

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.



**June 2026**  
**Corpus Christi - Year A**  
**Canon Norbert Fernandes**

Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and now this week Corpus Christi. I always think of these few weeks as a busy time in the church calendar. This time of year, there are Confirmations and Ordinations, but also most especially linked to this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Masses. The time when young people (and sometimes older ones too) experience receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time. On this feast of Corpus Christi let us especially pray for those who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time.



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### Deaf Community Mass in Westminster Cathedral Hall

Join us on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 4.30pm  
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, upset stomach



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS LAST MONTH**  
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**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**  
**If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of the team**

#### Advisory Group:

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

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 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



**FRANCISCAN YEAR OF GRACE  
RETREAT DAY**

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 800<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE SAINT'S DEATH

JOIN FR KEITH STOAKES AND THE FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY  
AT ST FIDELIS FRIARY, CANNING TOWN

- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- OPPORTUNITY FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
  - \* PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH \*
- TALK ON ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI BY FR BERNARD MURPHY
  - MASS IN WORD AND SIGN

**PICK UP YOUR BOOKING FORM TODAY**

**Spiritual Communion**

A prayer written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori in the 18<sup>th</sup> century for times when we cannot receive Holy Communion e.g. you are ill or watching Mass online

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 8am

Watch live on Zoom details: Meeting ID 976 2057 9331 Passcode CDA-1971

Watch any time after 10.30am <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp6JYixgJsWkiCQ2OdLzhg>

or follow the Catholic Deaf Association on Facebook

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

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

## Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 11.30-1pm

Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

Also available at 11.30am 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 16<sup>th</sup> June

11am - 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, have Covid or flu symptoms, or have an upset stomach



## Africa Deaf Village Project



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

We cannot accept clothes or electrical items as raffle prizes. Any food or drinks must have a Best Before date of October 2026 or later. All items donated need to be unused. **Thank you**

## New location – Interpreted Mass

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6p.m. Holy Apostles, Pimlico**

We will be starting to have an interpreted Mass once every 3 months at Holy Apostles, Pimlico. This will be the 6p.m. Vigil Mass. Canon Chris and his parish are looking forward to welcoming us for the first time next month.

Signs of Hope...



Deaf Counselling

Do you have a problem you would like to talk to someone about confidentially?

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](mailto:signsofhope@rcdow.org.uk) sms: 07936 939522

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*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*

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the Jews, "I am the living bread come down from heaven. Any person that eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh. I give my body so that people in the world can live forever."

The Jews started to argue with each other. They said, "How can this man give us his body to eat?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth. If you do not eat the body of the Son of Man, and if you do not drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Any person that eats my body and drinks my blood has eternal life. And I will raise up that person on the last day. My body is real food and my blood is real drink. If a person eats my body and drinks my blood, that person lives in me and I live in that person. The Father sent me and I receive life from him. So any person that eats me will receive life from me. I am the bread come down from heaven, not like the bread our ancestors (people of the past) ate; they are dead. Any person that eats this bread will live for ever.'

**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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ANCESTORS

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JEWS

The hidden word in May KNOW