



## Pastoral Development Bulletin

for the third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Word of God Sunday 23 January 2022

# SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



In [Aperuit Illis](#), Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is coming up on the **23rd January**.



The God who Speaks website offers fantastic [downloadable resources](#) to mark the Sunday of the word of God in your parish. They include an order for [the blessing of bibles at Mass](#), inviting parishioners to bring their bibles to be blessed, as well as a [commissioning of readers](#) (from the Diocese of Nottingham), whether they are new or are renewing their commitment at the service of the parish. They also include a selection of free posters (such as the one above) and a guide to the best Bible translations. Here is also a list of great [Bible Resolutions](#) for the New Year in case you are still searching for one.

If you are wondering how much of the scripture is in the Mass, check the [Bible phrases in the Mass](#) and use the Bible to help you [participate more actively in the Liturgy](#). Adding to this, you can make a family evening and watch [The Chosen](#) – which is a good way of reconnecting with Biblical characters. And if you wanted to do something more tangible at home, the Zimbabwe Catholics have prepared [a service for an enthronement of the Bible at home](#). (Covid-allowing, feel free to invite friends, or do it with your community if you do not live with a family).

Finally, those who would like to read [art reflections on Women in Scripture](#), use this link: [godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture](http://godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture).

# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022

[www.oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer](http://www.oikoumene.org/week-of-prayer)

*We saw the star in the East,  
and we came to worship him.*

(Mt 2:2)



## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25<sup>th</sup> January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

This year's theme is: 'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him' (Mt2:2), with materials prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches on behalf of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. We pray for greater unity among Christians in the Middle East and around the world that they may contribute to a more dignified, just and peaceful life for all men and women in our time and in the times to come.

### Downloads

Vatican Resources

[Vatican WPCU Resources – 2022](#)

Churches Together Resources

[WPCU 2022 – English pamphlet](#)

[WPCU 2022 – English \(accessible text\)](#)

[WPCU 2022 – Poster](#)

## LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS

The next LGBTQ+ Catholic Mass, with a social afterwards, is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 2.00pm at St Richards, Mayfield Street, Atherton, M46 0AQ.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Fr Maloney on 0151 287 8787 or email [frsmaloney@aol.com](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.com).

## RCIA News: Rite of Election

The Department, together with the RCIA Core Group, is hoping to organise the Rite of Election and Call to Continuous Conversion in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent (6<sup>th</sup> March). Please put the date into your diaries. More information will follow shortly.



## Marriage Preparation

*Options for engaged couples and ongoing support*

A reminder that the PD department no longer staff any marriage and family life coordinators and as a result, the way we offer the marriage preparation across the archdiocese has changed.

Any couples looking for marriage courses are asked to book directly and are given options which are accessible on the website: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriage-preparation-options](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriage-preparation-options).

Other support options are also listed including retreat opportunities, divorced Catholics, those struggling in relationships, those who are widowed and more.

## PD Department



### Website

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development)



### Calendar

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pd-resources](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pd-resources)



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