

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Some key aspects for parishes



- † A **JUBILEE** – or Holy – Year is marked every twenty-five years by the Universal Church as a time of dedicated prayer so as to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.
- † The theme for the Jubilee Year is '**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**'. This theme invites us to recognise the Christian hope that is at the centre of our faith, a hope we carry with us into every experience of our life. It also encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world.
- † The Jubilee Year 2025 opens in Rome on Christmas Eve, 24 December, with the opening of the **HOLY DOOR** in St Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis after the celebration of Mass in St Peter's Square. Further doors will open at the basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome and, perhaps, at a prison. Unlike in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, holy doors will open in Rome in this Jubilee.
- † The opening of the Holy Year will be marked universally in a liturgy celebrated by the diocesan bishop on the following **SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER**. Parishes in Kildare and Leighlin will be asked to mark the opening – making use of the hymn and prayer in the liturgy of the day and sharing a prayer card for the home on the day: the Feast of the Holy Family.



- † A **HYMN** has been composed for the year. It can be listened to here on video: [Jubilee Hymn: Pilgrims of Hope](#) or [Jubilee Hymn.mp3](#) The text of the hymn can be found on page 4 below while the choral edition is available on [Jubilee hymn music score](#) The Polish language text and music score can be accessed here: [Jubilee Hymn Polish text](#) [Jubilee Hymn Polish score](#)



- † The **JUBILEE LOGO** is rich in meaning. A poster with an explanation can be seen below on page 2
- † Pope Francis has offered a **PRAYER** in anticipation for the year, see below on page 3.
- † The **PAPAL LETTER** announcing the year contains a rich understanding of Christian Hope that is well worth spending time with it. It can be read here: [Hope does not disappoint: Papal Bull for the Jubilee Year 2025](#) We can see the timeliness of the Jubilee for our world in the following words from the letter: *"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. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."*
- † As with other jubilee years, a **PLENARY INDULGENCE** will be granted following participation in pilgrimages to designated pilgrim sites in the course of the Holy Year.

Jubilee of Hope

Logo

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



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The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Francis