

**NEW RELIGIOUS BOOKS BY AUSTRALASIAN AUTHORS**  
**KEVIN MARK**

**Ageing and Spirituality across Faiths and Cultures; Elizabeth MacKinlay (editor); Jessica Kingsley Publishers, UK/USA, dist. by Footprint Books; PB \$39.95 [9781849050067]; 272pp; 230x150mm; 2010**

Collection of essays that examine ageing in the context of the many faiths and cultures that make up Western society. Also provides carers with the knowledge required to deliver sensitive and appropriate care to people of all faiths. Chapters are written by members of the world's major faith groups about the beliefs and practices of their older people. Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist perspectives are covered, as well as those of ageing veterans and ageing religious sisters. Issues of appropriate care are also addressed, and the book includes recommendations for policy and practice. Is intended for academics, policy makers and practitioners in health and social care, aged care workers, pastoral carers, chaplains and religious professionals, in hospital, residential and other care settings. Contributors are all based in Australia. Chapter notes; notes on contributors; references; subject index; author index. Author is both a registered nurse and an Anglican priest. She is Director of the Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies at St Mark's National Theological Centre,

Canberra, and a Professor in the School of Theology, Charles Sturt University. She was Chair of the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing in 2008 and the ACT Senior Australian of the Year for 2009. Previous books include *The Spiritual Dimension of Ageing* (2001) and *Spiritual Growth and Care in the Fourth Age of Life* (2006).

**The Black Dress: Mary MacKillop: A novel; Pamela Freeman; Black Dog Books, www.bdb.com.au; PB \$19.99 [9781742031637]; 272pp; 205x140mm; 2010**

Reissue of a novel, first published 2005, as *The Black Dress: Mary MacKillop's early years*. Written for teenage and young adult readers and based on the early life of Blessed Mary MacKillop (1842-1909), founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. Story is told as the recollections of MacKillop at the end of her life as she faces death. She recounts the trials of growing up in a poor family and her developing sense of religious vocation. This edition includes a new epilogue that includes reference to MacKillop's 2010 canonisation. Teacher notes are available from the publisher's website. Book was awarded the Young People's History Prize, 2006 NSW Premier's History Awards, and named a Notable Book in the 2006 Children's Book Council of Australia Awards. Sydney-based author

is an experienced writer for children and young adults.

**First Steps in Religious Education; Brendan Hyde & Richard Rymarz; Connor Court; PB \$29.95 [9781921421044]; 131pp; 210x150mm; 2008**

Handbook designed to assist those preparing to teach Catholic religious education in early years' classrooms. Topics include the nature and purpose of religious education in Catholic schools; the human, religious and spiritual development of young children; Godly play as a way of religious education; dealing with difficult issues; personal and liturgical prayer with early years' students. Activities and questions appear at various points in the text, and further questions and activities are included at the end of each chapter. Tables; chapter references. Hyde is a member of the School of Religious Education, Australian Catholic University, and was an experienced primary religious educator and a Curriculum Adviser with the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne. Rymarz has been appointed to the Peter and Doris Kule Chair of Religious Education at St Joseph's College, University of Alberta, Canada. Both authors contributed to the *To Know, Worship and Love* textbook series for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

**Hell on the Way to Heaven; Chrissie Foster & Paul**

**Kennedy; Random House; PB \$34.95 [9781741669527]; eBook \$34.95 [9781742741024]; 383pp; 235x150mm; 2010**

Autobiographical account of a mother's experiences of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. Two of Chrissie and Anthony Foster's daughters were abused by Fr Kevin O'Donnell in the Catholic parish of Oakleigh, in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. O'Donnell was jailed at age 78 in 1995. The book presents a damning account of the parents' dealing with the Catholic hierarchy, culminating in their failed attempts to meet with Pope Benedict XVI during his World Youth Day visit in 2008. Colour photographs. Co-author Kennedy is an ABC television presenter and senior print journalist.

**Identity and Mission in Catholic Agencies; Neil Ormerod (editor); St Pauls; PB \$24.95 [9781921032813]; 126pp; 215x140mm; 2008**

Collection of presentations originally given at the Mission and Identity Conference held in Melbourne in 2007. They contribute to the ongoing discussion about issues and problems regarding mission and identity confronting Catholic agencies, in areas such as health, education and social services. Topics include Catholic identity and mission; common challenges for agencies; sustaining mission focus in a transition period; and succession planning and generational change. Contributors include Chantelle

Ogilvie, Neil Ormerod, Bishop Michael Putney, Frank Quinlan, David Ranson, Mark Raper SJ and Ray Reid. Foreword by Philip Wilson, Archbishop of Adelaide; introduction by editor; notes on contributors; footnotes; references and further reading. Editor is Professor of Theology at Australian Catholic University and Director of the Institute for Theology, Philosophy and Religious Education. Previous publications include *Creation, Grace, and Redemption* (2007).

**Jesus: A portrait; Gerald O'Collins SJ; Darton, Longman and Todd, UK, dist. by Rainbow Book Agencies; PB \$36.95 [9780232527193]; 262pp; 215x135mm; 2008**

Drawing on a lifetime of scholarship and devotion, the author aims to present a non-sensationalist portrait of Jesus, based on the biblical texts. The preface sets out the preconditions of the study, examining the gospels as sources and the process of their development. The opening chapter draws on Augustine's notion of the Beauty of Jesus to provide a framework for the following chapters. Aspects of Jesus considered include Jesus as healer, story-teller, teacher, the suffering servant, the Lord of glory, and abiding presence. Also presents Jesus as God's Kingdom in person, as both divine and human, his use of parables, and the significance of miracles. Endnotes; select bibliography; index of names. Author

is an Australian-born Jesuit priest and former Professor of Systematic and Fundamental Theology at the Gregorian University, Rome. At time of publication he was Research Professor at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, England. This is his fiftieth book. Previous books include *The Bible for Theology* (1993) and *The Tripersonal God* (2004).

**Mary MacKillop: Made in Australia; Daniel Lyne CP; St Paul Publications; PB \$14.95 [9781921472596]; 96pp; 185x125mm; 2010**

Reissue of an introductory presentation of the spirituality of Mary MacKillop (1842-1909), first published 1994. Focuses in particular on the 'Australianness' of MacKillop, and explores the key spiritual and theological themes that shaped her life. This 'canonisation edition' includes a new preface by Sheila McCreanor RSJ; photographs; and further reading lists. Author previously produced a major study, *Mary MacKillop: Spirituality and Charisms* (1983).

**The Paschal Paradox: A meditation on the contemporary challenge of priestly life; David Ransom; St Paul Publications; PB \$17.95 [9781921472237]; 109pp; 215x140mm; 2009**

Series of meditations on the experience of contemporary priestly ministry, both its delight and its challenges. The reflections are based in what the author terms the paschal paradox: that new life requires entering into the experience of death.

Topics include: *The Risk of Letting Go*; *Finding New Life*; *Rising Anew with the Priestly Heart*; and *The Priest a Spiritual Leader*. Book has its origin in material presented by the author at the New Zealand National Assembly of Diocesan Priests in 2008. Footnotes. A former Cistercian, the author is a priest of the Diocese of Broken Bay and a senior lecturer at the Sydney College of Divinity, where he teaches spirituality at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Previous books are *Across the Great Divide: Bridging spirituality and religion today* (2002) and *Living in the Holy Spirit: Elements of Catholic spirituality* (2008).

**The Price of Freedom: Edmund Rice, educational leader; Denis McLaughlin; David Lovell Publishing; HB \$45 [9781863551205]; 480pp; 240x155mm; 2007**

Revisionist study of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice (1762-1844), founder of the Presentation Brothers and the Irish Christian Brothers. Focuses specifically on Rice's contribution as an educational leader, but also examines his earlier life, as a son, victualer, husband and father. Author critiques many long-held traditional interpretations. Foreword by Cardinal Edward Clancy. Map; list of key events in Rice's life; glossary; footnotes; appendices; bibliography; index. Author holds a doctorate from the University

of London and three degrees from the University of Queensland. He is an Associate Professor in the Research Centre for Creative and Authentic Leadership, Australian Catholic University.

**The Trinity: Insights from the mystics; Anne Hunt; ATF Theology dist. by John Garratt Publishing; PB \$37.95 [9781570756290]; 206pp; 230x155mm; 2010**

Author of three previous books on the Trinity, Hunt seeks to bridge the gaps between mystical experience and doctrinal theology by examining the experiences of eight mystics from the second millennium of Christianity to discover what they can contribute to understanding of the Trinity. The mystics considered are William of St. Thierry (ca. 1080-1148), Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), Bonaventure (ca. 1217-1274), Meister Eckhart (ca. 1260-1328), Julian of Norwich (1342/3-ca. 1416), Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), John of the Cross (1542-1591) and, Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906). Footnotes; references and further reading lists for each chapter; index of names. Author is Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at the Melbourne campus of Australian Catholic University, and a former Principal of Loreto Mandeville Hall, Melbourne. Previous books include *The Trinity and the Paschal Mystery* (1997), *What Are They Saying About*

*the Trinity?* (1998), and *The Trinity: Nexus of the mysteries of Christian faith* (2005).

**What Catholics Believe: A reference for parents, catechists, teachers and staff in Catholic schools; Gerard Hore; St Paul Publications; PB \$17.95 [9781921472572]; 96pp; 220x150mm; 2010**

Concise overview of the central beliefs, practices and history of the Catholic Church. Written for those working in Catholic schools who are unfamiliar with Catholicism, but also suitable for others, such as parents and catechists. The 12 chapters are: The Church; Jesus Christ; God; Church History: A very thin outline; Prayer; Revelation: Tradition and Scripture; Sacraments; Religious Life; Liturgy; Church Year; After Death; and Right and Wrong. Questions for reflection or discussion are included at end of each chapter. Also includes a collection of common traditional prayers; text of the Nicene Creed; glossary; index. Imprimatur of the Bishop of Townsville, Michael E. Putney. Author has worked as a teacher and principal in Queensland provincial Catholic primary schools for three decades and is now as an Education Consultant with the Townsville Catholic Education Office. He holds Masters' degrees in School Management (University of Central Queensland) and Theology (Australian Catholic University).

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