



Parish of the Nativity of the Lord

Book+Circle – May 2023

Reasons to believe – Scott Hahn

About the Book

Is belief in God a delusion? Is faith blind, or is there a reasonable case for Christianity? Reasons to Believe unravels mysteries, corrects misunderstandings, and offers thoughtful, straightforward responses to common objections about Catholicism. It is the ideal book both for Christians who want to grow stronger in their faith and to share it with others, and for enquiries in search of a belief that satisfies both the mind and the heart.

How did the book make us feel?

This book was very reassuring. It reaffirms many of the beliefs we have, and we felt inspired. We agreed that there were good points made.

It was also quite a challenging book to work through because it had so many detailed references. We felt we needed more time to think about each of the 'gems' in each chapter. Scott Hahn is a very learned man and able to apply his knowledge to evidence 'the Reasons to Believe'. This book is thought provoking.

What did we think were the book's main strengths?

It is well laid out and helpful to read it in smaller 'chunks'. The book is in 3 sections, and each section has the answers to the book's title Reasons to Believe.

The examples given throughout are very useful and insightful, the example given of St Thomas Aquinas was very relevant.

What did we think were the book's main weaknesses?

For a non-academic reader this book has so much detail it is hard to recall all the very valuable references

Not a quick read, needs plenty of time to digest the detail.

Would we recommend that this book is read by others?

This is a book that we would recommend to committed Catholics who are keen to deepen their faith. And we thought it would be interesting for others who want to understand more about what Catholics believe in

The July book: *How to defend the Faith without raising your voice - Austen Ivereigh (helped to write Pope Francis "Let Us Dream") –*

The August book: *Small Miracles" by Anne Booth – (a novel – paperback out June 2023)*

Meeting: NOTE: **Thursday 13 July 2023 @ 20.00 St Joseph's Meeting room**