Bible Study Group - Growing Together in Faith

Since beginning in 2022, the OLOV Bible Study Group has blossomed into a vibrant, spirit-led weekly gathering centred on the Word of God. Around ten committed members come together each week — a wonderfully diverse mix of ages, life stages, and cultural backgrounds, including parishioners from Samoa, Ghana, Colombia, the Philippines, and England. Some have been Catholic all their lives; others have journeyed through their own "distant country" before finding their way home again to the embrace of our ever-loving Father. Every person is welcomed equally into this circle of Christian fellowship.



We meet at **7:00 pm each Tuesday evening** in the meeting room at the back of Our Lady of Grace. Our time together begins with worshipful singing and prayer, setting a gentle and reflective tone. We then take turns reading the Psalm, Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel readings for the coming Sunday's Mass.

After each reading, space is given for anyone to share how the scripture has spoken to them. These conversations are often rich, energising moments of insight and encouragement. Long-time students of Scripture offer their wisdom; others bring fresh perspectives that open up new understandings of how God's Word speaks into our daily lives. Week by week, this shared reflection strengthens our faith and deepens our sense of community.

The Bible Study is transformative, interesting, encouraging, and faith and friendship building. (D)

The Sunday readings are much easier to understand. (J)

Listening to members use their personal experiences to explain how the Word mean to them and share their testimonies helps me to understand the multifaceted love of Christ. (E)

Sharing the reading has brought the characters and events in the Bible to life for me (J)

It's a safe place to share because of the disposition to share and learn from each other (V)

I'm so blessed being here. I've learned so much about the Scriptures. I want to keep learning, so I'll keep coming. (R)

I really appreciate the opportunity to share my faith and love for God's Word with like-minded others. (C)

Our Bible Study/sharing group has become a meaningful sanctuary where we explore God's Word and reflect on how He is guiding us through our respective journeys as His children (B)

This Bible Study has helped me learn about Jesus and grow into closer relationship with Him; the group has offered encouragement and support in my journey. (J)