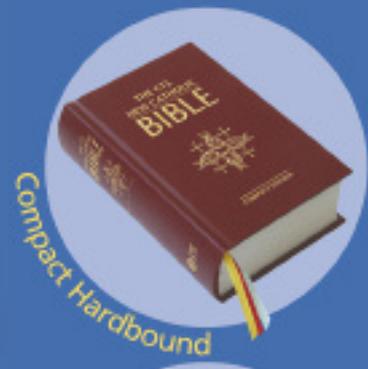
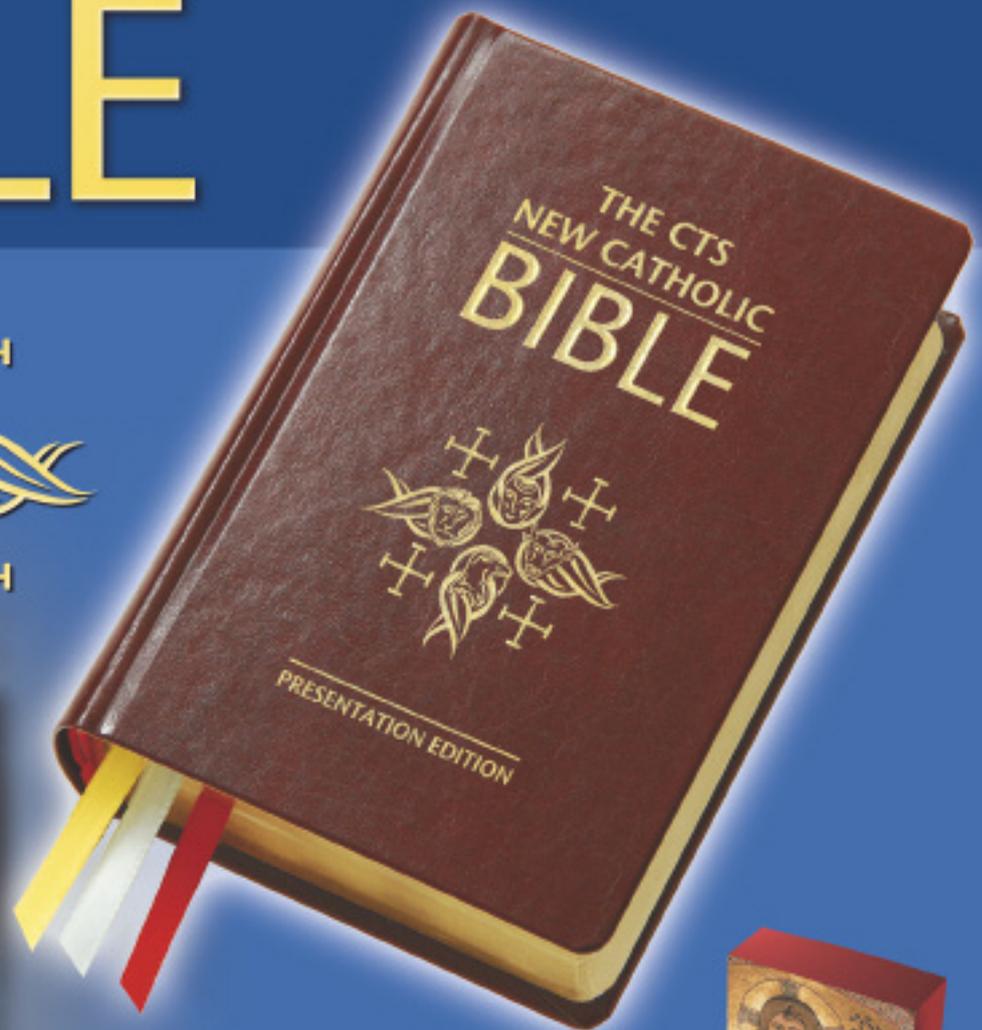
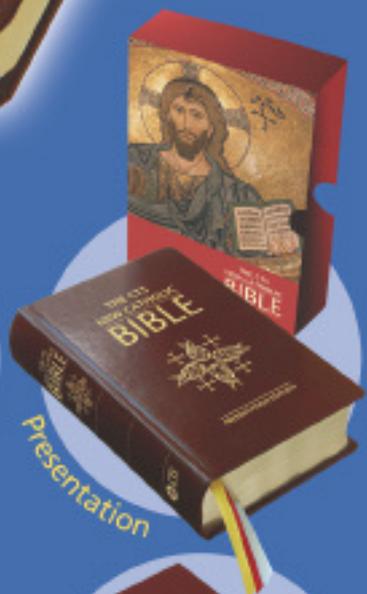


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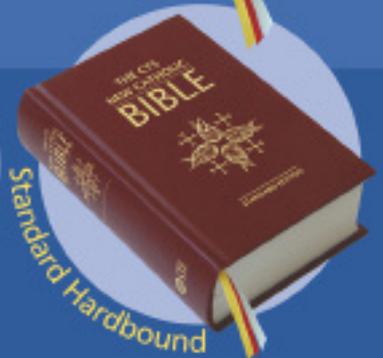
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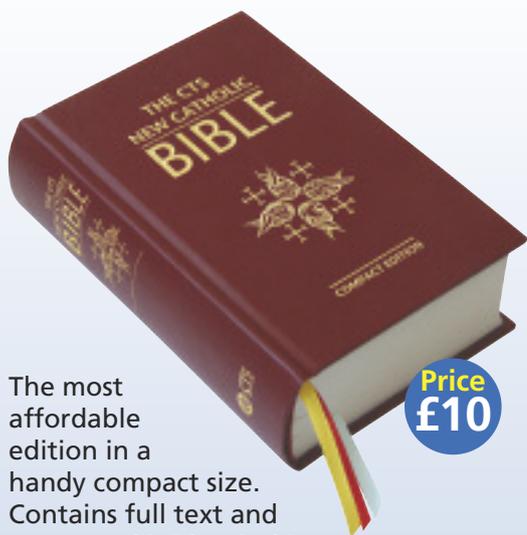
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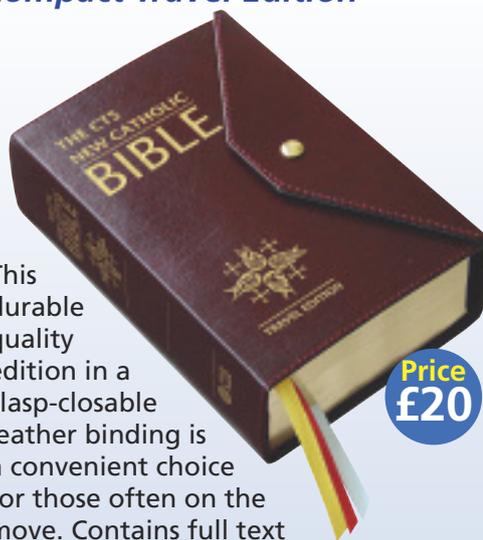


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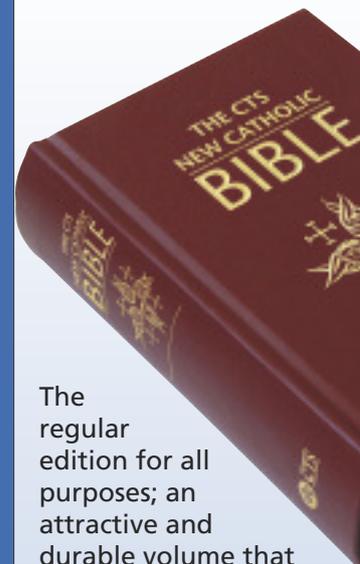


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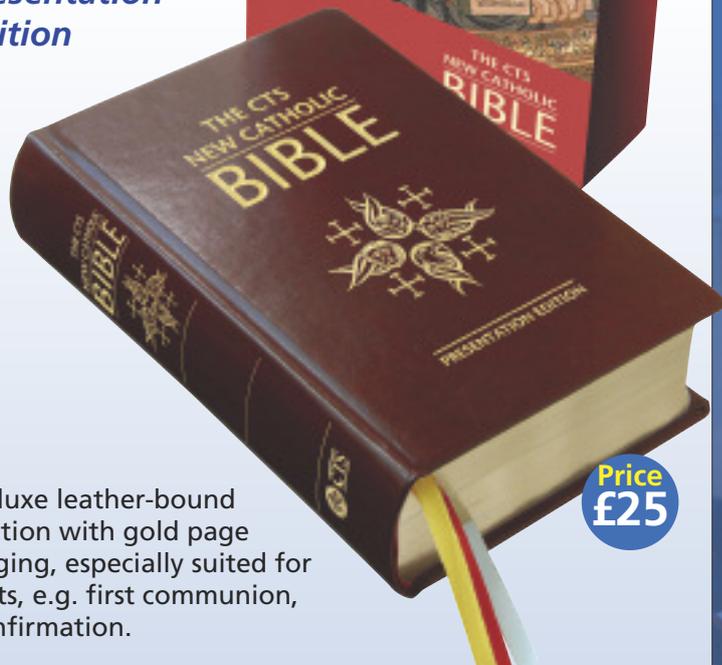


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<sup>12</sup>Next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus saw a fig tree in leaf some distance away, he went to it and found no fruit on it, but when he came up to it he found it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>And he addressed the disciples, saying, "I tell you, from now on you will not find figs on this tree, nor will you find figs on any tree like this from now on."

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