

# BOOKS

**Brendan Byrne S.J., *Life Abounding. A Reading of John's Gospel.* Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 2014. ISBN 978-0-9146-3574-2.**

This commentary on the Gospel of John completes Brendan Byrne's previous commentaries on the synoptic Gospels: *The Hospitality of God: A Reading of Luke's Gospel* (2000), *Lifting the Burden: Reading Matthew's Gospel in the Church Today* (2004), *A Costly Freedom: A Theological Reading of Mark's Gospel* (2008)—all published by Liturgical Press. His commentaries are accessible and valuable for teachers, students, preachers and people in the pews. In this volume the author opens up the riches of John's Gospel. Life is a participation in God's life that responds to the human thirst for life, for more abundant life, for eternal life.

**Mark A. O'Brien O.P., *Restoring the Right Relationship: The Bible on Divine Righteousness.* ATF Theology, Hindmarsh, S.A., 2014. ISBN 9781922239969.**

This book focuses on divine righteousness as the basis for all other notions of righteousness—the right order of the world, justice, steadfast love, loyalty, truth, fidelity, compassion, mercy, sin and disorder, chaos. 'Right world order is a key manifestation of righteousness that has its origins in and is dependent on divine righteousness—God's right relationship with creation' (p.265). The theme is explored in the Pentateuch, the Prophetic Books, the Psalter and the Book of Job.

**Neil Darragh, Ed., *But Is It Fair? Faith Communities and Social Justice.* Accent Publications, Auckland, New Zealand, 2014. ISBN 978-0-9922485-1-2.**

People in various faith communities tell the stories of faith communities that promote greater fairness in New Zealand. They relate their efforts to overcome inequalities in soci-

ety—environmental issues, poverty, unemployment, inadequate housing, effects of migration, imprisonment, racism and sexism.

They ask the questions: How can they face the challenge of supporting people in need? What is fair, and where to start? This book gives encouragement and ideas for action in the struggle to reduce inequality in society. It provides a resource to educate and encourage Christians in the 21st century.

**Edmund Campion, *Australian Catholic Lives.* David Lovell Publishing, Melbourne, Australia, 2014. ISBN 978 1 86355 145 8. rrp \$24.95.**

Edmund Campion tells the stories of people from Australia's Catholic history—approximately seventy men and women, priests, religious and laypeople, recent and from the past. This collection has been compiled over a period of forty years. The book is a history told in stories that present a colourful and vigorous picture of Australian Catholic Church life.

Edmund Campion has been a priest for sixty-two years. He taught history at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and was chair of the Literature Board of the Australian Council.

**Wayne Tinsey, *Touch Stones. Stories, Thoughts and Reflections on Catholic Education and the Christian Vision.* David Lovell Publishing, Melbourne, Australia, 2014. ISBN 9781863551519.**

This book is a collection of reflections, speeches and stories of personal experiences in Catholic education over a period of more than thirty-five years. The author reflects on the vocation of a teacher and provides inspirational messages for young students. He provides a valuable resource for educators, parents and students. Wayne Tinsey is Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia.

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