



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR  
**CATHOLIC FORMATION**

**MODULE TWO** Understanding, Praying  
& Living the Scriptures

# COURSE OVERVIEW

This module engages participants in the scriptures, exploring their inspiration, canonisation, unity, and how to interpret scripture within the Catholic tradition. It will provide participants with an introduction to various books within the canon, as well as theological principals that inform the Catholic reading of scripture.

Beyond the mechanics, this module provides an experience of listening to the voice of God in scripture, ensuring that scripture moves beyond mere text to being experienced as God's word to us.

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The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation exists to facilitate a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition. It provides four core modules in Catholic Foundations as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats, and one off events.



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# CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS | MODULE TWO

## UNDERSTANDING, PRAYING AND LIVING THE SCRIPTURES

### WEEKLY TOPIC OVERVIEW

#### **WEEK 1: Can we trust the scriptures?**

Is the bible, and specifically the New Testament a reliable source? Should we trust it? How does it compare with other historical sources from the same era?

#### **WEEK 2: The 'Grand Narrative' – Stories within a larger story**

*Archbishop Mark Coleridge*

The bible is loaded with stories – but what's the overarching story in scripture, how do the many stories in the bible sit within this larger story, and how does narrative serve to reveal God?

#### **WEEK 3: The Unity of the Two Testaments**

Marcion is infamous for rejecting the Old Testament as though it portrayed an entirely different God than the New Testament. What is it that unites these two Testaments and how can they be understood as an ongoing and deepening revelation of God?

#### **WEEK 4: Ecclesial Exegesis: Interpreting Scripture with the Church**

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#### **WEEK 5: The Gospels: Matthew, Mark and John**

What are the Gospels? Why do they take mainstage in our liturgies?

What are the differences between Matthew, Mark's and John's approach?

## WHO'S IT FOR?

**THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED WITH ALL BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN MIND. PARTICULARLY FOR:**

- Those who want to grow deeper in their love for God and others
- Those preparing for the ministries of lector, acolyte and catechist
- Those who are parish staff or volunteers who do not have any formal theological qualifications
- Those who want to share their faith with others



## **WEEK 6: Luke and the Acts of the Apostles**

Luke wrote both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. What does Luke-Acts teach us about Jesus and the early Church?

## **WEEK 7: The Letters**

There are various letters to various communities in the New Testament. How do we understand these letters in context, taking into account their authors and the communities they're addressing?

## **WEEK 8: Biblical foundations for Catholic doctrines**

At times the Catholic tradition is criticised as being un-biblical. What are the biblical foundations for Catholic teachings such as: the papacy, purgatory, the role of Mary and the sacrament of confession.

## **WEEK 9: Scripture in the Liturgy**

*Clare Schwantes*

The liturgical event has constituted the primary setting for engaging with sacred texts throughout history. Through ritual action, word and song, contemporary faith communities are able to encounter the living word of God in their midst. What is the difference between sitting alone to read a scripture passage, and hearing the same passage proclaimed aloud in the ecclesial community gathered for worship? How does the structure of the Lectionary and the dynamic, multi-sensory liturgical event influence the way we understand the scripture text?

## **WEEK 10: The Sacramentality of Scripture**

Scripture in the Catholic tradition is more than text on a page, it is sacramental. What does this mean and how can we engage this sacramental text in our prayer life at home?

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**MONDAYS | 7-9PM | XAVIER HALL, HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY**

21st August

28th August

4th September

11th September

9th October

16th October

23th October

30th October

6th November

13th November

3 week break (inc. King's Birthday)



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