

NOTICES

OF HIS FULLNESS, one of Fr Gerald Vann's most helpful books both for laity and for religious, has been republished by Burns and Oates for 8s. 6d. The volume consists of twenty-four conferences of a retreat for religious, but adapted also for the help and instruction of the layman. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are related to their corresponding virtues and set in contrast with their opposing vices, making a very valuable handbook of the spiritual life.

LEWIS OF GRENADA, writes his long-awaited exponent Père R.-L. Oechslin, O.P., was a man of generous temper whose ardour was all held within the interior life; he preached the interior life and taught the ordinary Christian how to pray, a type of Spanish Francis de Sales, the precursor of that humanist and saint who wrote the 'Introduction to the Devout Life'. The author of this book, after a brief biographical sketch, takes the reader through Lewis's teaching on prayer and spirituality—a service to Lewis of Grenada comparable with that of Père Philipon's to Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity. (*Louis de Grenade ou Rencontre avec Dieu*; Raphael-Louis Oechslin, O.P. Le Rameau, 5 rue Rousselet, Paris; n.p.).

A BENEDICTINE, Dom Flicoteaux, introduces us to the central teaching about the Holy Spirit through the words and actions of the liturgy in *Le Rayonnement de la Pentecôte* (Editions du Cerf; Blackfriars). He leads us to the feast by way of the Ascension and the intervening days of expectation of the coming of the Paraclete, and so through the central feast to the following week's special liturgy. Surely this is the best way of learning to understand the fulness of the Church's teaching.

ST ANTHONY of Padua's Sermons have been subjected to the gruelling experience of being expounded as a thesis for a doctorate in theology by Fr Juniper M. Cummings, O.F.M. Such works make tedious reading for the average Christian but this will no doubt provide an interesting source for someone who would do for St Anthony what Père Oechslin has done for Lewis of Grenada. (*The Christological Content of the 'Sermones' of St Anthony*: Bede's Book-Nook, Chaska, Minnesota; \$2.00.)

THE NUMBERED DAYS, by S. B. Jackman (S.C.M. Press; 9s. 6d.), is concerned with the present political situation in South Africa but approached from the religious point of view. This is indeed the most effective approach. Thus, for example, the author laments the taking of the race of the country out of its pattern of life and giving it no other pattern in exchange, 'except a poor imitation of the pattern we hold'. They had a virile and religious pattern and that has withered away under the influence of the materialist religions of the West.