



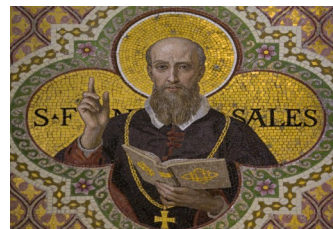
January 2026
2nd Sunday after Christmas,
Year A
Fr Keith Stoakes

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.



Throughout the year the Church celebrates the lives and examples of many saints from around the world. On 24th January is the feast of St Francis de Sales. Born in 1567 he was ordained a priest in France where he is still well known today as well as in the USA.

Canonized by Pope Alexander VII he is a patron saint of journalists, writers and D/deaf people. Why? He met a young Deaf man and "By using signs that he formed with his hands and fingers, St Francis personally began to teach Martin about the Catholic Faith." St Francis de Sales; **Pray for Us**



Signs of Hope... Do you have a problem you would like to talk to someone about confidentially?



Deaf Counselling

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 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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS LAST MONTH
Collection £113.35 Mary's Meals £15.00 ADVP £5.60 ADVP Raffle £113.00

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

CARITAS DEAF SERVICE

Shell Roca SMS: 07779 341136 Email: michelleroca@rcdow.org.uk
Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

Sarah Metcalfe SMS: 07936 939523 Email: sarahmetcalfe@rcdow.org.uk
St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4TY

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of the team

Advisory Group:

Canon Norbert Fernandes, Chair wgc@rcdow.org.uk

www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/deafservice

www.facebook.com/wddservice



@CaritasDeaf

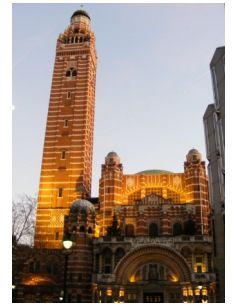


@deafservice5095

Deaf Community Mass in Westminster Cathedral Hall

Join us on Sunday 4th January also at 4:30p.m.
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



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

Sunday 11th January 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



Sunday of the Word of God - 25th January 2026



Introduced by Pope Francis on the Feast of St Jerome in 2019 the
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time focuses on the celebration and study of
Sacred Scripture.

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable
the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury
of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before
the world."

Pope Francis, *Aperuit Illis*

At this time of year we are encouraged to pray for Christian unity

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

A prayer written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th 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 11.30a.m.

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

Bible Study

Join us on
Tuesday 13th January
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

Future Dates:

10th February

10th March

Join us as we discover more about the bible together



Deaf Lunch Club
Tuesday 20th January
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**



NEW YEAR

Happy

Solemn Blessing - The Beginning of the Year

Let God give you grace and keep you safe all through the year. **Amen**

Let God help you be faithful, strong in hope and persevere {continue} in charity with holy patience
always. **Amen**

Let God give you peace all your life in all you do, answer your prayers everywhere, and lead you to
eternal life. **Amen**

Prayer from CDA Sacramentary

In the beginning, the Word was there. The Word was with God. The Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him God made all things. Nothing was created without him. Through him all things lived. His life brought light to the people. A light shines in the dark, and the dark could not overpower the light. God sent a man named John. He came as a witness, to tell the people about the light, so that all can believe in him. John himself was not the light, only a witness to tell the people about the light.

The Word was the true light. The Word came into the world and gave light to all people. The Word was in the world. The world was made through him, but the world did not know him. He came to his own country, but his people did not accept him. Some did accept him, so He gave them power to become God's children, because they believed in the name of the one born of God himself. The Word became flesh, he lived with us. We saw his glory, the glory he received because he was the Son of God the Father, full of grace and truth.

John came as a witness. He told people: 'This is the one I told you about. He comes after me, but he is more important than me, because he lived before I was born.' All of us received grace and blessings from him. God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God, only the Son - he is nearest to the Father's heart. He has told us about his Father.

Hidden in the word search are words from the Gospel reading above including one extra word. See if you can find them!

J	R	T	R	A	T	M	J	O	X	L	T	F	G
Q	G	R	A	C	E	V	N	V	P	I	W	P	S
T	S	P	L	G	L	O	R	Y	D	V	I	E	N
R	Q	H	E	A	R	T	W	M	O	E	T	P	O
U	S	U	E	L	S	Z	Z	O	K	D	N	H	B
T	D	A	R	K	Z	A	P	S	W	L	E	T	E
H	P	N	L	J	L	C	D	E	N	S	S	E	G
V	Q	Z	J	P	F	C	I	S	J	Q	S	M	I
H	F	C	M	Z	Z	E	M	H	H	Y	J	L	N
Q	I	Y	X	U	H	P	S	I	U	L	C	M	N
P	T	P	X	F	O	T	R	N	S	X	O	C	I
I	F	L	W	O	R	D	R	E	E	I	T	I	N
H	T	P	R	J	V	V	C	S	M	P	F	F	G
C	H	R	I	S	T	Z	ID	Y	D	B	E	I	V

BEGINNING
WITNESS

WORD
TRUTH

LIVED
GLORY

SHINES
CHRIST

DARK
MOSES

ACCEPT
HEART

The hidden word in December SOMEONE