

## Year of the Word: Scripture Resources

### for Catholics with Additional Needs.



#### **Bibles for those with Learning Disabilities/ Autism/Dyslexia:**

- ***NirV Accessible Edition: New Testament*** (Biblica, 2017). This edition of the NT is produced by Biblica (an international Evangelical Bible society), and designed to be accessible for readers with learning and visual disabilities. The text is easy to read, with a simplified translation set in a specially-designed 16pt *sans serif* typeface. The text is accompanied by simple but attractive line drawing and is set in plenty of space on white paper. A paperback edition costs £7.99, and can be ordered from <https://www.biblicaeurope.com/our-work/the-accessible-bible>
- ***Good News Bible Dyslexia Friendly Editions*** (Genesis; Psalms; Mark; John; Romans; Revelation); *English Standard Version Dyslexia Friendly Edition*. Produced by the Bible Society, these editions follow the formatting principles of the British Dyslexia Association, including short paragraphs, increased line spacing, larger typeface and cream-coloured paper. Editions range in price from £4.49-£7.99, and are available via the Bible Society's website: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/bibles/dyslexiafriendly/>
- Further resources for those with autism are currently being produced by the Bible Society as part of the Year of the Word. Whilst not yet listed, they should soon appear online at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/>

#### **Bibles for those with Visual Disabilities:**

- **Audio Bibles**, e.g. The Jerusalem Bible DAISY audio book, available via the RNIB (£9.95): <https://shop.rnib.org.uk/the-jerusalem-bible-daisy.html>. Many other versions, including a Catholic edition of the NRSV, are available via Amazon or other online retailers.
- **Large-Print Bibles**, e.g. a 14-point Anglicised Catholic edition of the NRSV available via The Bible Society for £31.99. Large Print Editions of individual Gospels in the Jerusalem Version are available for purchase online via the CTS for £4.99.
- Various **online resources**, including many versions of the Bible (e.g. NRSV, NIV, Good News) in formats suitable for use with online screen-readers, are freely available for the personal use of those with visual disabilities, upon emailed request via <http://www.optasiaministry.org/>
- **The Torch Trust**, a Christian ministry for those with sight loss ([www.torchtrust.org](http://www.torchtrust.org)), has a comprehensive list of Scripture resources designed for those with visual disabilities on their website. This includes further information about accessing the Bible in Braille, Audio and Online formats:

[http://www.torchtrust.org/smartweb/Literature/BIBLES%20in%20Accessible%20Media#\\_Toc297560088](http://www.torchtrust.org/smartweb/Literature/BIBLES%20in%20Accessible%20Media#_Toc297560088)

## **Resources for those with Impaired Hearing:**

### **BSL Daily Devotions**

<http://bsldailydevotions.co.uk/>

A website providing videos of daily devotions produced in BSL. The devotions are based on passages from Scripture.

### **BSL Bible Translation Project**

<https://www.bslbible.org.uk/>

A website which aims to produce videos of the Bible translated into BSL. At present, only a small part of the Bible- portions of Mark's Gospel- has been translated.

### **Catholic Deaf Association**

<https://www.cda-uk.com/>

An organisation of deaf Catholics which helps Catholics with hearing disabilities to hear the Gospel and receive the Sacraments. The website currently displays information about events related to the Year of the Word, and also contains videos in which the readings from Sunday Masses are signed.

## **Other options worth exploring:**

### **Catholic Truth Society**

<https://www.ctsbooks.org/>

The CTS provides Braille Orders of Mass and various large print Rosary books, Prayer books, Mass books, Gospels etc. One can search for "Large Print" or "Braille" in the search box to bring up relevant items.

### **Sight Loss Friendly Church**

<https://www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/>

A campaign by the Torch Trust which provides advice and help to churches looking to become more accessible for those with visual disabilities.