

October 2026
27th Sunday of 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.



“I’ve not asked you to be a busy bee, but to be still and know that I am God”

Autumn can be a time to pause and reflect. Around us the world is changing. Green leaves become yellow, brown or red, the warmth of the summer sun, chills and we feel the cold fresh air. As the life around us changes, we know that our God is unchanging, we trust in him and live in hope.

In the busyness of life around us, sometimes it is good to pause and be still. To feel God’s presence with us and rest in his love. We are human beings, not human doings – sometimes it is good to stop what we are doing and be still.



Deaf Community Mass in Westminster Cathedral Hall

Join us on Sunday 4th October 4.30pm
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



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS LAST MONTH

Collection £117.54 Mary’s Meals £12.80 ADVP £12.74

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

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Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of the team

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

Sunday 11th October 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



**Sign-Interpreted Mass
at Holy Apostles, Pimlico**

Saturday 17th October 6pm
Winchester Street, Pimlico, London SW1V

How to get there: The nearest bus stops are 24, 360 and C10
The nearest tube station is Pimlico



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

Wednesday 21st October 10am at 2 Lukin Street, Commercial Road E1 0AA



OCTOBER

During this month we focus more on Mary. The Rosary helps us to think about the life of Jesus Christ and Mary his mother.

Pick up your copy of the Rosary leaflet today or watch on our YouTube channel



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 11.30am

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

Bible Study

Join us on
Tuesday 13th October 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

Join us as we discover more about the bible together



Deaf Lunch Club

Tuesday 20th October
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



Thanks to everyone that came to the Mass and celebration for making it such a special occasion

We give thanks and pray for all the clergy, religious and lay people, both Deaf and hearing that have been a part of the Deaf Service past and present, and look forward to its future.



Photos will be available soon on our social media and on our website

Signs of Hope...



Deaf Counselling

Do you have a problem you would like to talk to someone about confidentially?

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

Isaiah 5:1–7**Philippians 4:6–9****Matthew 21:33–43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the Jewish leaders, 'I tell you another parable. There was a landowner, a rich man, that had his own field. He grew grapes in his field. He built a fence around his field. He dug a hole for a wine press and he built a tower. Then the rich man hired some workers to look after it and work the vineyard and he went abroad. Later the grapes were fully grown and ready, the rich man asked some of his servants to collect the grapes. But the workers grabbed the servants, beat one servant, threw stones at another servant and killed another servant. The rich man sent more servants, but the workers did the same again, they beat and killed the servants. So in the end the rich man decided to send his son. He said, "They will respect my son." But the workers saw the son, and they said to each other, "This is the son of the landowner, the rich man, if we kill him, the field will be ours!" So the workers grabbed the son, threw him out of the field, and killed him.' Jesus asked, 'When the master comes, what will he do to the workers?' The chief priests and the Jewish leaders said, 'The master will surely punish those evil workers and they will die. The master will give the job to other people that will work in the field and make sure the grapes are given to the master at the right time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders threw away, became the important corner stone. The Lord did this and it is wonderful for us to see." I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you, and given to the people that will do all the things God wants.'

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

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The hidden word in September WITH