

# A Year of Miracles

REFLECTIONS FOR A FAITH-FILLED YEAR

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# Introduction

We can spend a lifetime waiting to witness that one miracle that will change our lives, but the truth is that we are surrounded by miracles every day. Consider the first green leaf bud after a long winter, the warmth of a friend's embrace, or the unexpectedness of a stranger's kindness.

Inside *A Year of Miracles* you will find a collection of fourteen voices that explore what it means to be Catholic today. Each month is dedicated to a particular theme, ranging from synodality to social justice; from Lent and Easter to rediscovering the miracle of Christmas – and much more in between. You'll also find some further reading suggestions featuring these authors, and a handy list of Feast Days and Significant Days for Australia.

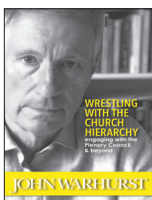
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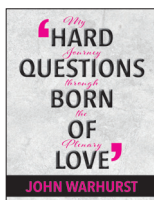
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JOHN WARHURST

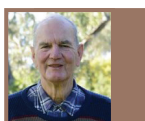
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*Wrestling with the Church Hierarchy*



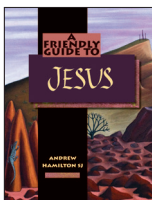
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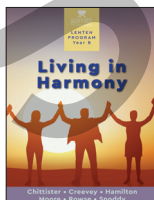
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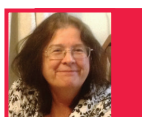
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*A Friendly Guide to Jesus*



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MARCH

JULIETTE HUGHES

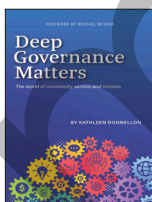
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*Deep Governance Matters*



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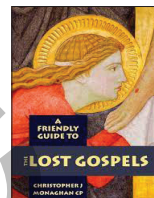
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*See With the Eyes of the Heart*



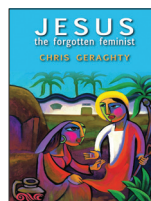
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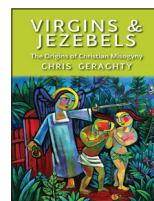
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*Jesus the Forgotten Feminist*



*Virgins & Jezebels*

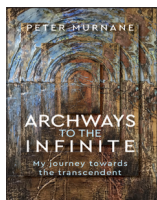




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*Archways to the Infinite*

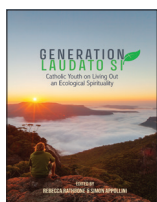


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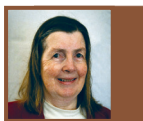
For further reading on Eco-spirituality, check out *Ecological Spirituality* by Trish Hindmarsh – available from Garratt Publishing.



*Generation Laudato Si'*



*Ecological Spirituality*



## OCTOBER

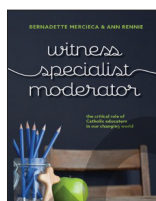
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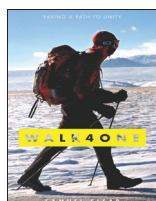
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*WALK4ONE*



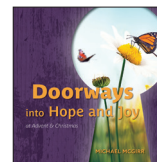
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*This Cup We Bless*



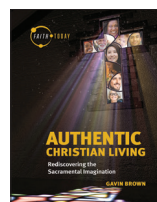
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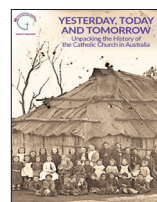
## DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS

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*Authentic Christian Living*



*Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*



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