



University of Malta
FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

*More than 400 years
of excellence in
Theological Studies*

Faculty Calendar



The Clock Tower at the old University Building

2008-2009

September 08

- 29 Monday Mass for Evening Theology Students
(University Chapel, 18.00)
- 30 Tuesday Opening of Academic Year/Opening Ceremony

October 08

- 2 Thursday M.A. Spirituality and MA Spiritual Companionship
18.00 Opening Seminar (Venue:)
Prof. Kees Waaijman O.Carm.
Studying and Teaching Spirituality
Prof. Bernadette Flanagan
Spiritual Experience in Today's Western Society
- 4 Saturday Opening of Carmelite Institute Malta (Maltese Carmelite Province & Maltese Province of
Discalced Carmelites)
10.00 Public lecture (Venue: Mdina Carmelite Priory)
Prof. Kees Waaijman O.Carm.
Carmel: An Empty Space for God
Prof. Eugene McCaffrey O.C.D.
Carmel: A Lovers' Quest
Rev. Fernando Millán Romeral Prior General of the Carmelite Order
- 5 **Sunday** **Students' Day** (KSU activity)
- 16 Thursday University Senate Meeting
- 24 Friday 19.00 Public Lecture on Bioethics (Venue:)
Prof. Dr Matthias Beck
*Genetics and Epigenetics in the Context of Psychosomatic Medicine and Ethical Problems in Stem
Cell Research*
- 27 Monday Foundation Day (Gh.S.T)
- 28 Tuesday 19.00 Public Lecture on Bioethics in collaboration with the National Bioethics
Committee (Venue: Phoenicia Ballroom)
Prof. Dr Günter Wirt
The Institutionalisation of Bioethics in European Institutions as a Challenge for Theological Ethics
- 31 Friday Thanksgiving Mass and Certificate Award Ceremony for the Undergraduate Certificate in
Youth Ministry (Venue: Onorati Chapel, Valletta)

November 08

- 7 Friday Augustine Lecture for all Theology students (Venue:)
- 7 Friday 18.00 12th Annual St. Augustine Lecture (Venue:)
Prof. Dr Robert Dodaro
Augustine of Hippo and Political Theology
- 13 Thursday Theology Encounter

- University Council Meeting
- 20 Thursday 18.30 Graduation Thanksgiving Mass for Theology Grandaunts
(Venue: St. John's Co Cathedral)
- 22 Saturday University Foundation Day**
- 26 Wednesday 16.30 Graduation Ceremony for Theology Post-Graduate Students
(Venue:)
- 28 Friday University Foundation Day Celebration Concert
- 29 Saturday Day of Reflection in preparation of Advent (Gh.S.T)

December 08

- 02 Tuesday 18.30 Graduation Ceremony for Theology Under-Graduate Students
(Venue:)
- 04 Thursday Faculty Board
- 04-05 Christmas Campaign: Make my House a Home (Gh.S.T)
- 20 Saturday Christmas Recess

January 09

- 4 Sunday End of Christmas Recess
- 17 Saturday Beginning of Test Week
- 22 Thursday University Senate Meeting
- 23 Friday Faculty Staff Seminar
- 28 Wednesday St. Thomas Aquinas (Faculty's Patron Saint)**
- 29 Thursday University Council Meeting
- 30 Friday 16.00 Faculty Day (a half day seminar for staff and students)
Prof. Louis Caruana S.J.
Theology after Darwin
(Venue: Attard – Parish Church and Centre)

February 09

- 2 Monday Beginning of the Second Semester
- 5 Thursday Faculty Board
- 12 Thursday Theology Encounter (afternoon)
- 19 Thursday Senate Meeting
- 21 Friday *Quaresimale* (Spiritual Public Lectures co-organised with the Pastoral Formation Institute and the Cathedral Chapter)
(Venue St. John Co Cathedral)
- 28 Friday *Quaresimale* (Spiritual Public Lectures co-organised with the Pastoral Formation Institute and the Cathedral Chapter)
(Venue St. John Co Cathedral)

March 09

- 06 Friday *Quaresimale* (Spiritual Public Lectures co-organised with the Pastoral Formation Institute and the Cathedral Chapter)
(Venue St. John Co Cathedral)
- 25 Wednesday 19.00 Theological Encounter (Public Lecture)
Prof. Stanley Fiorini and Prof. Orazio Vella
New Evidence for the Continuation of Christianity through the Arab Period
(Venue:)
- 26 Thursday University Council Meeting

April

- 06 Monday Easter Recess
- 12 Sunday Easter Sunday**
- 18 Saturday End of Easter Recess
- 23 Thursday University Senate Meeting
- 28 Tuesday 18.00 Academy in Honour of St. Thomas Aquinas
Prof. Christopher Tuckett
Paul, the Law and Freedom
(Venue: Aula Magna, Old University, Valletta)

May 09

- 08 Friday Last Day for submitting long essays and dissertations
- 21 Thursday University Council Meeting
- 23 Saturday Beginning of Examination Period
- 27 Wednesday Theology Encounter (Half Day)

June 09

- 03 Wednesday Faculty Board
- 18 Thursday University Senate Meeting
- 20 Wednesday Faculty Staff Seminar
- 27 Saturday End of Examination Period

July 09

- 7-11 External Examiner
- 16 Thursday University Council Meeting

September 09

- 1 -13 Supplementary Examinations
- 03 Thursday Faculty Board
- 17 Thursday University Senate Meeting
- 24 Thursday University Council Meeting

Some dates may be liable to change. Always check the Faculty website for updates

Public Lectures on Spirituality

PROF. DR. KEES WAAIJMAN, O.CARM.

Prof. Dr. Kees Waaijman, O.Carm. studied Philosophy and Theology at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, obtaining his doctorate in 1976 with the study of Martin Buber's *De Mystiek van Ik en Jij* (*Mysticism of I and Thou*). Following his doctorate, he pursued Jewish studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where he established himself as a specialist in Biblical Spirituality, particularly in the Spirituality of the Psalms and Jewish Mysticism. Since 1989 he has been Professor of Spirituality at Radboud University of Nijmegen (formerly the Catholic University). During the last 30 years, he was a leading contributor to the setting up of the Titus Brandsma Institute at the same university and is now Director of the Institute. Among his publications, there are numerous articles on spirituality, a commentary of 10 books on the Psalms, and 17 booklets on the Spirituality of the Psalms. His publications include *Tegendraads Lezen: De Schrift vanuit Joods Perspectief* (*Contrary Reading: The Bible in a Jewish Perspective*, 2004), *Mystiek in de Psalmen* (*Mysticism in the Psalms*, 2004), and *The Mystical Space of Carmel: A Commentary on the Carmelite Rule* (1999). His book *Spirituality: Forms, Foundations, Methods* (Peeters, 2002) is a systematic guide to the extensive field of spirituality, where he maps out the multiform phenomenon of spirituality. Prof. Kees Waaijman is also editor of the two journals, *Speling* and *Studies in Spirituality*.



PROF BERNADETTE FLANAGAN



Prof Flanagan is Associate Professor and Head of Department of Spirituality at Milltown Institute (Dublin). Amongst her recent publications are *With Wisdom Seeking God: The Academic Study of Spirituality*, (co-edited with Una Agnew, Leuven: Peeters, 2008), and *Lamplighters: Exploring Spirituality in New Contexts*, (co-edited with David Kelly, Dublin: Veritas, 2004).



Public Lectures on Bioethics

PROF. MATTHIAS BECK

Professor Beck was born in 1956 in Hannover (Germany). He studied pharmacy, medicine, philosophy and theology. He defended two doctoral dissertations: one in medicine about allergies, and the other one in dogmatic theology about psychosomatic medicine and theological anthropology (body/ soul problem). He obtained his Habilitation in Moral Theology about alternative sources to embryonic stem cell research. Since 1997, Prof. Beck is visiting Professor of Moral Theology and Medical Ethics at the University of Vienna



PROF. DR GÜNTER VIRT



Prof. Virt was born in Vienna in 1940. After studying Pharmacy and Theology at the University of Vienna, he obtained a Licentiate in Philosophy and a Doctorate in Theology. Before his appointment as Director of the Institute of Moral Theology at the University of Vienna, he lectured at the Universities of Tübingen and Paderborn. He is Deputy Director of the Institute for Ethics in Medicine, a member of the European Group on Ethics of the European Commission, and a member of the National Ethics Committee. He published extensively on fundamental issues in Moral Theology and Bioethics.



12th Annual St. Augustine Lecture

6 November 2008

PROF DR DR ROBERT DODARO OSA

Prof. Robert Dodaro was born in 1954 in Chicago, USA. After his priestly ordination he continued his studies in Theology in Rome, and later on he read for a D.Phil at Oxford University under the tutorship of Revd Prof Rowan Williams, Bishop of Monmouth (HL The Archbishop of Canterbury UK). In 2000 he obtained a second doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of the Lateran in Rome. For many years he lectured at the *Augustinianum* in Rome. In 2003 he was appointed President of the *Augustinianum*, a Pontifical University which specialises in the Fathers of the Church particularly on St. Augustine of Hippo. Prof Dodaro was the first invited speaker in the series *Annual St Augustine Lecture, University of Malta*, back in 1996. In 1998 Professor Robert Dodaro was invited to Malta again by the Faculty of Theology of the University of Malta as he had been chosen as second reader and co-supervisor of the doctoral dissertation in Theology presented by the Revd Dr Salvino Caruana OSA on *The Ethical Implications for Christian Life of Saint Augustine's De Sermone Domini in Monte*.



Faculty Day

30 January 2008

The aim of this half day seminar is to bring students and academics together to celebrate their faith, discuss and share opinions on theological issues and to socialise with each other.

PROF. LOUIS CARUANA



Academic Evening in honour of St. Thomas Aquinas

8 April 2008

The evening is organised by the Theological Student Association in collaboration with the Faculty of Theology.

PROF. CHRISTOPHER TUCKETT



Christopher Tuckett was successively Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Rylands professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis in the University of Manchester from 1979 to 1996. From 1996 he has been successively Lecturer in New Testament Studies, and since 2001 Professor New Testament Studies in the University of Oxford. He is currently also a Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford. He has published widely in the field of New Testament and Early Christianity. His major publications have included books on *The Revival of the Griesbach Hypothesis* (1983), *Reading the New Testament* (1987), *Q and the History of Early Christianity* (1996), *Christology and the New Testament* (2001), and *The Gospel of Mary* (2007). He has

also published over 60 essays and articles in scholarly journals and collections of essays.



External Examiner

7-11 July 2008

PROF. FRANZ-JOSEF BORMANN

Prof. Bormann holds the chair of Moral Theology at the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Tübingen since April 2008. He studied philosophy and theology in Frankfurt (St. Georgen), in Munich (LMU, Hochschule für Philosophie) and in Rome (Gregoriana). He obtained his M.A. in philosophy in 1988 (*Tugendethik versus Normenethik. Zu A. MacIntyre's Versuch einer Systematischen Rehabilitierung des Tugendbegriffs*). His doctoral thesis focused on the interpretation on Thomas Aquinas' natural law theory (*Natur als Horizont Sittlicher Praxis*, Stuttgart 1999), while his Habilitation focused on John Rawls' theory of justice and its (in)compatibility with the social doctrine of the Church (*Soziale Gerechtigkeit zwischen Fairness und Partizipation. John Rawls und die Katholische Soziallehre*, Freiburg 2006). From 2005 to 2008 he was Professor of Moral Theology at the Faculty of Theology in Paderborn. His research areas are in fundamental issues of moral reasoning and in bioethics.





Theological Encounters

The aim of the Theology Encounters is to offer an opportunity for Faculty staff members to share and discuss their recent research. With the exception of the Theological Encounter held in March the other meetings are reserved for the academic staff:

November

Rev. Dr H. Scerri L-Eskatologija f'xi poeti Maltin

February

Rev. Dr. K. Grech

March

Prof. S. Fiorini & New Evidence for the Continuation of Christianity
Prof. O. Vella through the Arab Period

June

Dr Claude Mangion Theology and Popular Culture
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