

**August 2026**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A**  
**Fr Dan Daley**

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.



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" part of Jesus' sermon on the mount. In a troubled world we were reminded at our retreat last month of importance of praying for peace. This picture shows the relic of St Francis of Assisi which we were able to revere at St Fidelis Friary, Canning Town. St Francis was born at a time of conflict, but he turned away from violence and followed a way of peace, acknowledging that all people are made in the likeness of God and therefore worthy of respect even if we disagree with them. In this Jubilee year for St Francis we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation. Lord, make us channels of God's peace.



### Deaf Community Mass in Westminster Cathedral Hall

Join us on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 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

**Collection £108.80    Mary's Meals £8.90    ADVP £14.59    ADVP Raffle £121.00**

**Want to donate online? <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/deafservice/donate/>**

### CARITAS DEAF SERVICE

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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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**Important Summer Holiday: Reminder...** During August the office is closed



If you need to contact us please SMS or email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.  
The next Deaf community Mass will be Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm. Have a good summer break!

**Do you know any families with young children...**

Pick up your list today of places where kids eat free (or for £1) during school half terms & Holidays.  
For the latest information visit <https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

### **LONDON 10KM Raising money for Caritas Deaf Service**

Thank you so much for everyone who sponsored me for the London 10K run.  
Despite the heat; I finished! So far around **£1200** has been raised.

If anyone else wants to donate, you can send a cheque, made that payable to **WRCDT** and post it to me at Vaughan House, or you can still make a cash donation at the Deaf Community Mass in August. Thank you. Shell



### **Solemn Blessing: The Blessed Virgin Mary**

God, in his kindness to redeem the human race {people}, through the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave birth to Jesus, is pleased give you all his blessing. **Amen**  
May you know always and everywhere the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and through her be worthy to receive, Jesus the giver of life. **Amen**

You came to pray together; today receive the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards. **Amen**

### **Bible Study**

Join us on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.30-1pm**  
**Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN**  
**Join us as we discover more about the bible together**



### **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/UCPp6JYixqJsWkiCQ2OdLzhg>  
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>



## Deaf Lunch Club

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
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



## The Deaf Service in Westminster Diocese is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Join Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
Signed Mass 2pm in Westminster Cathedral

**Everyone is welcome to the Mass but you need a ticket for the reception afterwards.  
Please let us know if you want to come to the reception so we can give you a ticket.  
We don't want people to miss out on this special celebration.**



Would you like to join the signing choir at the Mass?

Would you like to sign a reading? \* In the Cathedral you must be able to walk up the 6 steps to the Sanctuary (please note: there is no hand rail) \* If we have lots of readers names will be put in a hat

If you are interested or have any questions - please see Shell or Sarah



## CDA AGM - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026

10 to 12 noon – AGM in Westminster Cathedral Hall  
For more information visit: - [www.catholicdeaf.org.uk](http://www.catholicdeaf.org.uk)

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

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

**Isaiah 55:1–3 Romans 8:35, 37–39****Matthew 14:13–21**

When Jesus heard the news about the death of John the Baptist, he left in a boat, and went to a quiet place. He wanted to be alone, but people knew where Jesus had gone. They left the towns and walked looking for Jesus. Then Jesus arrived at the shore, he saw a large crowd. He felt pity for them and he healed the sick people.

It was getting dark, the disciples came to Jesus and said, 'This is a quiet place and it's very late. Tell the people to go to the villages, there they can buy some food for themselves.' Jesus replied, 'The people don't have to go. You give them some food to eat.' The disciples said, 'But we only have five loaves and two fish.' Jesus said, 'Bring the bread and the fish to me.' Then Jesus told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke the bread and gave the bread to his disciples. The disciples gave the bread to the people. All the people ate and they were full. There was plenty of bread left over. They collected the scraps and filled twelve baskets. There were about 5,000 men, not including women and children.

**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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The hidden word in July REST