

NEW RELIGIOUS BOOKS BY AUSTRALASIAN AUTHORS
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Acting on Conscience: How can we responsibly mix law, religion and politics?; Frank Brennan; University of Queensland Press; PB \$23.95 [9780702236747]; 275pp; 200x130mm; 2007

Study by a Jesuit priest and human-rights lawyer of whether there is a place for personal beliefs in public life, and of the complexities of the interaction of law, politics and religion in Australia. Author critically examines examples from Australia and the United States (as an alternative example of a western, democratic nation). Topics include the war in Iraq; late-term abortion; politics and the judiciary; and same-sex marriage and parenting. Author argues for the primacy of the individual's conscience as the basis for engagement in a pluralist democracy. Reissue in smaller paperback format of a work first published earlier in 2007. Endnotes; index. Author is Professor of Law at the Australian Catholic University, Professor of Human Rights and Social Justice at the University of Notre Dame, Australia, and former Director of the Uniya Jesuit Social Justice Centre, Sydney. Previous books include *One Land, One Nation* (1995) and *Tampering with Asylum* (2004).

Beds and Blessings in Italy: A guide to religious hospitality; Federica Polegri (trans-

lator); St Pauls; PB \$29.95 [9781921032059]; 424pp; 230x120mm; 2010

Guide to monasteries, convents and religious houses in Italy that offer accommodation to pilgrims, tourists and student groups. First English-language adaptation of the annual Italian guide produced by the *Centro Italiano Sociale Turismo*. The 1400 entries are grouped according to the 20 regions of Italy, and each entry provides address, phone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, and a brief description. Most also record the management or affiliation, activities available, what guests are accepted, details of the accommodation, other features, and tariff details. Symbols indicate whether, for example, the location caters for spiritual activities; conferences and seminars; and has facilities for the elderly and people with disabilities. Colour photos of most venues; colour map of Italy; locality index.

Caritas in Veritate: Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth: An encyclical letter; Benedict XVI; Peter Byrne (reader); St Pauls; Audio 4-CDs \$32.95 [9781921472381]; Audio 4-CDs + PB \$39.95 [9781921472398]; 2009

Unabridged reading of *Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth, 2009)*, the third

encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI. Read by Peter Byrne, a freelance Catholic broadcaster in Melbourne, who also recorded an unabridged edition of the Pontiff's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love, 2005)*. Presented on a set of four CDs. Each section of the text begins on a new audio track, allowing ease of access. Also available in a pack that includes a printed edition of the encyclical. The printed edition is also available separately (ISBN 9781921472336, \$9.95).

Does God Live in the Suburbs? What ordinary people believe; Myer Bloom; Indra Publishing, dist. by Australian Book Group; PB \$34.95 [9781920787165]; 360pp; 210x140mm; 2007

Presentation of religions and other spiritual beliefs in Australia by means of interviews with their adherents. Author interviewed a practising member of each religious group (they are generally 'laypersons', rather than experts, introduced to the author by officials of the groups). Each group has a chapter in which the individual explains her or his religious beliefs and practices, reflecting on how these effect their daily lives, and speak of how they perceive Australian society and their place in it. 23 groups are represented, including all major Christian churches. The

Catholic interviewee is a lay-woman who has been a primary school teacher for over 20 years. Also includes a separate chapter with Vicki Walker about Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (the only Aboriginal contribution). Notes; index. Author lives in Melbourne, and researches in the sociology of religion.

Good Night and God Bless: A guide to convent and monastery accommodation in Europe: Volume Two: France, United Kingdom, Ireland; Trish Clark; Paulist Press (HiddenSpring), USA, www.goodnightandgodbless.com, dist. by Rainbow Book Agencies; PB \$32.95 [9781587680571]; 360pp; 210x135mm; 2010

Guide for tourists, travellers and pilgrims wishing to make use of accommodation options in convents, monasteries and abbeys in Europe. This second volume of a planned trilogy focuses on France, United Kingdom, and Ireland. Provides details both of places available simply for accommodation and those that offer spiritual retreats. Detailed information is provided on the principal recommended sites, including places of interest and food and drink suggestions. Also includes pilgrimage suggestions. Basic details are also provided on other religious accommodation options. Some colour photos; maps; index. The first volume (published 2008) covered Austria, the Czech Republic,

and Italy. Third volume will cover Germany, Spain and Eastern Europe. Queensland-based author is the owner of a travel marketing business. Part of the proceeds of the sale of the book go to the Mary MacKillop Foundation.

The Grand Experiment: Two boys, two cultures; Anouk Ride; Hachette Australia; PB \$25 [9780734409201]; 236pp; 210x135mm; 2007

In 1848, Spanish missionary Fr Salvado Rosendo, founder of New Norcia Monastery in Western Australia, decided to prove that Aboriginal people could be educated and 'civilised' by taking two local Nyungar boys to be schooled in Europe. This account covers the journey, during a time of turbulent history, of Salvado, Conaci (aged seven) and Dirimera (aged ten) by sea via South Africa, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and France, before the boys finally entered a monastery in Naples. Also covers the aftermath of Salvado's 'grand experiment' and woven into the story is the author's account of how she researched it. Photos; guide to further information; endnotes; bibliography. Melbourne author has worked as a journalist and editor, contributing to magazines, including *New Internationalist*.

Julian Tenison Woods: A life; Mother Mary of the Cross MacKillop; Margaret Press RSJ (editor); St Pauls; PB \$29.95 [9781921472442];

262pp; 220x150mm; 2010
Biography of Fr Woods (1832-89), best known as the controversial co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. Written by the other co-founder, Mary MacKillop (1842-1909, beatified 1995), it was completed in 1903 but permission to publish was withheld by Cardinal Moran. It was first published in book form in 1997, with the editor contributing an introduction as well as marginal comments throughout MacKillop's text, providing additional information on the people and events mentioned and noting differences in the various typescripts. This edition has been released to coincide with MacKillop's canonisation in 2010, and includes a revised introduction by the editor. Foreword by Cardinal Clancy to 1997 edition; chronology; further reading list; copy of Moran's 1903 letter. Editor is the author of the biography *Julian Tenison Woods* (1979, 1994) and a Josephite sister whose other publications include a two-volume history of South Australian Catholics, *From Our Broken Soil* (1986) and *Colour and Shadow* (1991).

Mary MacKillop: A spiritual model for all; E. J. Cuskelly MSC; St Pauls; PB \$4.95 [9781921472626]; 48pp; 150x105mm; 2010
Essay presenting Mary MacKillop (1842-1909) as a spiritual model for all: She lived in God's presence,

brought the Good News to the poor, walked the way of God's will, went the way of the cross, walked the way of love and forgiveness, and loved her enemies. Originally published as the final chapter in the author's *Walking the Way of Jesus* (1999). Includes brief biography of MacKillop; photo; endnotes; guide to further reading. Author (1924-1999) was a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, former professor at Sacred Heart Theological College, Croydon, Victoria, and St Paul's National Seminary, Kensington, NSW, Superior General of his order, and an auxiliary bishop of the Brisbane Archdiocese. Other works include *The Kindness of God* (1965) and *No Cowards in the Kingdom* (1969).

Mary MacKillop on Mission: To her last breath; Sheila McCreanor RSJ (editor); Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, PO Box 1508, North Sydney 2059, www.sosj.org.au; PB \$37.95 [9780646522890]; 421pp; 225x155mm; 2009

Third collection of correspondence from and to Mary MacKillop (1842-1909). This volume covers the last 20 years of her life, with a particular focus on the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Aotearoa New Zealand, and covering MacKillop's final years after her stroke in 1902. The other published volumes of correspondence are *Mary and Flora: Correspondence be-*

tween Mary MacKillop and her mother (2004) and *Mary MacKillop in Challenging Times: 1883-1899* (2006); all are arranged and edited by Sheila McCreanor. Foreword by Katrina Brill, Congregational Leader, Sisters of St Joseph, 2002-2008. Photos; editor's footnotes; references and further reading. Author is a Josephite sister. Previous books include *Sainthood in Australia: Mary MacKillop and the print media* (2001).

Poems to the Creator; Shelagh Goonewardene; Devinda Theo Goonewardene (photographer); Typeforce, 40 McCubbin St, Burwood 3125; PB \$15 [9780980549102]; 100pp; 175x150mm; 2008

Collection of original poems written by the author between December 2006 and April 2008, when she was undergoing treatment for, and recovering from, cancer. The 36 poems are grouped into three sections: Love & Friendship; Reflection & Celebration; Worship and Praise. Book was named 'My Book of Christian Significance for 2008' by Fr Gerard Dowling OAM. Colour photographs by the author's son are included throughout. Foreword by Marie Berise Nash SM; introduction by author. Author was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 1935, emigrated to Australia in 1986, and worked as an actor for 40 years.

Test Everything: Hold fast to what is good; Cardinal

George Pell; Tess Livingstone (editor); Connor Court, www.connorcourt.com; HB (signed) \$49.95 [9781921421389]; PB \$34.95 [9781921421372]; 382pp; 210x150mm; 2010

Collection of 80 texts by Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney; primarily homilies but also talks and pastoral letters, ranging from 1984 to 2009 and delivered in venues overseas as well as Australian. The texts are arranged in eight sections: Test Everything; Forerunners; The One True God; Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer; The Body of Christ; Jesus' Call to Follow; St Paul, Missionary Trailblazer; Hold Fast to What is Good. Each section begins with an illustration by Brett Lethbridge, and each text ends with a note of the date, occasion and location when it was first presented. Simultaneously released in paperback and limited edition hardcover editions (the later signed by the author). Foreword by James Francis Cardinal Stafford; introductory note by editor; 12 colour photos; index. Editor previous wrote the biography *George Pell* (2002) and edited an earlier collection of Cardinal Pell's texts, *Be Not Afraid* (2004). She is a senior journalist and leader writer for *The Australian* and *The Weekend Australian*.

Why the Rites of Reconciliation Matter; Gerard Moore; St Pauls; PB \$14.95

[9781921032875]; 78pp; 215x140mm; 2008

Presentation for the general reader of the Catholic approach to forgiveness and reconciliation. The first four chapters provide a historical study from biblical times until the present day. Chapters 5 and 6 are an overview of the current rites and devotions, especially the Rite of Penance. Concluding chapter reflects on Christian wisdom regarding reconciliation and the contribution this can make to the wider community. Glossary; guide to further reading. Author is Director of Research for the Sydney College of Divinity, and has a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University of America, Washington DC. Other publications include *Eucharist and Justice* (2000) and *Why the Mass Matters: A guide to praying the Mass* (2004).

With Grateful Hearts! Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph in Queensland, 1870-1970; Margaret M. McKenna RSJ; Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, PO Box 1508, North Sydney 2059, www.sosj.org.au; PB \$35 [9780646529455]; 378pp; 200x145mm; 2010

Detailed history of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Queensland from

1870 to 1970. Documents the contribution Mary MacKillop and the sisters of her congregation made to Catholic education in Queensland. Includes an account of the struggle between MacKillop and Queensland's first bishop, James Quinn, which culminated in the Josephites being asked to leave the State in 1879. Also describes the fractioning of Mary's relationship with her friend and co-founder of the congregation, Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Foreword by Sr Anne Derwin, Congregational Leader, Sisters of St Joseph. Photos; footnotes; bibliography; appendices; index. Author is a Josephite sister.

Women in Purple: Women bishops in the Australia; Muriel Porter; John Garratt Publishing; PB \$24.95 [9781920721688]; 62pp; 235x155mm; 2008

Volume 1, Number 2 in the *Voices: Quarterly Essays in Religion in Australia* series. Account of the struggle for women to be ordained in the Anglican Church in Australia, culminating in the ordination of two women as bishops in 2008. Endnotes. Author is a Melbourne writer and Anglican laywoman who has been a leader in the movement for women's ordination in the

Anglican Church. Previous publications include *Women in the Church: The great ordination debate in Australia* (1989) and *The New Puritans: The rise of fundamentalism in the Anglican Church* (2006).

The Women in the Catholic Church in Australia: Reflections on Woman and Man ten years on; Kimberly Davis; others; Australian Catholic Social Justice Council; PB \$6.60 [9781864203349]; 47pp; 215x140mm; 2010

Number 67 in the *Catholic Social Justice* series. In 1999, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference published a report on the results of a research project into the place of women in the life of the Catholic Church in Australia: *Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus*. This collection of eight brief essays consider what has been achieved in the ten years since the report's publication, and highlight what is yet to be achieved. Contributors are Sandie Cornish, Kimberly Davis, Beth Doherty, Kari Hatherell, Geraldine Hawkes, Helen Mary Peters RSM, Therese Vassarotti, Sonia Wagner SGS, and Tricia Walsh. Foreword by ACSJC chairman, Christopher Saunders, Bishop of Broome. Endnotes; notes on contributors.

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