

Scripture resources for parishes

WEBSITES

[Living Biblically](#)



Formation sessions
by Archbishop Mark Coleridge
- [Living Biblically in a Secular World](#)
(7 sessions)
- [Living Biblically – Mercy in the Scriptures](#)
(3 sessions)

Evangelisation Brisbane: [The Mind and Message of Mark](#)
by Fr Bill O'Shea (author of *At Home with God's People*).
Free download.

[Dr Felix Just SJ](#)



is currently the Director of Biblical Ministries at the Loyola Institute of Spirituality, Orange, CA, USA and has presented seminars and workshops across the US.

He generously maintains a large internationally-acclaimed website with a wide variety of biblical and liturgical materials: www.catholic-resources.org.

[Bishop NT Wright](#)



Bishop Wright has lectured in Australia a number of times and is regarded as one of the finest communicators on Scripture in the world. He is the retired Anglican bishop of Durham and Research Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at St Mary's College in the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

He has now developed online courses on *Simply Jesus*, *Paul*, *Acts*, *Romans*, *Galatians*, amongst others: <http://ntwrightonline.org>

Gospel of Mark – Dr Paula Gooder



In just under 60 minutes Dr Gooder provides invaluable insights in the author of the Gospel of Mark; his writing style, purpose and themes. Dr Gooder is currently Theologian in Residence for the

Bible Society in London. She is a gifted and illuminating teacher. Excellent background for Readers for the Year of Mark.

[Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

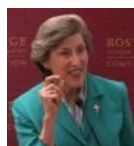
[Introduction to the Gospel of Luke](#)



[The Gospel According to Mark](#)
[What's Special about Matthew?](#)

Written by Elizabeth Harrington for her weekly column in *The Catholic Leader*, 'Liturgy Lines'.

Sr Barbara Reid OP



is currently Vice President and Academic Dean, Professor of New Testament Studies, Catholic Theological Union at Chicago, past President of the Catholic Biblical Association, USA (2014-2015) and

General Editor of the *Wisdom Commentary Series*, a new 58-volume feminist commentary on the Bible published by Liturgical Press
(www.wisdomcommentary.org)

Her Scripture presentations for *Now You Know* include: *The Gospel of Luke* (CD), *Women and the Bible* (CD) and *An Introduction to a Feminist Interpretation of the Bible* (DVD).

For her online video presentation, *Mary Magdalene and the Women Disciples in the Gospel of Luke*, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Continuing Education, 2017, [click here](#).

PAMPHLETS

Series from Liturgical Press by Jerome Kodell, OSB



[An Overview of the Bible](#);
[How The Bible Came To Be](#);
[Reading the Bible as God's Word](#)

Each pamphlet has eight panels and folds to DL size. US 40c each plus freight..

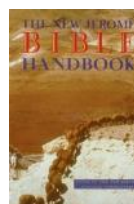
Series from Bayard and Twenty-Third Publications.



[Who Is Jesus](#)
[The Bible – A treasure trove waiting to be discovered](#)
8 pages, 8x10 cm., US 29c each in packs of 25 plus freight.

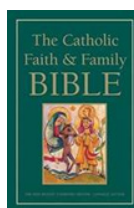
BOOKS

[The New Jerome Bible Handbook](#)



Raymond E. Brown, SS; Joseph A. Fitzmyer, SJ and Roland E. Murphy, O Carm; Editors. Liturgical Press.
Excellent introduction to the books of the Bible with maps and charts. 416 pages. No academic language or footnotes.

[The Catholic Faith and Family Bible](#)



New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition. Published by HarperCollins.

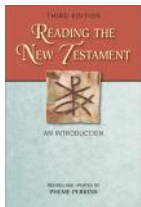
The text is brought to life through notes and articles such as: *Act On It*; *Make the Connection*; *Meet the People*; *Pray the Word*; *Take It to Heart*.

PrayerTime: Faith-Sharing Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, Cycle A, B and C



Small group resource based on the Sunday readings. Published by [Renew International](#). US\$16.95

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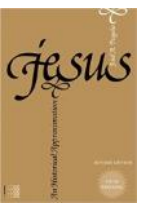
Do you live in a remote location making it difficult for you to purchase books. Paulist Press now provides a number of their excellent books in PDF format that can be downloaded to your computer, eg [Reading the New Testament](#) by Pheme Perkins.

Path Through Scripture. Rev Mark Link SJ.



This best-selling text is a complete overview of the Old and New Testaments. Teach the entire Bible with the thorough scholarship and personal applications that Mark Link is famous for providing.

Jesus - an Historical Approximation



Convivium Press, 555 pages. The author Fr José Antonio Pagola is committed to making some of the best archaeological, historical and cultural research and study accessible, interesting and engaging. He addresses basic questions about who Jesus was; how he understood his life; what was the originality of his message; and how the vision of the Kingdom of God centred his life.

The Friendly Guides series by Garratt Publishing is designed to provide easily accessible information on themes fundamental to understanding the Catholic faith. Some of Australia's foremost scholars and theologians accepted the invitation to write at an introductory level in their fields of expertise and have produced texts which are clear, concise and readable. The format is attractive and engaging.

[A Friendly Guide to the New Testament](#)



Rev Francis J. Moloney SDB. John Garratt Publishing. Explores who wrote the New Testament, how it came down to us in its present form, what the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ meant for his followers, St Paul and the early Christians and how we can use the New Testament to deepen our faith. Attractively presented with surprising gems, it is engaging and nurturing.

[Friendly Guide to Matthew's Gospel](#)

Dorothy A. Lee. John Garratt Publishing.

[Friendly Guide to Mark's Gospel](#)

Francis J Moloney SDB. John Garratt Publishing. Provides a foundation for any further study of Mark and the relevance of this gospel as we live our own modern lives. Moloney explains that while the Gospel of Mark is the shortest, it is in some ways the most challenging of the four Gospels.

[Friendly Guide to Luke's Gospel](#)

Stuart Moran. John Garratt Publishing. The author of Luke was an accomplished and sophisticated writer, with a keen sense of literary structure as well as a profound understanding of the universal nature of God's love.

[Friendly Guide to John's Gospel](#)

Mary L. Coloe. John Garratt Publishing. The world of the gospels are brought to life in this guide. Where the Synoptic Gospels work from a theological framework of sin and atonement, John speaks of life and eternity life. This is an alternative approach to the meaning of Jesus' life, death and rising.

[Friendly Guide to Paul](#)

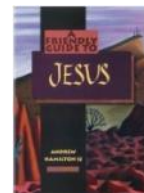
Chris Monaghan. John Garratt Publishing. Journeying into Scripture does not have to be difficult, tedious or academic. This easy to comprehend series has been purposefully written at an introductory level.

[Friendly Guide to Old Testament](#)

Marie Turner. John Garratt Publishing.

[Friendly Guide to the Prophets](#)

Brian Boyle. John Garratt Publishing. Offers insights into the fascinating phenomenon of prophecy in Israel, as we find it in the Bible.

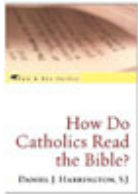


Demonstrates the relevance of principal prophets of Israel, such as Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and shows the fire of these extraordinary people whose messages to ancient Israel are still relevant and inspiring for contemporary believers.

[Friendly Guide to Jesus](#)

Andrew Hamilton SJ. John Garratt Publishing. This book presents a search for answers to questions about Jesus, who he was and who he is for us today. It also looks at how faith in Jesus can help us to understand what really matters, what it means to be a follower of Jesus and how we can live happily and well as Christians.

How Do Catholics Read the Bible?



Fr. Daniel Harrington, S.J. Sheed and Ward. Blends biblical scholarship with compelling personal anecdotes to equip readers with the tools they need to more fully engage Scripture and the Catholic tradition.

With chapters on how the Catholic canon came to be, what the Church teaches about the Bible, appropriate methods for analyzing Scripture passages, and how to incorporate the Bible into everyday life, this book is ideal for individual or group use in parishes and classrooms. Each chapter concludes with questions for reflection. Other books in this *Come and See Series: People of the Covenant: An Invitation to the Old Testament; Who is Jesus? Why is He Important?; An Invitation to the New Testament.*

Catholic Update Guide to the Bible



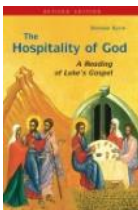
Mary Carol Kendzia (series editor). Ligouri Press.
How was the Bible written?
Why is it important for Catholics?
How do I begin to read the Bible?

Things Hidden - Scripture as Spirituality. Richard Rohr, St Anthony Messenger Press, 2008. This popular author and speaker presents a wonderful overview of central themes of Scripture for modern times.



Written 25 years after he first gave his popular talks *Great Themes of Scripture* as a contemporary revision.

[The Hospitality of God - A Reading of Luke's Gospel](#), (Revised Edition)



[Life Abounding - A Reading of John's Gospel](#)

[Lifting the Burden - A Reading of Mark's Gospel](#)

A Costly Freedom - A Reading of Mark's Gospel

Renowned Australian Scripture scholar's wonderful texts on the four Gospels. Fr Brendan Byrne SJ has generously given presentations around Australia (and overseas) to parishes groups and conferences. These books are the fruit of those many presentations, his research of the Gospels and his deep commitment to break open the Good News in interesting, engaging and practical ways.

Published by Liturgical Press (three of the titles are now available in ebooks format - see links above).

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES

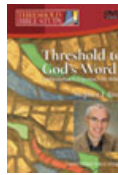
[Jesus the New Way.](#) Bishop Tom Wright.



DVD and mp4 download. Six sessions. PDFs Included on the DVD:
- 96-page leader's guide with background information, discussion questions, and program scripts
- 16-page participant's workbook
- Questions and answers by Bible teacher Dr Ted Coleman

For a copy of the full script [click here](#). Available from [ResourceLink Brisbane](#)

Threshold to God's Word. Stephen J Binz.



Twenty-Third Publications. Invites viewers to experience the Bible as the word of the living God, to put away their fears of reading it, and to make Bible reading a regular part of their lives: read the Bible both for information and transformation; understand what the text meant and what it means today; learn a method for reading that leads to reflection and prayer.

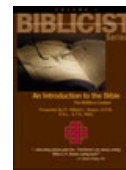
The Vision of the Gospels. DVD set of 2.



Michael J. Himes. St Anthony Messenger Press.

Disc One: The Gospel of Matthew (30 min.), The Gospel of Mark (29 min.)
Disc Two: The Gospel of Luke (28 min.)
The Gospel of John (33 min.)

The Biblicist I: An Introduction to the Bible.



3 DVD set, 6 sessions. [Order](#).

Here is a sweeping and understandable introduction to the study of the Bible, from Scripture scholar and professor Fr. William Burton.

With his easy manner and clear explanations, Fr. Burton takes us on an exploratory journey through the Bible, helping us get to know the people, places, circumstances and consequences of the vast treasures of faith to be found in the Bible.

New Great Themes of Scripture, Richard Rohr. Audio CDs or mp3 download (Amazon etc).



St. Anthony Messenger Press. 10 CDs. Available from [ResourceLink Brisbane](#).

Little Rock Scripture Resources (DVD or audio CD)



Catherine Upchurch and Dianne Bergant. This study on the Old Testament has 7 sessions, incorporating an introductory session and 6 lessons.

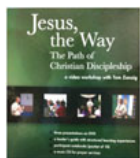
The Study Set includes the Study Guide and a commentary 'Israel's Story - Part One'. [Website](#)
Now distributed by [John Garratt](#).

[The Jesus of Scripture](#)



Rev. Donald Senior, C.P., S.T.D.
12 Lectures (4 DVDs or 5 audio CDs)
Including Electronic Study Guide. Can also be downloaded as mp3 talks. This site has a number of excellent resources by world class lecturers.

[Jesus, the Way - The Path of Christian Discipleship](#)



DVD kit. Tom Zanzig. Ave Maria Press. This comprehensive catechetical resource blends sound theological content with the richly personal experience of a committed disciple.

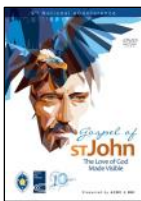
This program includes a 96-minute DVD with three 30-minute presentations, a Leader's Guide with detailed instructions and strategies for the program, a packet of 10 participant notebooks with outlines and prayer guides, and a CD of music for prayer services. [ResourceLink Brisbane](#).

[The Man and His Mission - the Year of St Paul](#)



DVD (BBI e-Conference)
Talks by Fr Richard Leonard SJ, Sr Michele Connolly RSJ. (BBI and ACBC)
Topics: The Historical Paul; Paul - Apostle of God's Limitless Love; Paul - Grace, Spirit, and Hope; How to Hear a Pauline letter today; Communicating the Good News Today.

[Gospel of St John: The Love of God Made Visible](#)



DVD (BBI e-Conference)
Talks by Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Rev Prof Dorothy Lee
Topics: Understanding the World and Message of John's Gospel; Understanding John's Theology; I am the Resurrection and the Life - The witness of Martha and Mary; Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

[St Luke - Come to the Table](#)



DVD (BBI e-Conference)
Talks by Archbishop Mark Coleridge DD and Sr Elizabeth Dowling RSM. (BBI and ACBC). Topics:

Session 1: Why Luke Bothered;
Session 2: The public Ministry of Jesus;
Session 3: Parables in Luke;
Session 4: You are Witnesses;
Session 5: Communicating the Good News Today

[Gospel of St Mark: a Crucified and Risen Messiah](#)



DVD (BBI e-Conference). Talks by Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Sr Michele Connolly RSJ
Topics: Mark - The Gospels Begin; Theology of Mark's Gospel - Jesus, the Holy One of God; Mark 8:22-10:45 - Jesus Crucified and Raised; Where Heaven and Earth Meet; An Ending that is a Beginning.

[Now You Know Media](#)

This publisher continues to add to their extensive catalogue. Many of these courses can be downloaded as mp3 audio files and pdf.

[Synoptic Gospels: How to Read and Understand Matthew, Mark, and Luke](#)



Fr. William L. Burton, O.F.M., SSL, STD,
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary.
21 sessions, US\$54.95

[The Gospel of Luke: A Bible Study Course](#)
Fr. Nicholas King, S.J., Campion Hall, University of Oxford, 12 sessions. US\$29.95

www.nowyouknowmedia.com

[Ascension Press](#)

The Great Adventure Bible study programs cover a range of Scripture topics.

[The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation](#) by Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer has been very popular in the US and in some parishes around Australia. DVDs and study materials can be purchased from St Pauls and Parousia Media.

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