

# Deaf Monthly News

May 2025 Edition



**May**

is a month  
devoted to  
the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

## The Passing of Pope Francis: The World Mourns a Pontiff of the People and Change

Sadly the world had the news that Pope Francis passed away on Monday 21st April 2025.

He was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 2013 until his death on Easter Monday.

As church bells tolled across the world, Catholics and non-Catholics alike mourned a pontiff who pushed for change.

Rest in peace your Holiness.



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## Ways to Honour Mary Throughout the Month of May

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary began centuries ago. The Catholic Church honours Mary, mother of God, the entire month, not just one day.

- Make a Marian shrine. Set up a special place in your home, or office in honour of our blessed mother. All you need is a statue or image of the Virgin Mary.
- The blessed mother surely smiles to see other mothers celebrated, get some fresh flowers and lay them before a special image of her.
- Read Bible passages about the Virgin Mary. Engaging in a Marian consecration during the month of May is a powerful way to deepen your relationship with Mary and to open your heart to her maternal love.
- Learn about her famous apparitions: throughout history, Mary has appeared to many individuals around the world, delivering messages of peace, conversion, and hope.



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## Election Day

On **Thursday 1st May 2025**, 24 local authorities will be having an Election Day.

This is to vote for local councillors. To be able to vote you now need to bring Photo ID with you to the polling station, there are so many you can use: **Passport, UK Driving licence, Bus Pass etc.**

For full list of photo ID go to [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

If there is a local election in your area then look out for your poll card in the post.



## May Bank Holidays 2025

Here in the UK we have 2 Bank Holidays in May:

- Early May Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May 2025
- Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 26th May 2025

Some of us are fortunate enough to have these extra long weekends to spend with family and friends, make the most of it and enjoy!



## Deaf Awareness week: 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

The theme for 2025 is "Beyond Silence".

This week-long event aims to raise awareness about the Deaf community, promote understanding of their communication methods, and celebrating their contributions.

The week aims to educate the public about the challenges faced by Deaf individuals and promote inclusivity/communication.

It aims to encourage learning basic communication strategies like using clear facial expressions and gestures.

Highlighting the richness of Deaf culture and celebrating the resilience of the Deaf community, it also emphasises the need for greater access to communication tools and services for Deaf individuals.

Deaf Awareness Week aims to create a more inclusive society where Deaf people have equal access to communication and opportunities.

Ways to get involved:

- Learn about Deaf culture and communication methods.
- Attend awareness sessions and events.
- Engage in conversations about deafness and inclusivity.
- Support organizations that work with the Deaf community
- Share information about Deaf Awareness Week on social media, using the hashtag #WeSupportDeafAwarenessWeek



## Mass of Installation

- **Tuesday 27th May, 12 noon at the Metropolitan Cathedral**
- **The installation mass of new Archbishop John Sherrington**

BSL interpreters provided & Fr Paul Fletcher will be signing at the Mass. You can find more information at:

[www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)

Please contact Denise Armstrong-Hart to reserve your seat.



# Reminder to pay for the CDA conference

10th – 12th October 2025

Theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope' at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2BX



Please don't forget to send booking form with full payment by 17th May 2025.

**The cost is £295 pp (includes conference, meals & 2 nights accommodation)**

You can send a cheque payable to CDA Conference 2025 to:

Peter McDonough Flat 30 Rivington Cholmondeley Road Salford M6 8QH

OR by BACS: Catholic Deaf Association Sort code: 16-00-18 A/C: 41479811

## Rota for Readers & Ministers

### Holy Communion

Christ the King and Our Lady Church, Childwall - (1st Sunday of the Month)

4th May 2023

**1st Reading and Response**

**M Onuchukwu**

**2nd Reading**

**C Conway**

## Roman Catholic Signed Masses for May & June 2025

Month	Date	Time	Place of Worship
May	<b>Sunday 4th</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	3pm	<b>Christ the King and Our Lady Church</b> 78 Queens Drive, Childwall, L156YQ
	<b>Saturday 17th</b> Walsingham pilgrimage	12pm	<b>National Shrine of Our Lady</b> The Slipper Chapel, Houghton St Giles, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL
June	<b>Sunday 1st</b> <b>June</b> 7th Sunday of Easter	3pm	<b>Christ the King and Our Lady Church</b> 78, Queens Drive, Childwall, L15 6YQ

Each Sunday at 11am St Teresa's mass will be livestreamed on Microsoft Team with interpreters. For a link, email: [stteresalivestreaming@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stteresalivestreaming@rcaol.org.uk)

## A prayer for Mary during a month of May

Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
Our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To you, we cry, as children of God,  
Joined as one with our wounded world,  
With hearts full of hope for a home transformed.  
Mother of Creation, look upon us we pray,  
So we may come to see God's earthly garden  
Through the radiant light of wisdom.  
Holy Mary, Mother of all, make us worthy we pray,  
to treasure the earth our common home,  
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Amen.



## Get in touch!



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