



Jubilee 2025



2025 has been designated as a Jubilee Year by Pope Francis. We are all invited to enter into a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, strengthening our relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. We have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Catholic faith during Jubilee 2025 – and we can do this in a wide variety of ways.

Which key dates are important for the Jubilee Year?

Pope Francis will launch the Jubilee Year by opening the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican on 24 December 2024. A Holy Door is one of the usually sealed entrances that lead into the major basilicas of Rome, which is only opened during a Jubilee Year. The Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee Year, such as this, every 25 years. The Jubilee Year will open in the Diocese of Nottingham on 29 December 2024, with schools having a special day of their own on Friday 24 January. The Jubilee Year will close on 6 January 2026, the solemnity of The Epiphany.

Tuesday 24 December 2024

The Holy Father will open the Jubilee in Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome on Tuesday 24 December 2024.

Sunday 29 December 2024

Bishop Patrick will open the Jubilee for our diocese on Sunday 29 December 2024, feast of the Holy Family.

Friday 24 January 2025

Bishop Marcus Stock has asked that schools in England and Wales open the Jubilee on Friday 24 January 2025.

Tuesday 6 January 2026

The Jubilee closes with the solemnity of the Epiphany on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

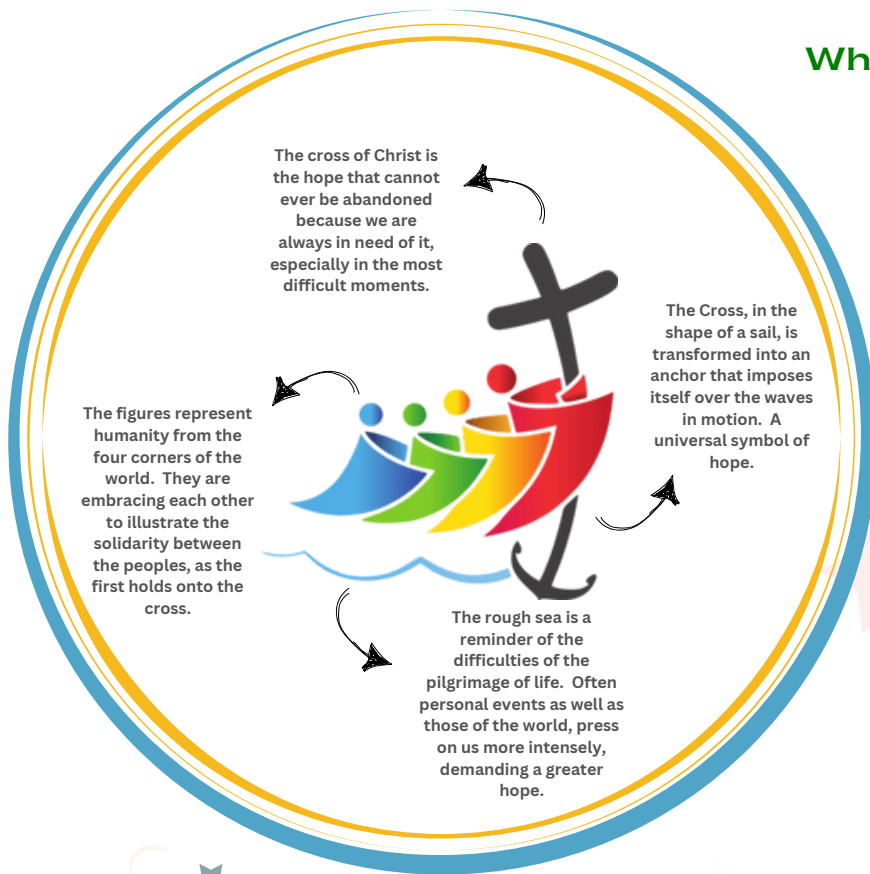
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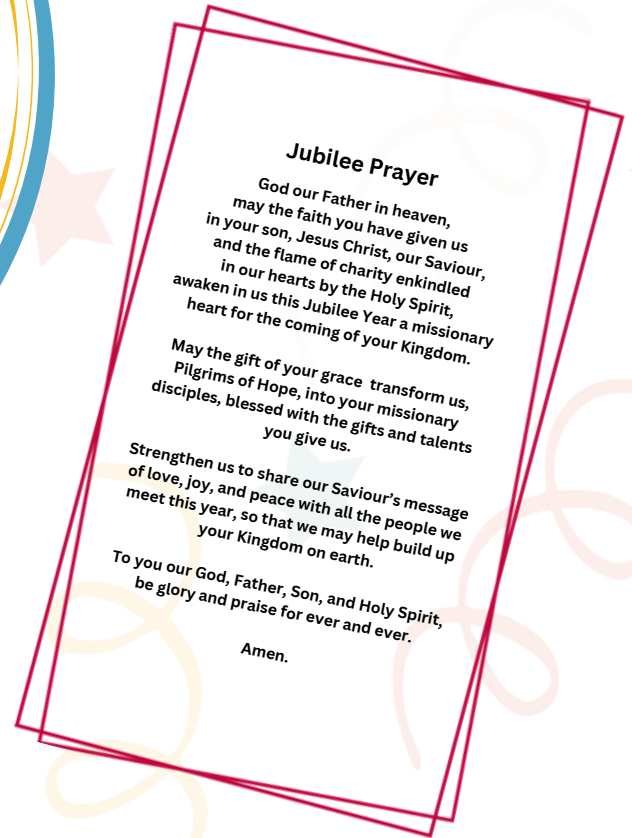
Who are the Pilgrims of Hope?

The theme for the Jubilee year is Pilgrims of Hope – and we are those pilgrims. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew their hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are urged to turn our gaze to the plight of our brothers and sisters across the world, and ensure that we observe and preserve human dignity for all. In addition, we are encouraged by Pope Francis, 'to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home'.

What does the Jubilee Logo tell us?



The Jubilee logo is brimming with significance. What do you notice within? The diagram on the left unpacks the elements included within the design, reinforcing the concept of us all becoming Pilgrims of Hope in the coming year.



Will we undertake Jubilee Pilgrimages?

In 2015-2016, many of us may remember that we passed through a designated holy door in our schools and parishes: this Jubilee Year, we are invited, instead, to make pilgrimages, near or far. Nine churches in our own diocese will each be designated as a *Jubilee Church*, one located in each deanery. Here is a list of our diocesan Jubilee Churches:



Cathedral Church of Saint Barnabas, Nottingham
Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe
Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield
Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln
Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Norbert, Spalding



Saint Mary, Derby
Saint Joseph, Matlock



Holy Cross, Leicester
Saint Mary of the Annunciation, Loughborough

What about Social Justice in the Jubilee Year?



How should we Celebrate the Jubilee Year?

Rather than doing too many extra things in the Jubilee, re-imagine what you currently do but use the theme of Jubilee. For example, speak of the 'Jubilee Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' and put the Jubilee logo on the prayer leaflet, rather than referring simply to the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity', or plan for Mass at the end of the academic year to have reference to the Jubilee in the title, and invitation, service itself and the corresponding service booklet

The Jubilee logo, the Jubilee prayer, and the Jubilee hymn should all be used frequently, and should be incorporated into activities such as

- ➡ any significant school anniversaries which fall during the Jubilee
- ➡ activities which help to link schools with their local parish(es) in the Jubilee
- ➡ embedding the Jubilee prayer and hymn in the school's prayer during the year

Are there resources available for the Jubilee Year?

There are lots of exciting and interesting resources – available nationally and more locally. We will no doubt build up a resource bank as the year gets underway! Here are some useful starting points to share.



JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET

The Jubilee Companion Booklet 2025 is published in a collaboration with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. This is a 'must have' for every pilgrim and it is exclusively available as print edition.

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In a world that is growing more unjust and unequal, we invite people, schools and communities to experience the joy and strength in coming together as we respond to God's call for a reset, a renewal of faith and a recommitment to a just world.

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HOLY HOURS

These resources from the Bishops' Conference draw people to a deeper encounter with Jesus through Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We have forwarded these beautiful reflections through the *NRCDES Email Bulletin*.

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The SVP wants to journey with us throughout the Jubilee Year. They are providing a Pilgrim Pack for all schools in the Advent term, hoping that these resources will provide opportunities for pupils and students to reflect on the needs of their community, consider a merciful Christ-like response and bring hope through the actions they can take

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'Give us hope, O Lord' & 'Song of Hope' have been written for primary schools and are offered as a gift in this blessed and hope-filled year. Their aim is to create music that children can learn with ease, with text that is inspired by the scripture and literature provided for the Jubilee Year.

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Journeying Together is a brand new subscription package for Catholic secondary schools. Ten : Ten aim to enable students to journey together in faith, deepen their prayer life, and find new inspiration to act. This resource is offered free-of-charge for all schools during the academic year 2024-25

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HYMN FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE

The Jubilee, which in itself is expressed as an event of people on pilgrimage to the Holy Door, uses song as one of the ways of expressing its motto, "Pilgrims of Hope".

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