



*The Wednesday Word* – A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mission Sharing the Word of God

I am pleased to offer a word of encouragement and endorsement for *The Wednesday Word*.

The need for a New Evangelisation should inspire us to explore and share, in as many ways as possible, how we can proclaim the Word of God and find a home for it in the hearts of those who read and listen to it. The role of the family in this is crucial.

*The Wednesday Word* is a simple and straightforward lay initiative which links family reflection on the Word of God to the celebration of Sunday Mass.

Each Wednesday the materials supplied can help to:

- Develop a habit of prayer and reflection on the Word of God within the family
- Form hearts and minds to hear and understand the Word of God the following Sunday
- Put the Word of God into the home of every child in a Catholic school
- Build on the links between a parish, the home and the Catholic school

The materials produced by *The Wednesday Word* are already used extensively throughout many dioceses in England and Wales. It is bringing remarkable graces to many, encouraging them in a renewal or return to their faith in Christ and deepening that faith.

I offer my prayers and encouragement not only to those who provide *The Wednesday Word* but also to those who use it.

With my prayers and blessings

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