



# 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'



- The Church has a Holy Year of Jubilee every 25 years (the last one was in 2000)
- The Year of Mercy (2016) was an Extraordinary Jubilee – Pope Francis specific request!
- The Jubilee Year will begin in Advent on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 December and ends on the Feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday 6 January 2026.
- Pope Francis wants us to prepare for this by undertaking a year of prayer with a particular emphasis on The Lord's Prayer.



In preparation for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is asking Catholics to prepare by dedicating time throughout 2024 with a focus on ‘prayer’ above all else, the **‘Our Father’** to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.”

Year of Prayer began on Sunday 3 December 2023 during Advent.

It is to be a year **for** prayer, rather than **about** prayer during which we will be encouraged to deepen our own prayer life and love of God and to accompany others in theirs

<https://youtu.be/FBi5SCO2J88?list=PLKM6wyWJKrxdmZo5EPxDc1VbW4MOqzljm>



“I want the Jubilee year to foster a greater sense of global brotherhood and solidarity with the poor, as well as care for the environment.

After two years marked by the coronavirus pandemic and the crisis left in its wake, 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 coming 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. That is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee,  
***‘Pilgrims of Hope.’***”





Jubilee Video in English from the Vatican

<https://youtu.be/FBi5SCO2J88?feature=shared>

Official Jubilee Hymn in English recorded from the Vatican

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6xoPAInr\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6xoPAInr_8)



Official Jubilee Logo





- The four figures represent ‘all of humanity’, coming from the four corners of the earth.
- They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.
- The figures also remind us that we do not journey through life alone and that we are united with our brothers and sisters in Christ.





The figure at the front is embracing the cross. The symbolism of this is twofold. The cross is a well-known sign of faith, and it is also a sign of hope: we need to hold onto our faith 'especially in our moments of greatest need.'







There are waves beneath the figures. This reminds us that our pilgrim's journey through life is not always calm and smooth: throughout our lives we will have to face all kinds of different challenges.





The symbol of hope is further enhanced by the lower part of the cross which is in the shape of an anchor. It is submerged deep into the waters and signifies how, like an anchor, our faith gives us stability and security.





In this logo the cross is also bending 'down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.'



# PILGRIMS OF HOPE



- The motto 'Pilgrims of Hope' is ahead of the boat in the direction of travel.
- Green is a colour of growth and hope.
- At Easter time we see the signs of spring emerging from the earth coinciding with our celebration of the Resurrection through which our hope and salvation is realised.

