

NEW RELIGIOUS BOOKS BY AUSTRALASIAN AUTHORS
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A Democratic Church: Reforming the values and institutions of the Catholic Church; Max Charlesworth; John Garratt Publishing; PB \$24.95 [9781920721602]; 56pp; 235x135mm; 2008

Volume 1, Number 1 in the *Voices: Quarterly Essays in Religion in Australia* series. This monograph contrasts the values and institutional structures taken for granted in modern liberal democratic societies and the values and structures that remain in place in the contemporary Catholic Church. Author makes proposals for reforms in the Church that will allow it to be understood by those who live in democratic societies. Topics include democratising the papacy and episcopacy; the equality of believers; freedom of speech in the Church; ecumenism and pluralism; conscience; and a charter of rights. Endnotes. Author is an emeritus professor, and formerly a Professor of Philosophy at Deakin University, Victoria. He was appointed as a consultant to the Secretariat for Non-Believers by Pope Paul VI, and was awarded an AO in 1991 for his work in bioethics and education. Other works include *Bioethics in a Liberal Society* (1993) and *Religious Inventions* (1997).

Go Forth Now; Renew the Face of the Earth: World Youth Day 2008: Phrase 3

resource; St Pauls; PB \$16.95 [9781921472275]; 80pp; 245x170mm; 2009

Resource intended for senior secondary students, youth groups and parish groups wishing to reflect further on the addresses and homilies given by Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to Australia for World Youth Day 2008. The papal texts are presented in full. Questions for reflection are presented in the margins of the pages, next the relevant parts of the texts. 'Investigate Further' boxes present suggestions for activities to deepen understanding of the topics covered. Questions for discussion are given at the end of each text. Introduction by Anthony Cleary, Director, Religious Education and Evangelisation, Catholic Education Office, Sydney. Colour photos; glossary.

John Paul II: Legacy and witness; Robert Gascoigne (editor); St Pauls; PB \$24.95 [9781921032257]; 141pp; 215x140mm; 2007

Collection of 15 essays written by Australian Catholic theologians reflecting on the life, teaching, ministry and legacy of Paul John Paul II. The essays have their origin in public forums held in Sydney and Melbourne in mid-2005 following the death of the pope on 2 April that year. The essays are grouped into four sections: His Polish Background and

Personal Faith; Human Dignity, Ethics and Society; The Church and its Sacramental Life; The Depth and Range of John Paul II's Teaching and Reflection. Contributors are Sandra Carroll, Austin Cooper OMI, Tim Costelloe SDB, Peter Cross, Matthew Del Nevo, Bruce Duncan CSsR, Robert Gascoigne, Gerald Glesson, Anne Hunt, Anthony Kelly CSsR, Richard Lennan, Neil Ormerod, Veronica Rosier OP, Tracey Rowland, and Richard Wade. Foreword by Peter W. Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University. Introduction by volume editor, Gascoigne. Notes on contributors; endnotes.

Mary MacKillop Unveiled: Australia's first saint; Lesley O'Brien; John Garratt Publishing; PB \$29.95 [9781920721626]; 279pp; 200x130mm; 2008

Reissue of a work of popular biography intended to present to a general readership, including non-Catholics, the story of Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop (1842-1909). Originally published in 1994 by HarperCollins Religious. The author, a young journalist, worked from primary sources and the official *positio* prepared for MacKillop's beatification. The book was commissioned by the Mary MacKillop Secretariat of the Sisters of St Joseph, the religious order MacKillop

founded. Foreword by Geraldine Doogue. Photos.

Mosaic: Favourite prayers and reflections from inspiring Australians; Rosalind Bradley (editor); ABC Books; PB \$35 [9780733320415]; 224pp; 235x150mm; 2008

Collection of over 150 favourite prayers and reflections from a broad range of Australians from a variety of backgrounds and faiths. Editor hopes that the collection will build bridges within Australia's multicultural and spiritually diverse society. Contributors range from prominent public figures to lesser-known individuals. For each contributor (presented on one or two pages), there is a heading giving the person's name; biographical notes; the text they have chosen; their reflections on their choice; and, where appropriate, brief notes on the source of the quoted text. Glossary; index of contributors; index of sources. Further details are available at <http://www.mosaicbook.com.au>. Born and raised in the UK, the editor has lived in Australia for the last 23 years, and has worked in public relations and marketing for several charities including the Fred Hollows Foundation. She has an eclectic spiritual background, and was received into the Catholic Church in 2002. She is working on sequel, *Global Mosaic*, which will have international contributors.

The Resurrection Effect: Transforming Christian life and thought; Anthony Kelly; Orbis, USA, dist. by Rainbow Book Agencies; PB \$39.95 [9781570757709]; 221pp; 235x150mm; 2008

Theological exploration the resurrection of the crucified Jesus considered as the focal point affecting all Christian faith and theology. Book opens by arguing that the significance of the resurrection has been neglected in contemporary theology, and proposes a phenomenological approach to the resurrection. The New Testament is considered as arising from the resurrection, and the event itself is examined from multi-dimension aspects (paschal, paternal, filial, effusive, sacramental, and eschatological). The effect of the resurrection event on St Paul is examined, as well as the Holy Spirit as the principal manifestation of the resurrection effect. The 'salvific objectivity' of the event is considered, as well as the correlative 'salvific subjectivity' manifested in the original disciples. Three specific issues related to the resurrection are also discussed: its relationship to the Trinity; its absence from moral theology and Christian ethics; its significance for the Church's mission. Endnotes; select bibliography; subject and name index. Author is an Australian Redemptorist priest, Professor of Theology at Australian

Catholic University, and was appointed to the International Theological Commission by Pope John Paul II in 2004. His numerous books include *Experiencing God in the Gospel of John* (with Francis J. Moloney, 2004) and *Eschatology and Hope* (2006).

Ted Kennedy: Priest of Redfern; Edmund Campion; David Lovell Publishing, dist. by Rainbow Book Agencies; PB \$24.95 [9781863551298]; 202pp; 205x135mm; 2009

Biography of Edward 'Ted' Kennedy (1931-2005), a priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, best known for his 30-years ministry as parish priest of Redfern. He was renowned for his commitment to social justice, and especially for his involvement with the Aboriginal community. Kennedy was often critical of the Church hierarchy, and published *Who Is Worthy? The role of conscience is restoring hope to the Church* (2000). Author incorporates accounts of Kennedy's co-workers in Redfern, notably the Aboriginal elder 'Mum Shirl' (Shirley Smith). He was awarded an OA for his service to the Aboriginal community in 2001. Author is a well-known priest who taught at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and ministered at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Previous works include *Rockchoppers* (1982) and *Australian Catholics* (1987).

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