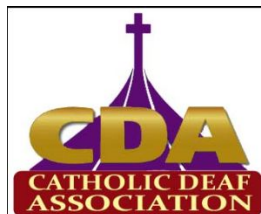


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Pope Leo's Intention

For the proper use of wealth.

"Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less."

Message from CDA Chaplain

Fr Paul Fletcher, SJ.

For November, remembering our Dead. Please send Fr Paul any names of dead relatives, friends or colleagues, you would like remembered at Mass this month.

Message from CDA Treasurer

Peter McDonough

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection after the AGM last month at Westminster Hall to help cover the costs of organising signed Masses, including the Wi-Fi dongle and Zoom. The collection raised an amazing £300, which will greatly help us and give us confidence that we can continue to offer signed Masses for the next twelve months. Thanks.

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

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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)

Advent 2026

Advent Sunday begins on the 29th November 2026.

4th Asia Deaf Catholic Conference

Deaf Catholics from 21 Nations met in Seoul to discuss access, leadership and mission. Thai delegation members lifted their hands in Thai Sign Language in a profoundly moving prayer that set the tone for a historic gathering of Asian faithful.

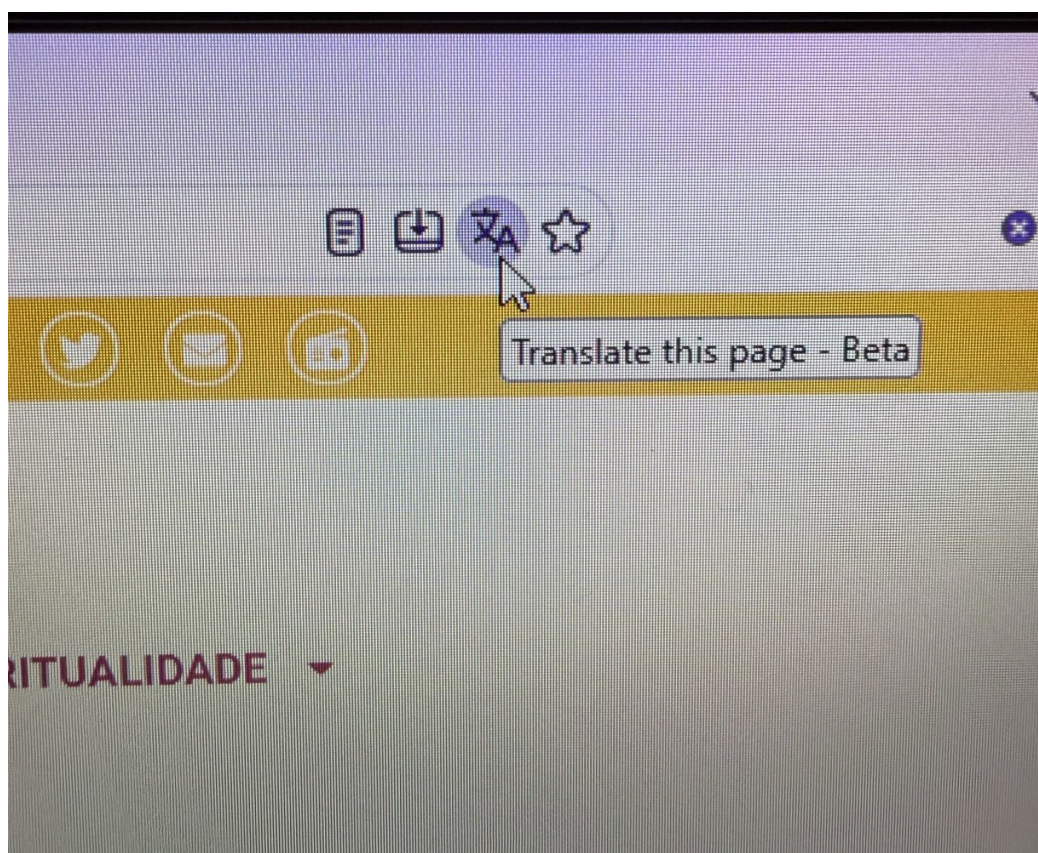
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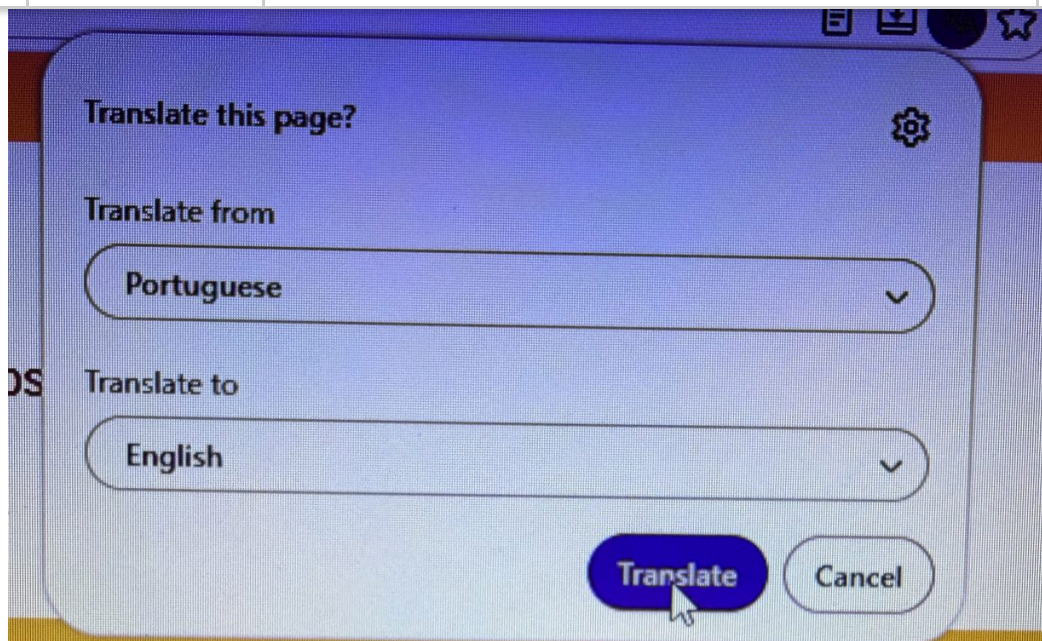
46th National Pilgrimage of the Pastoral of the Deaf

Brazil National Day of the Deaf on 26th September saw 800 participants in the National Sanctuary of Our Lady of Aparecida

<https://cnbbsul1.org.br/46-romaria-nacional-pastoral-do-surdo-aparecida-2026/>

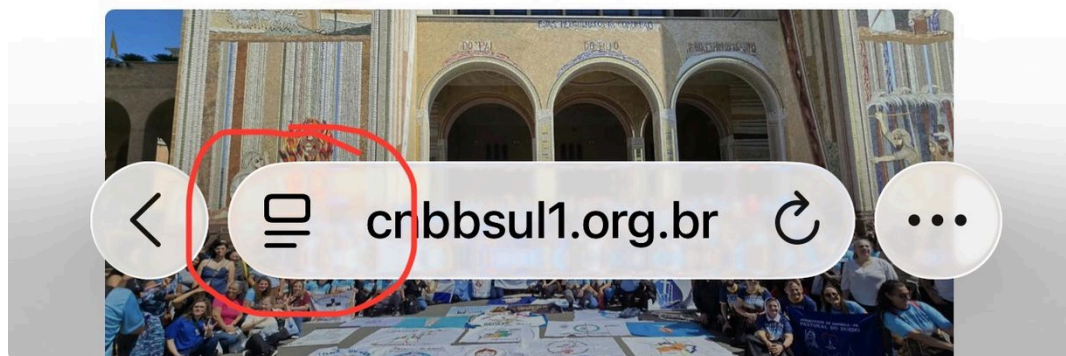
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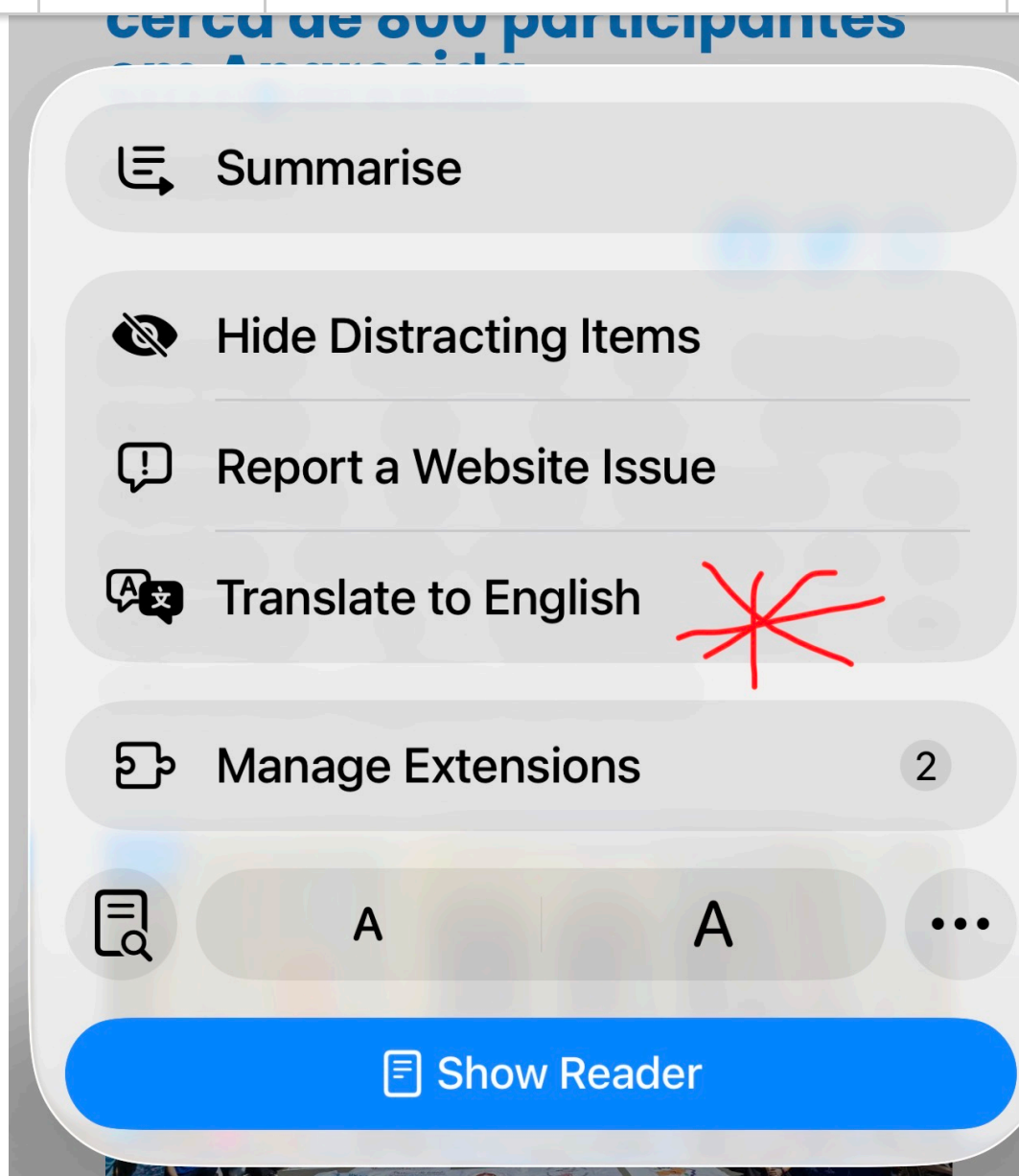


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News of other Deaf Catholic

Padre Márcio Calais (Brazil): Operating as a digital missionary, Padre Calais's extensive work in *Libras* (Brazilian Sign Language) achieved formal recognition from the Vatican. In late 2026, he continues coordinating a dedicated, highly trained team of deaf pastoral workers translating the Pope's weekly Angelus and general audiences directly for the *Vatican News Português* YouTube channel. He has an Instagram account - *fathermarciocalais* - where he uses Brazilian Sign Language. Here is an interview he did (subtitles), talking about why he is passionate about advocating deaf people.

https://youtu.be/V_PPHdX47S8?si=H45kvCwK4OWG2DxT

Father Michael Depcik has completed a highly successful month-long pastoral visit to Sydney, Australia in October. At the invitation of the *Ephpheta Centre*, he celebrated Masses in Auslan (Australian Sign Language), conducted hospital visits, and led retreats, heavily drawing younger deaf Catholics back to the local community.

<https://catholicweekly.com.au/deaf-priests-sydney-visit-brings-new-faces-to-mass/>

Fr Jose Martinez & the Kenya-Mexico Exchange: Last month, Fr Martinez (former chaplain to the deaf community in Nairobi) returned to East Africa alongside Mexican sign language experts. Their mission focuses heavily on running localised workshops to train sign language interpreters and bridge the gaps between Mexican and Kenyan Deaf cultures.

<https://www.aciafrica.org/news/24567/mexico-based-catholic-priest-excited-to-be-back-in-kenya-for-2026-deaf-intercultural-exchange>

Fr Peter Bhuravaj Searaariyah (Thailand): Working under the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand, Fr Bhuravaj—Thailand's only priest fluent in sign language—spoke out earlier this year regarding the severe "silent exile" deaf Catholics face. He is leading nationwide efforts to create specialised, visually accessible retreats to counter the fact that written or spoken Thai is structurally distinct from native sign languages.

<https://www.licas.news/2026/10/01/thai-church-deepens-deaf-inclusion-through-leadership-and-formation/>

Upcoming Events

January 2027 (Manchester) - CCRS Course

6th March 2027 Saturday - Blackpool Conference

May 2027 - Pilgrimage to Warmia and GDansk, Northern Poland

June 2027 - CCRS trip to shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Ireland - Fully booked.

4 - 11th October 2027 - Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Medjugorje - contact David Morgan at SJCDP Manchester for booking form and info. (cost £799 per person sharing twin room. Fly from Manchester.

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Anthony Murphy and family
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](#)

Christ the King Novena

begin on 13th November to finish on Feast Day (22nd)

Immaculate Conception Novena

begin on 30th November to finish on Feast Day (8th Dec)

Saints of the Month

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (Mother Cabrini)

Born - 15th July 1850

Died - 22 Dec 1917

Feast day - November 13th (USA)/ 22nd Dec (elsewhere)

First United States citizen to be canonised as a Saint.

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To honour Saint Francis of Assisi, we will have quotes of him every month.

This month is -

“The poor man bears the mark of Christ's nobility, who made Himself poor for us in this world”

Did you know...?

O Antiphon hides a secret message. The first letters of Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, Clavis, Oriens, Rex, Emmanuel spells out SARCORE, When read backwards it spells Ero Cras, meaning “Tomorrow I come”, serving as a final divine promise on the Eve of Christ’s birth.

Events NOT organised by CDA

Archdiocese of Glasgow events

https://www.catholicdeafglasgow.org/wp-content/uploads/GPDC-Brochure2026_2027.pdf

1st November - 2-3.30pm - Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh - led by Barbara Brown and entirely in BSL. And 16th January 2027 - 11- 12.30pm,

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-british-sign-language-garden-tour-royal-botanic-garden-edinburgh-tickets-1985059302811?aff=oddttdtcreator>

5th November - 2-4pm - Trinity College, Dublin - Deaf people experiences with ISL interpreter.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/deaf-peoples-experiences-of-engaging-with-irish-sign-language-interpreters-tickets-2003466162223>

7th November - 2pm - Time + Space BSL Tour (Trudi Collier) Free event
Collective Gallery, Calton Hill, Edinburgh

<https://www.collective-edinburgh.art/event/bsl-tour-time-space/>

11th November 10am - Bookbug Story time with BSL - free. 0-5 years old. Every Wednesday.

Carnegie Library, 12 Main Street, Ayr, KA8 8EB

13th November - 5pm - Gra Ciuin /A quiet love

Sacred Heart Uni Dingle Campus, Kerry

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/an-gra-ciuin-a-quiet-love-tickets-2001263679538?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

14th November - 6pm - Predictive Texts (Sci-fi play about deaf astronaut navigating an emergency situation with AI hologram that does not understand ISL) performed in ISL with spoken English interpretation and open captions. Free admission for d/Deaf and HoH.

Dance Cork Firkin Crane, Cork City.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/predictive-texts-tickets-2003129489225>

18th November - 7.30pm - Blood Brothers - BSL interpreted - more information

Curve, 60 Rutland Street, Leicester, LE1 1SB

<https://malvern-theatres.co.uk/event/blood-brothers/>

21st November 2.30 - 3.30pm - ISL tour Hilma of Klint, Artist and visionary.

National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin. Free, booking essential. Completely in ISL, no translation available.

<https://www.visitdublin.com/irish-sign-language-tour-hilma-of-klint-artist-and-visionary-nov-2026>

25th November - 7pm - Handel's Leading Ladies (BSL interpreted concert). Part of the Dunedin Consort's "Deaf Season", this classical music performance is explicitly interpreted by Paul Whittaker. Prices vary.

St John's Kirk, Perth, PH1 5SZ

<https://www.perththeatreandconcerthall.com/whats-on/dunedin-consort-handels-leading-ladies?direct=true>

2nd December - 7.30pm - Singsong - ISL interpreted performance

Projects Art Centre, Temple Bar, Dublin (pay what you can)

<https://ma.to/event/singsong-isl-performance-02-dec-2026>

3rd December - 6pm - The Snow Queen - traditional family pantomime featuring an on-stage BSL interpreter.

Aberdeen Arts Centre, Aberdeen, AB24 5AA

<https://www.ticketsource.com/aberdeenpantomime/t-qmjyko>

4th December - 7.15pm - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - BSL interpreted (Emma Philips)

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5th December - 2pm - Adventures of Pinocchio - BSL interpreted.
King's Theatre, Edinburgh - deadline to book 13 November 2026.

<https://deafaction.org/our-events/festive-panto-trip/>

13th December - 5pm - Aladdin festive panto - BSL interpreted.
Malvern Theatre, Grange Rd, Great Malvern, Malvern WR14 3HB

<https://malvern-theatres.co.uk/event/aladdin-pantomime/>

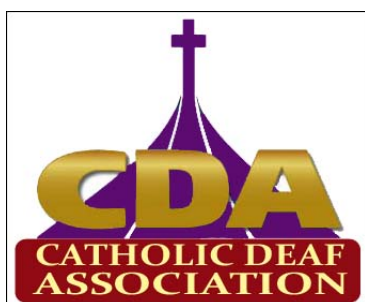
13th December - 3.30pm - Collins Barracks ISL tour. National Museum of Ireland,
Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. Free admission.

<https://www.visitdublin.com/irish-sign-language-tour-hilma-af-klint-artist-and-visionary-nov-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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