ANGELIC DOCTOR

THE PRINCIPAL AIM OF THE CENTRE FOR THOMISTIC STUDIES, INC. IS TO PRODUCE PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL GROUNDED IN THE TRUTHS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH. IT DOES THIS BY MAKING AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE THE PHILOSOPHICAL AND THEOLOGICAL RICHES OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE THOMISTIC TRADITION. ST THOMAS IS A 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 SYNTHESIZED ALL THESE TRUTHS; BOTH OF REASON AND OF FAITH, 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 OBEDIENT RESPONSE TO THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND INSPIRATION GIVEN HIM BY GOD.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CALLS ST THOMAS HER COMMON DOCTOR, ABLE TO BE CONSULTED IN ALL AREAS OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY THAT RELATE TO FAITH AND MORALS. ST THOMAS IS A GUIDING LIGHT FOR THE CENTRE AND OUGHT TO BE FOR ALL THOSE DEDICATED TO THE APOSTOLATE OF THE INTELLECT.

What is Philosophy?

Philosophy is that kind of knowledge which makes one wise about the deepest realities.

In the study of Philosophy we use the natural power of our reason to get to the very natures of things – to what things are, not just how they appear. Thus we do attain to objective truth about matters touching the very existence of things including the meaning of our own lives. So we can find 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 true philosophy gives a clear and profound understanding of reality.

What is Theology?

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

There is a part of philosophy which studies what we can know from reason about the existence and attributes of God – this is called *Natural* Theology.

There is another and higher way to know about God. That is from what God has revealed about the divine reality. This is *Sacred* Theology, which proceeds from principles believed, not seen.



STUDENTS AT C.T.S.

By Sacred theology we develop our understanding of the Faith. We explore the inner life of God as the Blessed Trinity and all the sublime truths of our salvation. Amongst the many topics dealt with here are Creation, Original Sin, the Incarnation and Redemption, the Church, the Sacraments, Our Lady and the Four Last Things. A proper study of Sacred Theology will deepen and strengthen our spiritual and moral life.

Does CTS offer a Degree?

Yes. The CTS has an academic agreement with the Higher Institute of Religious Studies attached to the Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome whereby students may enrol in degree courses in Theology. Details of these courses may be obtained on enquiry from the centre.



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I would like you to send me: *(Please tick)*

- More information on 2011 courses
- A CTS 2011 Student Handbook

COURSES 2011

MONDAYS

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| 5-6pm: | APOLOGETICS | A. English |
| 6-7pm: | BASIC MORALS | A. Nelson |
| 7-8pm: | CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH | F. Cudmore |

TUESDAYS

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| 5-6pm: | SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH | Dr D. Boland |
| 6-7pm: | THE SACRAMENTS IN ST THOMAS | Fr F. Callanan |
| 7-8pm: | ANALYTIC AND DIALECTIC | Dr D. Boland |

WEDNESDAYS

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| 5-6pm: | VERITATIS SPLENDOR | J. Wade |
| 6-7pm: | LATIN | P. Kalina |
| 7-8pm: | CANON LAW: PROCESSES AND CASE STUDIES# | Dr J. Doherty |

The course below is to be held at the Lewisham venue:

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| 6-7pm: | LOGIC IN ST THOMAS | Dr D. Boland |
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1st semester only

TERM DATES:

COURSES COMMENCE MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY AND FOLLOW THE TIMETABLE OF THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC YEAR (DETAILS BELOW):

TERM 1: 21 FEBRUARY–6 APRIL

TERM 2: 2 MAY–29 JUNE

TERM 3: 25 JULY–21 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4: 10 OCTOBER–30 NOVEMBER

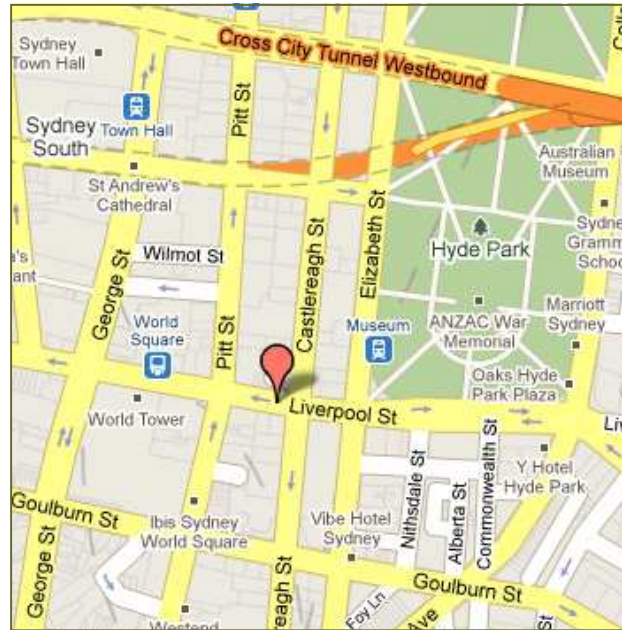
EXAMINATIONS (OPTIONAL): 5–14 DECEMBER

FEES

STANDARD—\$200 PER YEAR PER COURSE PAID IN ADVANCE (FEES PAID BY TERM ARE \$60 PER TERM). THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS FOR MULTIPLE COURSES AND OTHER CONCESSIONS FOR STUDENTS ETC. (TEA OR COFFEE AND BISCUITS ARE AVAILABLE).

VENUE:

POLDING CENTRE: (SEE MAP BELOW)
LEVEL 5, 133 LIVERPOOL ST
SYDNEY



LEWISHAM VENUE:

THE JOHN BERNE SCHOOL: (NEXT TO MATERNAL HEART CHURCH)
AT THE END OF CHARLES O'NEILL
WAY, OFF THOMAS ST, LEWISHAM.

“The Centre is a superb example of the initiative of laymen and women in promoting the study and understanding of philosophy and theology under the wise guidance of St Thomas Aquinas. It makes a valuable contribution to the life of the Church in this city, and I am happy to be known as a supporter of the Centre.”

- His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell

“The Philosophy of St Thomas deserves to be attentively studied and accepted with conviction by the youth of our day by reason of its spirit of openness and universalism: characteristics which are hard to find in many trends of contemporary thought.” ... “As a Catholic, you are heir to mankind’s supreme intellectual tradition.”

-Pope John Paul II

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