

A REVIEW OF 2024



Caritas
Deaf Service

2024 was another busy year. We visited Walsingham and Hatfield House, welcomed a new signing priest in Fr Dan and celebrated with Canon Norbert for his 60th birthday and Canon Shaun for his 30 year anniversary. Here are a few of the highlights of the year.



Fr Dan Daley first Signed Mass



Eucharistic Festival



Pentecost and Canon Norbert's birthday celebrations



Walsingham pilgrimage



Hatfield House Tour



Christmas party

Holy Week

We were delighted to be back at Maria Assumpta Chapel with the Srs and thank them for their continued support. Our grateful thanks too, to Mgr Vladimir Felzmann, and Fr Robin Ellwood who led our Holy



Statistics for 2024

- 44 Signed or Interpreted Masses
- supported 7 priests with their signing skills
- 8 seminarians have received training in basic BSL and liturgical signing
- 146 people attended Deaf Awareness sessions
- 285 Signs of Hope counselling sessions took place
- Over 1800 followers on social media for Caritas Deaf Service and 1144 for Signs of Hope
- Distance travelled > 2950 miles (the distance from Westminster Cathedral to Bethlehem)



We were delighted that during the year there were two 1st Holy Communion celebration in the Deaf Community. Congratulation to Skylar and Raphie.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Thank you all for your support of the Deaf Community and the team.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Canon Shaun Lennard, Canon Norbert Fernandes,
Fr Keith Stoakes, Fr Paulo Bagini, Fr Brian O'Mahony, Fr Robin Ellwood, Mgr Vladimir Felzmann
and Fr Daniel Daley

We continue to be very thankful in the many ways the team of clergy who sign and who work with the Deaf Community and the Deaf Service staff support us. We are truly grateful for all you do.

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

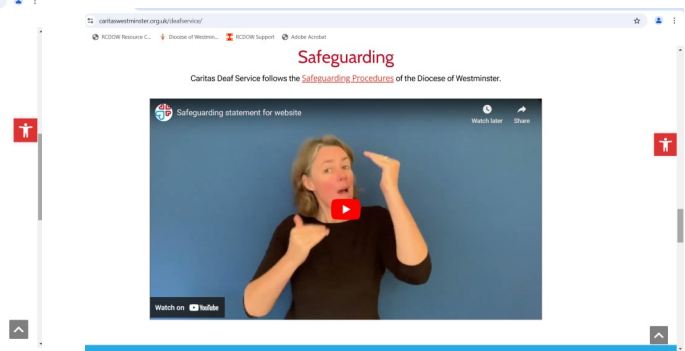
We also remember Fr Willie Skehan in our prayers who is currently on sabbatical.

Deaf Awareness and BSL Sessions

We have continued to teach basic BSL and liturgical signing at Allen Hall seminary. For the first time a Mass in Word and sign was celebrated at Allen Hall Seminary. We also ran Deaf Awareness courses in Kilburn and Potters Bar parishes and for the Anna Chaplaincy.

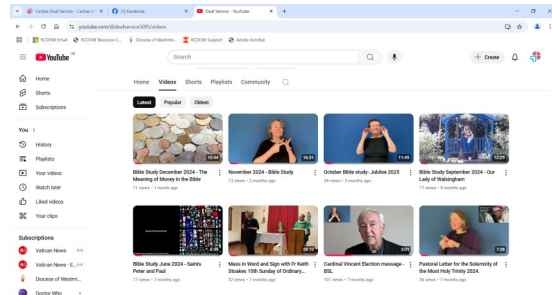
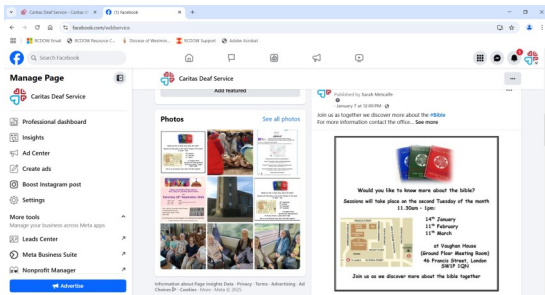


In 2024 a new website was introduced for all of Caritas. We have started to include more signed clips on the website and plan to do more in 2025.



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