

## Ideas to consider to mark Word of God Sunday in a special way

We're invited to never take God's Word for granted, but to let ourselves be nourished by it. Following are some ideas to consider for your parish or school.



Make the Sacred text a **solemn focus** for this Sunday. It is through the Holy Spirit who makes Sacred Scripture the Living Word of God.

The **homily** should help people understand Scripture through simple suitable language. There are many online resources to help with preparing homilies.

Every home should have a Bible which becomes part of our daily prayer life. Can your parish **provide Bibles** for people on request? Can your parish provide attractive **Bible resources** for children? Two places to buy Bibles and Scripture resources are Pleroma

<https://www.christiansupplies.co.nz/>

and the Bible Society

<https://biblesociety.org.nz/>



### The Big Little Bible

Free App for children taking the step from the Bible story book towards a full bible.

<https://biblesociety.org.nz/our-bible-projects/new-zealand-projects/big-little-bible/>





Use this Sunday, or one close to this, as an opportunity to celebrate or introduce the **volunteers who proclaim the Word** at Mass. Your parish leadership/liturgy team might use this Word of God Sunday as a time to commission readers and/or provide training for this important role.

**Lectio Divina** is a method of prayer which goes back to the early monastic tradition. We are encouraged to listen with our hearts to the scripture reading because it is the Word of God that we are hearing. Whether one prays individually or in a group, **Lectio Divina** is a flexible and easy way to pray. One first listens, notes what is given and responds in a way one is directed by the Holy Spirit.



It's easy to obtain **online Bibles**, New Testament books or the Book of the Gospels. There are free Apps such as <https://www.bible.com/> for your devices.

Invite people to an **ecumenical celebration** or sharing, using Scripture as the pathway to a more united Christian community.

### Explore websites

There are many wonderful websites dedicated to engaging with the Word every day. Here are some starters. Take the time to search these and others for more inspiration.



#### The Word

A new website from the NZ Bible Society.

<https://theword.nz/index.php/category/biblemission/>

Has videos and posts to inspire and be helpful as you seek God's purpose for your life.

Felix Just's comprehensive website is found here: <https://catholic-resources.org/> Just is an excellent Jesuit biblical scholar and has very helpful charts etc., on any biblical topic you can think of. **All Church documents** concerning Scripture are found here.

The **Society of Biblical Literature** (SBL) has a very comprehensive website: <http://www.bibleodyssey.com/> with a very helpful short tutorial to get you started: <http://www.bibleodyssey.com/tools/video-gallery/b/bible-odyssey-tutorial.aspx>

