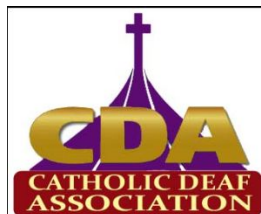


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August Newsletter 2026

This month's issue contains:

- Pope Leo's August Intention
- Deaf priests
- Saint of the Month - St Dominic
- upcoming events
- Prayer Wall
- etc

Pope Leo's Intention

For evangelisation in the city

"Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering paths to create community"

Fr Raglan Hay-Will

The CDA wishes to offer heart-felt congratulations to Fr Raglan on his Ruby Jubilee of his ordination

- 20th July 2026 -

He is one of the signing deaf-friendly Arundel and Brighton parish priest in Haywards Heath. Trained at the English College in Rome, ordained at Arundel Cathedral - his home parish - in 1986. He was an assistant priest at the Sacred Heart, Hove until

<https://sites.google.com/sphh.church/homepage/home-menu/parish-team/fr-raglan>

Canon Leo Glancy

The CDA is saddened to share the news of **Canon Leo Glancy** death on 23rd July. He was ordained on 30th March 1963, celebrating his Diamond Jubilee in March 2023.

Fr Paul writes “Fr Leo gave many years support to Catholic Deaf in Edinburgh archdiocese same time as he was Parish Priest in various places. Whenever we had CDA events/Days of Prayer (retreat) and CDA conferences in Scotland, Fr Leo was there quietly supportive especially to Sr Mary Chisholm DC (RIP) and during the 3.5 years I worked in Edinburgh city. May Leo Rest in Peace.”

Peter McDonough writes “Fr Leo was a faithful and dedicated supporter of the Deaf community and always attended the CDA events when he could. I personally thought he was a humble priest.”

Please pray for the repose of Fr Leo, faithful servant.

<https://www.falkirkherald.co.uk/news/people/tributes-to-former-falkirk-and-grangemouth-priest-canon-leo-glancy-8824899>

Maria & Peter Booker

The CDA wishes to congratulate Maria and Peter Booker on their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. You both are an inspiration to all of us, may your love story shine as bright as gold.

Spiritual Reflection with Peter McDonough

Peter has started an interesting and informative series ***Spiritual Reflection*** on Whatsapp faith group, beginning at the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. You can watch it on YouTube, be sure to give it a thumbs up.

<https://youtu.be/6UQyJOOoGCw?si=pr-h4NwkSOOLH0E0>

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO JANUARY 2027.

If you are interested in attending, or would like to know more, please contact -

Fr Paul Fletcher SJ - email: pmf1uk@yahoo.co.uk

Peter McDonough - email: peterjpmcdonough@gmail.com

CCRS course

Presentations in BSL

Group discussions

Research, study, thinking, reflection and prayer

Deaf friendly with Deaf tutors



CCRS course - what is it?

An accredited course approved by the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

8 modules exploring the Scriptures (OT & NT), the Person of Jesus Christ, the Church, its Sacramental life, Moral understanding and two specialist modules (Catechism and Pastoral theology)

Designed for Deaf persons interested in being involved in the local Deaf community, providing support and empowering them to share fully in the life of the church

Assignments can be typed English or BSL signed video. Successful completion leads to a **Certificate in Catholic Religious Studies**.

And an opportunity for faith and personal development

Saturday 19th September 2026

Saturday 17th October 2026

Saturday 21st November 2026

Saturday 16th January 2027

Saturday 20th February 2027

Saturday 20th March 2027

Saturday 1st May 2027

Saturday 5th June 2027

Saturday 3rd July 2027

Saturday 18th September 2027

Saturday 16th October 2027

Saturday 20th November 2027

Saturday 15th January 2028

Saturday 19th February 2028

Saturday 18th March 2028

Saturday 6th May 2028

Saturday 3rd June 2028

Saturday 1st July 2028

Saturday 16th September 2028

Saturday 21st October 2028

Saturday 18th November 2028

Saturday 20th January 2029

Saturday 17th February 2029

Saturday 17th March 2029

Where? St Joseph's Deaf club (St Patrick's Church), Livesey Street, M4 5HF

Tutors: Fr Paul Fletcher SJ (pmf1uk@yahoo.co.uk); Peter McDonough (peterjpmcdonough@gmail.com)

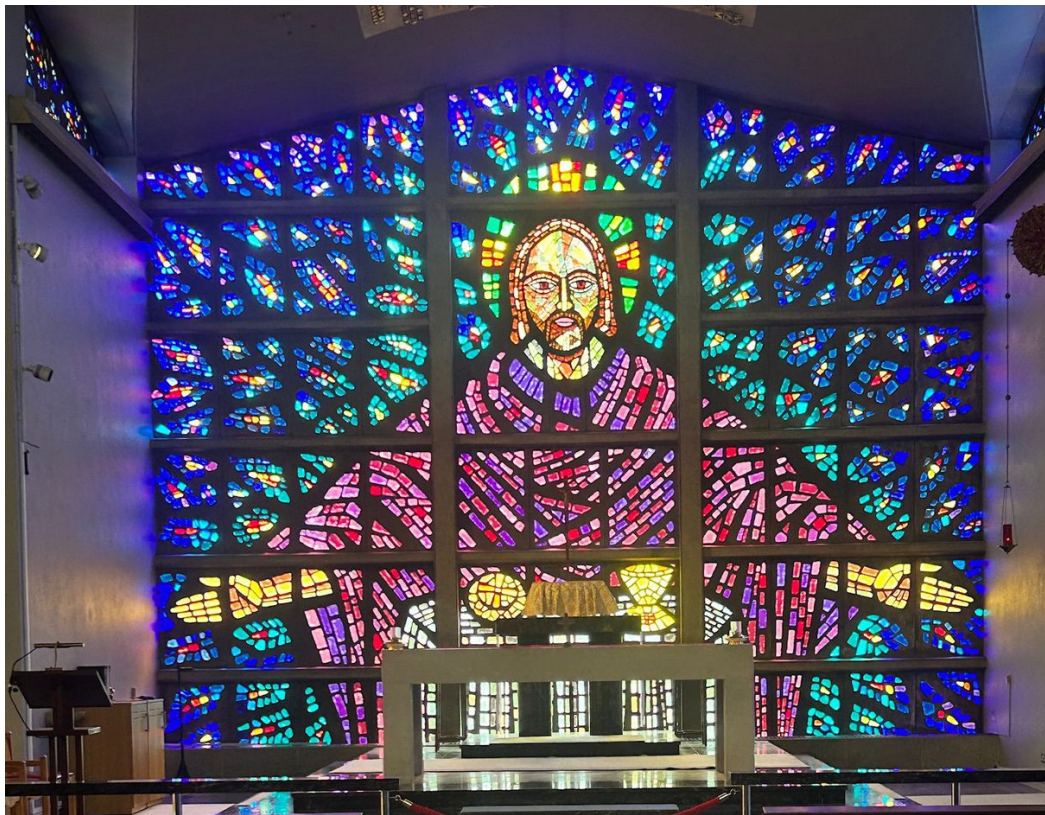
CCRS 2026 reunion

A CCRS 2026 reunion was held in St Rita's Honiton and Buckfast Abbey in Devon.

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Deaf Priests.

John F Mansueto JR wrote this article on **Deaf Catholic World** on Facebook.

“How many deaf priests in the USA? That was the topic since Father Erik Pintar was ordained into the Priesthood on 27th June. Many reports have 11 deaf priests in the USA, so I decided to do some research, I located 13 deaf priests that served in the USA and 1 who is deceased. I included Father Park who is no longer with us as he went back to his country South Korea but did serve in the USA. Here are the names of the 14 deaf priests and where they are located.

Father Thomas Coughlin - He is the 1st ever Deaf Catholic priest ordained in 1977. Fr Coughlin is the founding father of the Dominican Missionaries for the Deaf Apostolate. He tends to visit Catholic Deaf communities around the US to give retreats or Masses for the Deaf. Fr Coughlin owns Camp Mark Seven Property in Old Forge, New York which usually runs during the summer and host different events there. www.campmark7.org

Father Christopher Klusman - He is the Director of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Deaf Apostolate and on the National Catholic Deaf Board of Directors. He appeared on ETW National Broadcast in 2015.
https://youtu.be/_pvBKEGabe4?si=6AOCX0e6Zcgcamqa

Father Michael Depcik - Chaplain for the Deaf Ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, MD. He provides sacramental ministry to Deaf Catholics in the USA and has a popular video blog “Father MD’s Kitchen Table”. <https://www.frmd.org>

<https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2017/06/father-paul-zirimenya-invites-asl-track-wedding-feast-lamb/>

Father Shawn Carey - Pastor for St Jude's Parish Catholic Church in Waltham, MA, and Boston's Deaf Apostolate. <https://youtu.be/Klh5MM8Y58E?si=RQu2tQSRwxMU9PRH>

Father Min Seo Park - guided by Fr Thomas Coughlin, he studied at Gallaudet University. Earned his Doctor of Ministry (DMin) in Theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in 2024, at one time he was the chaplain at Gallaudet University and ministering to Deaf Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington DC. Currently he has moved back to South Korea.
<https://www.ucanews.com/news/for-south-koreas-hard-of-hearing-catholics-faith-is-experiential/112945>

Father Joseph Bruce - is a Jesuit priest and the founder and curator of the Deaf Catholic Archies at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. His work centres on preserving and making accessible the history, culture and religious life of Deaf Catholics worldwide. He was the 2025 winner of the Santae Crucis award winner. <https://www.americamagazine.org/from-our-archives/2012/12/28/sign-god/>

Father Dan Kavanagh - is the Pastor for St Mary Magalen Catholic Church in Brentwood, MO. He is the Director of the Catholic Deaf Ministry i the Archdiocese of St Louis. <https://www.stlouisreview.com/story/reinvigorated-deaf-ministry-provides-sacraments-faith-formation>

Father Brian Doran and Father Tom Schweitzer - both deaf pastors for Holy Angels Catholic Church of the Deaf. Spearheaded by Fr Brian and Fr Tom in reponse to the call of Vatican II for a greater participation in church and the need to evangelise a very large unchurched but baptised Catholic Deaf People. Holy Angels Church of the Deaf was canonically established as a Personal Parish for the Catholic Deaf Community in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in California by the then Archbishop Roger Mahony on 31st March 1987.
<https://hacofthedeaf.org/our-history>
https://natcath.org/NCR_Online/archives2/2001a/011901/011901u.htm

Father Ghislain Bazikila - born in Brazzaville, Congo. In his role as a chaplain and pastor, he has worked with deaf Catholic in the USA and in Congo. Currently he is a Parochial Vicar in Saint Benedict Parish in San Francisco.

voiving to ensure accessibility for the Deaf community.

<https://www.stmonicaofrochester.org/a-message-from-fr-ray>

Father Jim Hall - Fr Hall served deaf communities in Gary, Indiana; Rockford, Illinois; Joliet, Illinois and Chicago as well as performing retreat work for the deaf. He was known for his dedication to sacramental inclusion and for concelebrating Masses for the deaf community, often alongside other misisters all deaf. Fr Jim passed away 26th June 2026. Requiescant In Pace.

AND THE NEWEST! Father Erik Pintar - ordained on 27th June, starting on 13th July, Fr Pintar will serve at Corpus Christi Parish in Bridgeville and Cecil, PA. He will continue his ministry as co-chaplain to the Pittsburgh Deaf Community."

<https://pghpriest.com/people/erik-pintar>

The CDA wishes to congratulate Fr Erik and wish him many years of abundant blessings and successes.

Pilgrimage to Warmia and Gdansk, Northern Poland

Dr Minna Moffatt-Feldman is leading a pilgrimage to Warmia and Gdansk, Northern Poland on Wednesday 26th to Sunday 30th May 2027.

£1,410 per person based on twin/double share.

There will be an information evening on the 27th of August at 7pm.
Please contact Dr Minna Moffatt-Feldman directly for more information.
McCabe Pilgrimages will have more information on their website soon.
And check CDA website soon.

Upcoming Events

August 15-22nd 2026 - HCPT 556 pilgrimage to Lourdes

Saturday 26th September 2026 - CDA AGM start 10am Westminster Cathedral Hall)

January 2027 (Manchester) - CCRS Course

March 6th 2027 Saturday - Blackpool Conference

May 2027 - Pilgrimage to Warmia and GDansk, Northern Poland

HCPT 556 pilgrimage to Lourdes 15th - 22nd August 2026 with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ and BSLSLI James Fitzgerald - is fully BOOKED with 4 past pupils of St John's Boston Spa going! Pray for us as we will for you.

Continue Transfiguration Novena (until 6th August)

Begin Assumption Novena

7th - 15th August

Prayer Wall

Repose of Canon Leo Glancy
Lizzie Russell (
Sr Marika Rebicsek (Essex)
Sr Angela (Manchester)

Irena Lindsey (Brentwood)
Brian Davies (Greenford)
Karla Huggins (Southampton)
Roy Plumbley (Hove)

CDA Faith Group

This is the WhatsApp group that is open to all CDA members where we can share our faith, information, announcements.

Please contact either [Peter McDonough](#) or [Maria Booker](#) to have your names added.

CDA Rosary prayers

Wednesdays at 8am

Join us for Rosary. We do the full 4 Mysteries, however we use only 3 Hail Mary's instead of 10 to ensure we finish under an hour.

Please contact [Maria Booker](#)

Saints of the Month

Saint Dominic

Born - c. 1170 in Caleruga, Spain

Died - 6th August 1221

Feast day - 8th August

<https://www.dominicansisters.co.uk/stdominic/>

www.dominicanfriars.org/saintdominic/

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic/>

To honour Saint Francis of Assisi, we will have quotes of him every month. Also to accompany Peter McDonough's Spiritual Reflection series.

This month is -

**“Remember the words of our Lord,
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you (Mt. 5: 44).”**

Did you know...?

Ferrero Rocher is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary? Michele Ferrero, who built the company, declared “The success of Ferrero we owe to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Without her we can do little”. He placed Virgin Mary statues in every single one of his production facilities worldwide and led annual pilgrims to the shrine at Lourdes.

<https://www.ewtnnews.com/world/europe/ferrero-rocher-the-chocolate-inspired-by-our-lady-of-lourdes>

<https://religionunplugged.com/news/2020/2/11/these-popular-valentines-chocolates-honor-the-virgin-mary>

Events **NOT** organised by CDA

Please be aware that some events sell out fast, so book now.

7th - 16th August - Edinburgh Deaf Festival

<https://edinburghdeaffestival.com/>

15th August - Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-deaf-festival-2026-tickets-1993206663787>

<https://www.kenttennis.org.uk/post/deaf-tennis-event>

31st October 2026 - Deaf Rave - all ages, family suitable

<https://www.deafrave.com/shows/deaf-rave-daytime-festival-2026>

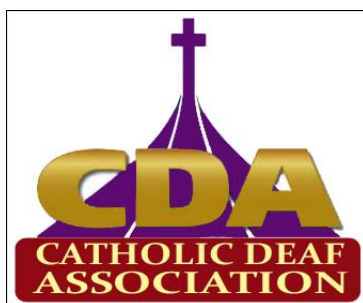
31st October 2026 - Deaf Rave 18+ - after dark 8pm - 1am

- <https://www.deafrave.com/shows/deaf-rave-after-dark-festival-2026>

Information

If you know of a **Get Together** café, club, or fellowship, and would like this information included in the CDA Newsletter, or if your church offers a signed Mass that is not listed in the Directory on our **website**(or if the information there needs correcting/updating), please email the **Secretary**.

News compiled by Dorothy Hester



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