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'Sunday of the Word of God'
24th January 2021

'the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.' - Pope Francis 'Aperuit illis'.

- **'Aperiut Illis'** – Pope Francis on instituting the 'Sunday of the Word of God' http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html
- **Commissioning of Readers** – rite for use within Mass. https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/the-god-who-speaks/commissioning-of-readers/
- **Blessing of Bibles** – https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/the-god-who-speaks/blessing-of-bibles/

Additional ideas for activities, and resources see: *Agency for Evangelisation* webpage: **https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/the-god-who-speaks/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-24th-january-2021/**

'The God Who Speaks' - St Mark's Gospel

- To order your special ***'The God Who Speaks'*** edition of St Mark's Gospel see https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564053179/
- Dyslexia-friendly: https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564051175/
- **St Mark's Gospel Day-by-Day reading plan** - https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/about-the-bible/st-marks-gospel/st-marks-gospel-day-by-day/
- **Mark's Gospel re-told in British Sign Language** – The *Bible Society* in collaboration with ***Westminster Caritas Deaf Service*** has produced a series of 19 signed videos retelling key stories from St Mark's Gospel in British Sign Language: https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/about-the-bible/st-marks-gospel/marks-gospel-re-told-in-british-sign-language/
- **St Mark's Gospel Posters** - Download a free *'Fish with Mark'* poster to discover highlights of this Gospel in a creative and fun way. https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/about-the-bible/st-marks-gospel/st-marks-gospel-posters/

Further ideas and resources: **https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/**

'The Prophecy of the Gospel for the Life of All' - 22nd January 2021, 5pm - Conference Webinar in preparation for the *Sunday of the Word of God* from the Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF). Analysis and Reflection on the value of Scriptures for contemporary life. Follow the Conference online via CBF website: https://c-b-f.org/

'Alpha Online' - Free Online Introduction & Training Event – 23rd January 10am-1pm. To Register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUodO-qpzwrGNIovl1gbSLtu_Fs5MMxA634

'Journeying with the Bible' is a series of lectures given by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD & Sr Monica Cardona STL: *26th January 2021 – John, 9th Feb – Paul, 23rd Feb - Catholic Letters, 9th Mar – Apocalypse.* Register at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

'Year of St Joseph' - On the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as 'Patron of the Catholic Church' by Blessed Pius IX, Pope Francis has proclaimed 'A Year of St Joseph' from 8th December 2021 to 8th December 2021. https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/

'Saints & Blesseds of Catechesis' monthly online reflection: Mon 1st Feb 7.30-8.15pm. Register: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

CCRS for Catechists 2-year course for Catechists, from 1st February, Cost £400. Contact Margaret Hanley ccrs@rcdow.org.uk Bursaries are available , contact Anna Dupelycz annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk Applications to be in by 30th January.