



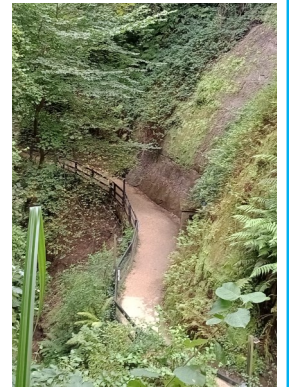
Working with Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing people of all ages, to facilitate and enable them to participate fully in the life of the Church, sharing their own gifts.



December 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent Year C
Fr Paulo Bagini

“Prepare a way for the Lord, make the road straight for God.”

Advent is a time for preparation. We prepare for Christmas by buying presents for friends and family, by buying food for Christmas dinner by even working out what we might watch on the TV on Christmas Day
But Advent is a time to prepare for something far more important, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as a baby, born in a lowly stable, born to save us all.



“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”
“Come let us adore him.”

Signs of Hope... Do you have a problem you would like to talk to someone about confidentially?



Deaf Counselling

Do you need some support through a difficult time in your life?

Do you find it difficult to cope with life sometimes?

Maybe counselling would help.

Counselling is fully confidential, Deaf-Aware and available in BSL, SSE, Deafblind Manual Alphabet or Spoken English (mini-loop available).

Contact: Nikki Dhillon Keane email: signsofhope@rcdow.org.uk sms: 07936 939522

Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

Any counsellor working for Westminster diocese is fully qualified and either BACP accredited or eligible for BACP accreditation. All counsellors would follow the BACP Code of Ethic and Practice

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of the team

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Mass in Word and Sign
at St Mary and St Michael, Commercial Road

*** CHANGE OF DATE * for December only**

Sunday 1st December 10.30am at 2 Lukin Street, Commercial Road E1 0AA

How to get there:

The nearest bus stops are 15 , 115 and 135

The nearest train and DLR stations are Shadwell

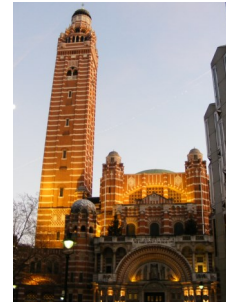


Deaf Community Mass
in Westminster Cathedral Hall

*** CHANGE OF DATE * for December only**

Join us on Sunday 8th December 4:30p.m. at Westminster Cathedral Hall,
Ambrosden Avenue, Victoria SW1P 1QH

Please do not come to Mass if you are not well with something that other people
might catch e.g. flu, Covid



Africa Deaf Village Project



We cannot accept clothes or electrical items as raffle prizes.

Any food or drinks must have a Best Before date of February 2025 or later. Thank you

Signed Mass
at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

Sunday 15th December 11.30am
at 141 Woodhall Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL7 3TP

How to get there:

The nearest train station is Welwyn Garden City .

The 402 Intalink bus stops near to the church on Woodhall Parade



There are other online signed Masses that you can watch. Please check on each website for full details

- Fr Paul Fletcher SJ, Jesuit Oratory, Manchester

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp6JYixqJsWkiCQ2OdLzhg>

or follow the Catholic Deaf Association on Facebook

- Fr Patrick Devlin, Hannahstown Parish, Belfast (St Joseph's Church webcam) Sunday 11.30a.m.

<https://www.parishofhannahstown.com/copy-of-mass-times>



Bible Study

Join us on **Tuesday 10th December**
11-12.30pm
The Meaning of Money in the Bible



Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

Also available at 11am on Facebook and YouTube or SMS to ask for a printed copy

Join us as we discover more about the bible together



Deaf Lunch Club
Tuesday 17th December
11 - 3.30pm in the Hinsley Room



If you want to join this group please come and chat to Shell

On the day: - Please SMS before 9am

Shell or Sarah to let us know that you are coming so we can cater for the right number of people



Please don't come if you feel unwell or if you have any Covid symptoms



Advent Peace Service Friday 6th December 6pm
at St Aloysius Church, Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA

Followed by an Alternative Christmas Market... with Stalls from a variety of organisations, Fairtrade and Palestinian goods, crafts, books and refreshments

Ecumenical BSL Carol Service Friday 13th December 2024 6.30pm
at Annunciation Church, Bryanston Street, Marble Arch W1H 7AH
Everyone's favourite carols followed by refreshments until 8.30pm



Advent Solemn Blessing

Through grace, you put your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and his second coming, may almighty and merciful God sanctify you through the radiance of Christ's Advent and give you his blessing. **Amen**

As you race in this life, let God make you strong in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity. **Amen**

With devotion, rejoice at our Redeemer's birth, so as Jesus comes again in majesty, God will give you the rich reward of eternal life. **Amen**



Christmas Eve 24th December

The Jubilee Year 2025 begins with the Opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, Rome



We wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Shell, Nikki and Sarah

The office will be closed from 23rd December and will reopen 2nd January 2025

Baruch 5:1-9 Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod was ruler of Galilee, his brother Philip ruler of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias ruler of the land of Abilene, during the time of Annas and Caiaphas the High priests; the Word of God came to John the Baptist in the wilderness. John went through the land near the River Jordan. He told the people to change their lives, to be baptised and receive the forgiveness of God.

In the book of Isaiah, it says:

'Someone will shout in the desert: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled, every mountain and hill will be made flat. Rough roads will be made smooth. Then all people will see God's salvation!"'

Hidden in the word search are words from the Gospel reading above including one extra word

See if you can find them!

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TRACHONITIS
LYSANIAS

ITURAEA
ABILENE

PILATE
ANNAS

HEROD
CAIAPHAS

PHILIP
BAPTIST

JOHN
ISAIAH

The hidden word in November was LOVE