

CDA MEMBERSHIP

What does your CDA membership do?

Your membership is very important. At the moment, apart from donations that people generously donate, it is our main source of income. We value your support. If you are not a member or you forgot to renew your membership, you can join or renew at any time. If you are unsure whether your membership has expired, please email secretary@catholicdeaf.org.uk.

The CDA encourages you to participate and share fully in the life and mission of Church and society.

With your help you have enabled us to support the Deaf community in the following way:

- offering weekly signed Mass with our Chaplain, Fr Paul Fletcher SJ
- providing access to these signed Masses via Zoom which enables you access to regular signed Mass on Sundays and some Holy Days
- all Fr Paul's signed Masses are edited immediately after the live Zoom Mass each Sunday morning, then uploaded to CDA Facebook and CDA YouTube; the link is also added to our website: www.catholicdeaf.org.uk
- subscription to Zoom also means we are able have regular meetings such as Council members, committee meetings, AGMs etc, cutting down on the cost of travelling as well as time taken up while travelling
- maintaining our website through a web hosting subscription funded by your membership. This enables us to share news and information for the Deaf community throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland (both North and South)
- Fr Paul Fletcher SJ also offers annual 1-to-1 Ignatian retreats every August at the Briery, Ilkley. Deaf people are welcome to book directly with the

Briery, explaining they use or need BSL and require Fr Paul as their retreat giver. Visit [www.https://www.briery.org.uk](https://www.briery.org.uk)

Also, in our website, you will see valuable resources such as:

- the updated *Signs of God* lectionaries in print. Did you know that in addition to Year A (blue book), Year B (green book), Year C (red book), we now have a new fourth volume *Feasts & Solemnities* (gold book)?
- Videos of all Mass readings for each Sunday in Year A, Year B, Year C and Feasts & Solemnities available to view online
- the printed book of the *Roman Missal* adapted 3rd edition of the Roman Missal for use with the signing Deaf congregations within Britain using SSE/BSL (April 2015). The edition is being updated, and we will let you know when the new version is available.

All the above are free for your use. However, nothing is truly 'free' in this world (except in heaven!); these offerings have been made through the many hours of hard work and dedicated voluntary work from our members.

In our website, you will also see the following:

- a Spiritual page with a variety of resources on the Catechism and prayers
- a History page with stories of the different people from the past. We will be adding more content to this section
- a Directory page which gives details about the signed Masses across different dioceses, including times and location. Also, it also offers information about the Diocesan Services to Deaf people in those dioceses

Finally, if there is anything you think that you think the CDA could be doing to further support the Deaf community, please let us know – we would love to hear from you. And don't forget, we are interested in what you have been doing in your local community. Please share your news with us. Thank you.