



Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary Refresher Training for Readers

Bishop Marcus saw the introduction of the new Lectionary on Advent Sunday 2024 as an opportunity to commission 'refresher training' for all who fulfil the Ministry of Reader, whether laity or clergy. The series of three short videos written and produced by Fr Mark Jarmuz and Diocesan Director of Communications Rowan Morton-Gledhill form a simple and concise guide ...

1. ***Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: an Introduction for Readers.*** The first video, introduced by Bishop Marcus, is a general description of the new Lectionary and the sacred task of proclaiming God's Word in Scripture. It is presented by the Year of the Word Scripture Champion, Fr Henry Longbottom.
2. ***Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: a Refresher for Readers.*** In the second in this series, Fr Henry reminds laity of the importance of prayerful preparation to ensure the reader fully comprehends the meaning and emotions inherent in the Scripture readings, so as to give a clear, unhurried, and expressive proclamation which will be readily understood by the congregation. Reading exactly and only what is printed in black in the Lectionary, without any distracting 'instructions and introductions', allows the liturgy to flow and the Words of Scripture to speak for themselves.
3. ***Proclaiming the Gospel from the New Lectionary: a Refresher for Readers.*** With a Gospel proclamation demonstrated by Fr Simon Winn, Bishop Marcus introduces the final video in the series as an opportunity for both new and experienced priests and deacons to inspire afresh all who hear them proclaim the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

These training resources were shot at Leeds Trinity University Chapel: filmed and edited by Sammie Rose. The videos can be accessed from Sunday 24 November 2024 via our YouTube channel www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk

DO:

- Pray and prepare your reading(s) in advance to ensure you understand what you are reading.
- Choose a seat near the front and at the end of a row, so you can move promptly, yet unhurriedly to and from the lectern, bowing reverently to the Altar (NOT the Priest!)
- Read exactly and only what is printed in black! ('A Reading from ...' NOT 'The First/Second Reading is from...')
- Pause for a few seconds at the end of the reading before saying, 'The Word of the Lord.'
- Psalm: to begin, simply read the actual words of the Response. At the end of each verse join in with the congregation in repeating the Response.
- If possible, sing the Gospel Acclamation – or sing the 'Alleluia' (or Lenten equivalent) and recite the verse (*agree what is best with the priest*). Go back to your seat straight after the verse.
- If you make a mistake, simply carry on with your reading with confidence (*there's no need to apologise!*)
- If there are two or more readers bow to the Altar together and take your place ready to read, then return to your places together.

DON'T:

- Read out anything printed in red, or give 'instructions' or 'introductions'! ... **SO** ...
- **DON'T** say 'The response to the psalm is ... '
- **DON'T** say 'The First Reading is ...' or 'The Second Reading is ...'
- **DON'T** say 'Let us stand to greet the Gospel ...'