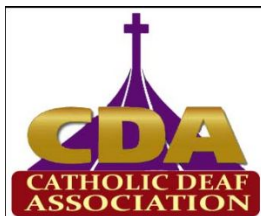


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Pope Leo's Intention

For the care of water.

"Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resources, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

Pope Leo sends aid to Nepal

The Vatican News stated - "Through the Dicastery for the Service of Charity, Pope Leo XIV has sent financial support to Caritas Nepal as relief operations continue and the death toll in the affected regions rises hourly, with over 630 known to have died and approximately 3,000 still missing."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-08/in-wake-of-devastating-floods-pope-sends-aid-to-nepal.html>

Please pray for those affected in Nepal flood, may the Lord lead those who perished home to Him and comfort those who lost families and/or homes.

HCPT 556 - Lourdes

HCPT 556 has posted some photographs of the recent Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Fr Paul Fletcher attended along with some CDA members and with BSL interpreter James Fitzgerald. Some Irish youths from Mayo were also there, wearing orange tops, "a great asset to us" quotes Fr Paul. Mariella celebrated her birthday while there, she said before going that she looked forward as the last time she was there was when she was 9 with her peers from school.

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Pat Chandler on Lourdes



It is a wonderful place to visit Lourdes as it is my fifth time. Whenever I walk slowly in queue with other people behind me to the grotto, touch the damp rock then look at the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. I pray - look awesome to see people from all over the world come to walk and visit, especially at night processions with torch candle with flame.

I went to small wall with taps to fill the bottles and go to the Holy candle area. Do feel good, as I feel spiritual atmosphere around especially do the Stations of the Cross from 1 to 17 (not 14) beautiful designs.

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I feel closer to our Mary when I sign in BSL at the Stations of the Cross and also do the readings at Mass. Beautiful stained windows church at Hosana House, overlook the mountains, glorious scenes with the sun shining. The meals were simple and healthy. Five of us - Fr Paul, Mariella, Paul, Michael and I were ex pupils from Boston Spa school in different ages. Mariella now 79 years old, had a lovely surprise as cooks in kitchen make lovely sponge birthday cake in her name.



Fr Mike and Irish Youths from Mayo (The Rise and Shine Trust), mostly age 16-18 help us, keen to learn how to sign Liturgy and everyday life signs, plus North East and London people (hearing).

Over a week, we all are like family group. Fr Paul is good in everything, took Michael to see Vincent - 5th generation nephew of St Bernadette. I took Paul Farrell to small museum and sign the story of St Bernadette, very visual waxwork of people - with expressions, example police wag his finger at St Bernadette. Down the basement church for exposition (veneration) - alot of Saint's portrait. First floor I saw beautiful mosaic pictures of 5 Mysteries of the Rosary.



James Fitzgerald interpreter very good signer, has good sense of humour.

I hope to go to Lourdes again in 2028. Come on brothers and sisters, please come to Lourdes with us.

Fr Paul notes “She (Pat) was a godsend for me so I’m very grateful for her presence and willing support. Amen”.

The CDA wishes to thank Pat for her contribution to this newsletter, it is always lovely reading about other people’s experience in various pilgrims.

The CDA hopes Mariella enjoyed her birthday in Lourdes, again, many happy returns.

Spiritual Reflection with Peter McDonough

Peter has an interesting and informative series ***Spiritual Reflection*** on Whatsapp faith group, the latest series is on God’s Creation. You can watch it on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/PuUF_WrVQJ0

Dasher retires



Dasher, the faithful and loyal Hearing Dog for the Deaf, and companion to Angela Davies, has officially retired. Angela says he is happy, sleeping, eating food minus 5 teeth and has lots of love from God. Enjoy your retirement Dasher, it is well deserved.

Seoul archdiocese expands sign language Masses

The Archdiocese of Seoul in South Korea is expanding sign language-interpreted Masses to make Catholic worship more accessible to deaf. Luke Godoy continues his article on this wonderful news about Deungchon 1-dong Catholic Church, Seoul.

<https://www.heraldmalaysia.com/news/seoul-archdiocese-expands-sign-language-masses-for-greater-inclusion/91265/1>

Want to live longer? Attend Mass

An article written by Harumi Suzuki states that Dr. José Jorge Maya has discovered those who attend Mass regularly, often live longer.

<https://ewtn.co.uk/chpop-doctor-reveals-surprising-health-benefits-of-attending-mass-regularly/>

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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)

Pilgrimage to Warmia and Gdansk, Northern Poland

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

Information evening (interpreter available) - Thursday 3rd September 2026
6.30pm at St Anne's RC Church, Crescent Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 5UE
or 7pm online via zoom.

If you can't join, please still register - they will send you the recording. Register at
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/9ESte0xGnd>

Happy birthday Rosary prayer group

Pat Chandler mentioned at the Rosary Prayer group on Wednesday morning, that we are in our 6th year of having zoom Rosary. It was set up at the time of Covid and is still going strong. We take in turns signing the Mysteries and often have a quick chat afterwards. If you're interested in joining - please contact Maria Booker for the link to zoom.

Signed Mass - Wrexham

Every now and then, Bishop Peter Brignall holds Mass for the deaf, it is a good chance to have signed Mass and for Bishop Peter to continue practising signing the Liturgy in Wrexham. We meet just before noon, Mass begins at 12pm. Afterwards, tea/coffee and a chat. Please park inside - not on the street - and join us. Next Mass will be held on 19th September 2026.

Bishops House, Sontley Road, Wrexham, LL13 7EW.

Upcoming Events

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

CCRS Course - January 2027 (Manchester)

Blackpool Conference - Saturday 6th March 2027

Pilgrimage to Warmia and GDansk, Northern Poland - May 2027

Trip to shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Ireland - May/June 2027

Trip to shrine of Our Lady of Medjugorje - 15th - 22nd September 2026

Begin Exaltation of the Cross Novena

6th - 14th September

Prayer Wall

Sr Marika Rebicsek (Essex)
Sr Angela (Manchester)
Irena Lindsey (Brentwood)
Brian Davies (Greenford)

John Davies (North Wales)
Karla Huggins (Southampton)
Roy Plumbley (Hove)
For all in Nepal

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 Teresa of Calcutta

Born - 26th August 1910

Died - 5th September 1997

Canonised - formally declared a saint by Pope Francis on 4th September 2016.

Feast day - 5th September

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This month is -

**“At all times and seasons, in every country and place, every day and all day,
we must have a true and humble faith.”**

Did you know...?

A greyhound dog called Guinefort became a saint who was locally venerated in France and his feast day was 22nd August. The Catholic Church never officially recognised the dog as a saint. In the 1250s, the Dominican inquisitor Stephen of Bourbon discovered the practice and ordered the shrine destroyed and the dog's bones burned. Despite the ban, devotion to Saint Guinefort persisted secretly among locals for centuries.

<https://uscatholic.org/calendar/st-guinefort-the-dog/>

Events NOT organised by CDA

1st, 8th and 15th September 2026 - From Cork? Interested in learning about the Irish Census website and how to use it? Irish Deaf Society has a three week course for Deaf and HoH ISL users at the Cork Deaf Club. If interested, apply:

<https://www.irishdeaf society.ie/product/onsite-understanding-the-irish-census-website-cork-september-2026/>

2nd September 2026 - D/deaf focused Netball training session. Open to D/deaf, HoH, Cudas and hearing, everyone is welcome. 7-9pm. First session free, then after £5 per session. Soar Valley Community College, Gleneagles Ave, Leicester, LE4 7GY.

More information from Derby Deaf on Facebook.

7th and 28th September - 1-3pm - deaf cafe, Moredon sporting Hub, Cheney Manor, Swindon, SN2 2QJ

Every Thursday - 1-3pm - Boswell (deaf) cafe, 19D Regent St, Swindon, SN1 1JQ

26th September - 1-3pm - Signing cafe, Blunsdon community shop and cafe, unit 1 Blunt Rise, Broad Blunsdon, Swindon, SN26 7DA

26th September 2026 - Boogie Wonderland Bongo Bingo - 6pm to 12am. 70s theme, fancy dress encouraged. Finger buffet included. Bar open, 18+ only. £20 members, £25 non-members. price inc entry, 8 page bingo book (extra book £10) Lanarkshire Deaf Hub, 105 Roman Road, Motherwell, ML1 1EA

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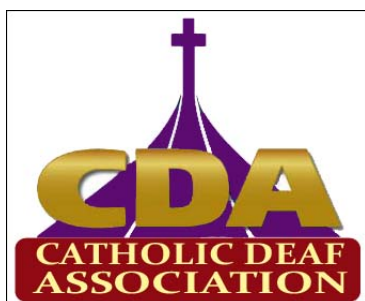
17th October 2026 - buffet and skittles Harvest Moon - 2pm until late, 50 people limit. £15 per person. Please contact Alan Stewart or Debbie Elliot on Bridgwater & Taunton deaf club via Facebook. Deadline 1st October.

31st December 2026 - New Year's Eve party - Torbay Deaf Club. Back due to popular demand. £15 members, £20 non-members. Please contact Chivonne Chapman on Torbay Deaf Club via Facebook.

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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