

## The Year of the God Who Speaks



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has designated the year from September 2019 to December 2020 as the 'Year of the God Who Speaks'. It begins on September 30th 2019, on the feast of St. Jerome, the great scholar of the Bible and the first to translate it from the Hebrew into Latin. The year will end on December 31st 2020.

Recently, the Archbishop appointed two Scripture Champions, Kate Duffin and Madeleine Walters, to promote the 'Year of the God Who Speaks' in the Archdiocese of Cardiff. Bishop Tom Burns of Menevia, now retired, appointed Fr. Jerome Ituah in the same role for Menevia. During the year, we are planning events and initiatives to **celebrate, live and share God's Word**. It will be the opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God Who Speaks'. As these are planned, we will keep you informed.

Archbishop George will pre-launch the Year of the Word in the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia at **two events, which will take place on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. You are welcome to attend either of the events. The pre-launch takes place at St. Mary's Church, Carmarthen at 11am and at St. Helen's Church, Caerphilly at 3pm. The pre-launch in Caerphilly will be the Sunday Mass. There will be refreshments after each pre-launch. The plans to date for the Year of the Word will be unveiled during each pre-launch.

This month, each parish will be receiving copies of the Publicity Brochure for the Year of the God Who Speaks. In November, Fleur Dorrell, the Catholic Scripture Engagement Manager on the Bishops' Conference will be coming to Cardiff to speak about the Year of the God Who Speaks, to the Laity on Monday, November 18th at 7pm in the Cornerstone, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF and to the Clergy on Tuesday, November 19th.

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