

## Summer Books

### Vatican II – A Pastoral Council Hermeneutics of Council Teaching

Serafino M Lanzetta

What is the meaning of the expression 'pastoral' applied to the Second Vatican Council? This seems a most difficult question to answer. Vatican II was a pastoral council, presenting teachings in a new, enriched manner, in a style which was not assertive or censorious, but descriptive and narrative. It also inaugurated a new way of being Council, although care must be taken to ensure that an over-enthusiastic welcome of the Council as 'event' does not obscure the rich conciliar texts and constant teaching of the Church.

This book aims to clarify and indicate a possible hermeneutical principle, leading towards a more faithful reception of the Second Vatican Council. Hopefully this historical and theological research, involving numerous archive documents, might nourish a vision of Vatican II as a way which will foster unity within the Church.

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560 pages

£25

### Ignatian Formation

Janos Lukás SJ

#### The Inspiration of the Constitutions

Preparation for apostolic life appears in the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus as an engaging and demanding experience. It is driven by the desire to attach oneself to Christ who is active in our world today.

St Ignatius of Loyola in the 16th century provided a refreshingly original vision of religious formation. He conceived vocation as 'a pathway to God', a dynamic of spiritual and human growth that unfolds in an ever deepening relationship with God. How can the originality of the powerful Ignatian vision become effective today? The distance between reading a medieval text and facing contemporary challenges in religious formation can be daunting.

This book is for those who are passionate about the viability of religious life in a contemporary world.

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### The Spirit of Solesmes

Sr Mary David Totah OSB

The Abbey of Solesmes in Western France is famous above all for its plainchant and the contribution it has made to liturgical renewal extending its influence far beyond the monastery walls. It has always been at the forefront of spiritual renewal in the 19th and 20th centuries and into the current millennium. This book presents a selection of the writings – from letters, conferences, retreats and published works – of the three major figures at the centre of this liturgical and spiritual renewal. Prosper Guéranger 1805-1875, Cécile Bruyère 1845-1909 and Paul Delatte 1848-1937.

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### God's Wild Flowers

Pia Matthews

#### Saints with Disabilities

This important work deals with a particularly rich harvest, saints with disabilities, God's wild flowers. The lives of these saints demonstrates in action Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's vision that there is rich variety in God's living garden where wild flowers, violets and lilies take their place alongside roses. People with disabilities are frequently on the margins and some find it hard to find their place in a Church that is often seen as emphasising perfection.

The book brings together theological reflections on disability with the stories of 141 saints and blessed with disabilities or long term conditions ranging from physical disability and cancer to mental frailty, depression and learning difficulties. Given the number of people who live with chronic illness or have disabilities, it should come as no surprise that many are counted among the saints. This book challenges those who think that the road to sainthood is to do with human perfection whether it be physical, mental or cognitive, rather than being the person that God wants each one of us to be, whatever the situation or condition.

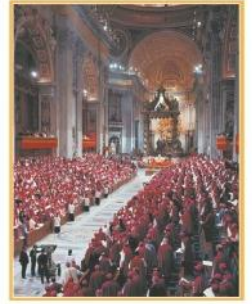
**This is a book to enrich us all, whether living with disability or without.**

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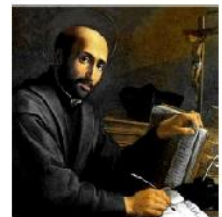
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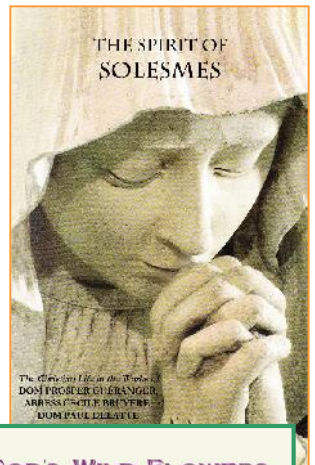
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## A Road to Rome

Ivan Oliver

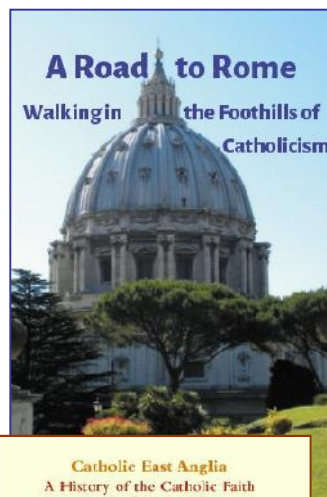
### Walking in the Foothills of Catholicism

Why, in a world often thought to be 'post-Christian', would anyone seek to convert to Catholicism? Why would they stand up on the day of their reception into the Church and declare publicly that 'I believe and profess all that the Holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God'? There are many answers to both these questions, all of which must necessarily contain important aspects of an individual's own unique situation. Ivan Oliver seeks to locate the journey he and his wife Anne undertook together in the context of their conversion from Anglicanism, the searing experience of his terminal illness and the encounter with Catholic worship, thought and action.

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## Catholic East Anglia

Edited by Francis

### Young

A History of the Catholic Faith in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

*Catholic East Anglia* celebrates the fortieth anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of East Anglia out of the Diocese of Northampton in 1976, which gave East Anglian Catholics, for the first time since the Reformation, their own bishop.

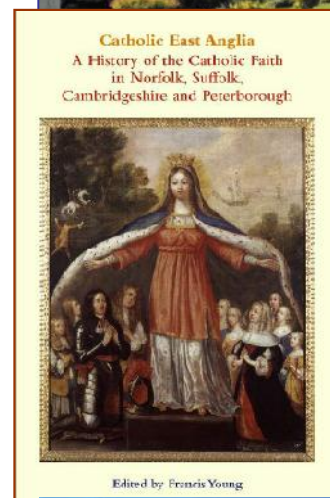
However, this book also celebrates over 450 years of the continuous survival of the Catholic faith in East Anglia, after Catholicism was outlawed by Queen Elizabeth in 1559. Without the witness of the men and women who cherished the Catholic faith during centuries of persecution, discrimination and marginalisation, the present Diocese of East Anglia could never have come into being.

This book tells the story of the Catholics of East Anglia since the Reformation. Some of them have been much studied, others not at all, but their collective story has never before been the subject of a dedicated volume.

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## The God of the Gulag

Jonathan Luxmoore

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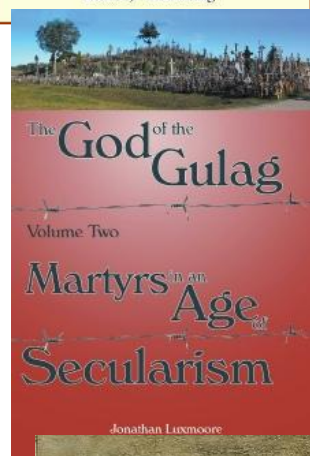
*Christian faith during the communist period should not be forgotten*

*The God of the Gulag will help to keep alive the memory of such unsung heroes.'*

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## George MacKay Brown

Alison Gray

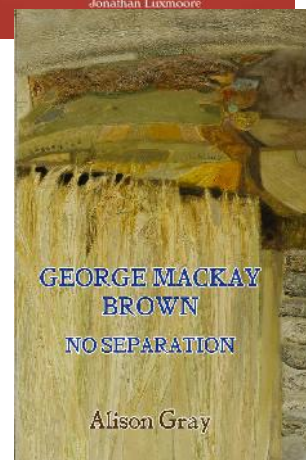
George Mackay Brown, the poet, novelist and dramatist, is seen by some as not just Orkney's, but Britain's best twentieth-century poet - widely praised by Ted Hughes, Seamus Heaney and fellow Orcadian mentor Edwin Muir. Many of his works are concerned with protecting Orkney's cultural heritage from the relentless march of progress and the loss of myth and archaic ritual in the modern world, a concern further influenced by his conversion to Catholicism.

Alison Gray has written *No Separation*, first and foremost as a faith story, opening up the Catholicism of George Mackay Brown that hitherto has remained quiet, unexplored and not greatly understood.

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