

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD



*Your Guide to*

# Celebrating The Jubilee of Hope

in the Diocese of Salford



# Welcome

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that we come together to celebrate the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee; an invitation for Catholics around the world to renew our relationship with God, each other, and all of creation, in celebration of that most central aspects of Christian faith: hope.

As we look around our world today, it can be rather difficult to find that sense of hope. From war, climate change, and the plight of refugees, to poverty around the world and here in our own Diocese, there is so much pain and suffering in our world today that often, things can all seem rather hopeless. But however overwhelming that all might feel, we need to remind ourselves that we are Pilgrims of Hope with our own role to play.

The Year of Jubilee invites us to reflect on that responsibility and embrace the hope we find in the resurrected Christ; to use it to renew and rebuild our sense of faith, our Christian call to mission, and our mandate to love and serve one another and all of creation.

The Year of Jubilee coincides with a time of real renewal in our Diocese with the conclusion of our Diocesan Synod. I ask you to please keep our Synod in your prayers over the coming months; that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we seek to become all that God is calling us to be.

May God bless you in this Holy Year of Jubilee.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John".

+ John Arnold, Bishop of Salford



# *Introducing the...* **Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee**

Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church - an event that takes place once every 25 years.

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”, an invitation to showcase the hope of our Christian faith to people right across the world at a time when there is so much suffering from the impact of war, poverty, climate change, and the lasting effects of the COVID pandemic.

The Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee presents each one of us with an opportunity to reignite the flame of our faith in our own hearts and to share the light of that faith with those in darkness.

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# Exploring the Jubilee Logo



- 1 The Cross is the ultimate symbol of hope, reminding us of Christ's light in the darkest of times; his victory over death itself.
- 2 These figures represent all humanity from the four corners of the world. Each one holds onto another in solidarity, with the first holding on to the cross.
- 3 The waves of the stormy sea represent the many difficulties we encounter on the pilgrimage of life, difficulties that often demand a greater sense of hope.
- 4 The Cross takes the shape of a sail at the top, transforming to an anchor at the bottom - a great symbol of hope that keeps us centred through the storms of life.

## Did you know?

Specially-commissioned anchors will be making their way around our Diocesan schools in celebration of the Holy Year.




# 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





# What is a Jubilee?

The concept of Jubilee is one rooted in the earliest days of Judeo-Christian tradition.

In the Book of Leviticus, we read that the people of Israel celebrated this tradition every 50 years.

Its purpose was to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. It involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

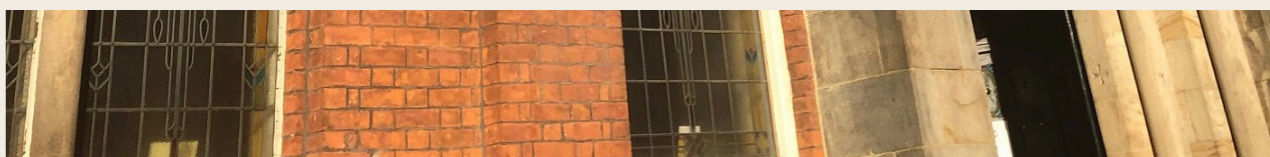
Today, the Catholic Church celebrates this tradition once every 25 years as a year of grace, offering the faithful the opportunity to renew faith through prayer, pilgrimage, acts of charity, and by asking for a plenary indulgence - a special grace that strengthens our wounded souls in the fight against sin.



## Holy Doors and Designated Churches

This Year of Jubilee officially begins on Christmas Eve with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica. Holy Doors are one of the most characteristic signs of the Jubilee, inviting pilgrims to walk through as a reminder of this text from John 10:9-10: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pastures." It is an invitation to express our desire to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd.

This Jubilee Year, four Holy Doors will be in situ across the City of Rome but Dioceses across the world will have Designated Churches to offer pilgrims that same experience right on their doorstep.







# Our Designated Churches

Bishop John has appointed six churches across the Diocese, in addition to the Cathedral's temporary church, to be Designated Churches for the Jubilee Year. Please see below for information on Mass times and opportunities to visit:

## St Mary's, Bamber Bridge

**Opening Times for Private Prayer:** Mon-Fri, 12 noon - 3pm

By appointment only. Please get in touch using the information below.

**Mass Times:** Mon-Fri 9.30am; Sat 7pm (Vigil); Sun 9.30am & 6.30pm

**Confessions:** Sat 6.15-6.45pm

**Contact:** Call 01772 335168 or email [office@stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk)

## St Mary's, Burnley

**Opening Times for Private Prayer:** By appointment only. Please get in touch using the information below.

**Mass Times:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat at 9.30am; Fri at 12 noon; Sat 6.30pm (Vigil); Sun 10am (Adoration 30 mins before Mass on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri)

**Confessions (with Adoration):** Fri 11.30am-11.55am and Sat 10.30am - 11.30am

**Contact:** Call 01282 422007 or email [djfeatherstone@outlook.com](mailto:djfeatherstone@outlook.com)



## St Alban's, Blackburn

**Opening Times for Private Prayer:** Wed - Sat, 8am - 5pm

**Mass Times:** Wed-Sat at 12noon; Sat (Vigil) at 6.30pm, Sun at 9am & 11.15am

**Confessions:** Sat at 11am-11.30am and 5.45pm-6.15pm and by appointment.

**Contact:** Call 01254 241211 or email [revjudeharrison@btinternet.com](mailto:revjudeharrison@btinternet.com)

## Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley

**Opening Times for Private Prayer:** 8am - 6pm

**Mass Times:** Tues & Weds at 9am; Thurs at 7.30pm; Fri and Sat at 12 noon;

Sun at 9.30am. **Adoration:** Tues/ Weds 9.30-10.30am; Thurs 6.30-7.30pm; Fri & Sat 11am-12 noon; Sun 12 noon-1pm

**Confessions:** Thurs at 6.30pm - 7.15pm; Sat at 11am - 11.45am and on request.

**Contact:** 01204 572077 or email [fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk](mailto:fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk)

## St Peter's, Stonyhurst

**Opening Times for Private Prayer:** 9am - 3pm

**Mass Times:** Tues, Weds, Fri at 8am; Sat at 5.30pm (Vigil); Sunday at 11am

**Confessions:** Saturday at 4.30pm - 5pm **Benediction:** Sat 5.15pm

As St Peter's is part of the Stonyhurst Campus, visitors need to buzz in at the gate and state that they are visiting the church. Access is not permitted to the school or school grounds. Unfortunately, we are unable to cater for group visits. Toilet facilities can only be accessed during services.

**Contact:** Call 01254 826268 or email [stpeterschurchstonyhurst@btinternet.com](mailto:stpeterschurchstonyhurst@btinternet.com)

## St Mary's "The Hidden Gem", Manchester

**Open:** 9.30am (Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat); 8.30am (Sunday)

**Closes:** 4pm (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri); 7.30pm (Wednesday); after 5.15pm Mass on Saturday; after 12 noon Mass on Sunday

**Mass Times:** Mon-Fri at 12.30pm; Wednesday at 6pm; Saturday at 12 noon

and 5.15pm (Vigil); Sunday at 10am & 12 noon **Confessions:** Mon-Fri 11am-11.50am; Wednesday 5pm-5.45pm; Sat 10am-11.15am and 4-5pm; Sun 9am-9.45am. **Adoration:** Mon-Fri 11am-12.25pm; Weds 5-5.45pm & 6.30-7.15pm; Sat 10-11.55am & 4-5pm; Sun 9am-9.45am. **Contact:** Call 0161 834 3547 or email [anthony.kay@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:anthony.kay@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Please be aware that the above times are subject to change in order to accommodate the needs of the parish. We ask you to please contact the parish office using the details provided for updated information ahead of your visit.

# Reconciliation & Plenary Indulgence

One of the most beautiful aspects of the Jubilee is the message of forgiveness and reconciliation.

This theme dates back to the earliest days of Jubilee tradition, with scriptural roots taking us back to Leviticus and the Jewish festival of the Day of Atonement.

After a period of repentance, the high priest would enter the Holy of Holies, passing through a veil that served to provide a shield between the presence of God and his people. Here, the high priest would offer a sacrifice, seeking collective forgiveness for sins committed over the past year.

As Christians, we believe this tradition finds fulfilment in Jesus himself, the ultimate sacrifice, who gave himself on this most sacred day in atonement for all sins. This moment, as detailed in Matthew's Gospel, saw "the veil of the temple torn in two", removing that divide between God and his people.



The theme of reconciliation in the Year of Jubilee is a timely reminder of Christ's sacrifice and his constant invitation to take up his offer of forgiveness.

We are invited to spend time this year rediscovering the joy of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, of hearing the words of absolution, and restoring our relationship with God.

The Year of Jubilee also offers the opportunity to obtain a Plenary Indulgence - a special grace that strengthens our wounded souls in the fight against sin. Plenary Indulgences can also be obtained on behalf of our loved ones who have died, with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences in one day, when one is on behalf of someone who has died.

Conditions to obtain an indulgence are:

- Be resolved to avoid sin and live in a spirit of charity
- Go to confession
- Receive the Holy Eucharist
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope.

The Indulgence can be obtained by undertaking a pilgrimage to any designated Jubilee site and observing the conditions listed above.

Those unable to participate in solemn celebrations, pilgrimages, or religious visits - including people who are sick, have accessibility needs, or are in prison - can also receive an Indulgence wherever they are by reciting the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form, and other prayers associated with the Holy Year.





The image is a composite. The top half features a statue of the Virgin Mary in a white robe with a blue sash, standing in a grotto. The bottom right corner shows a large, tiered arrangement of many lit candles, creating a warm, glowing effect. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a cave wall.

# Pilgrimage

A key aspect of the Jubilee is the invitation to go on pilgrimage. More than just a journey, a pilgrimage is not simply about changing destination but changing our hearts and minds. The act of going on pilgrimage - whether that is a great distance or even just a quiet room at home - symbolises the desire to leave behind all that separates us from God and to seek new ways to grow ever closer to him as we journey through the pilgrimage of life.



# Diocesan pilgrimages

In celebration of this Year of Jubilee, our Diocese will be offering a range of pilgrimage opportunities, here on our doorstep as well as overseas.

In addition to a range of local pilgrimage opportunities in our own Diocese, pilgrims will also be travelling to Rome and Lindisfarne in this Jubilee Year. Our Youth and Young Adults Ministry team will be accompanying young adults on their own pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, while our annual pilgrimages to Lourdes and Walsingham return once again with a special focus on the Year of Jubilee.

To find out more about our Diocesan pilgrimages and to stay up-to-date with any announcements, please visit the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>



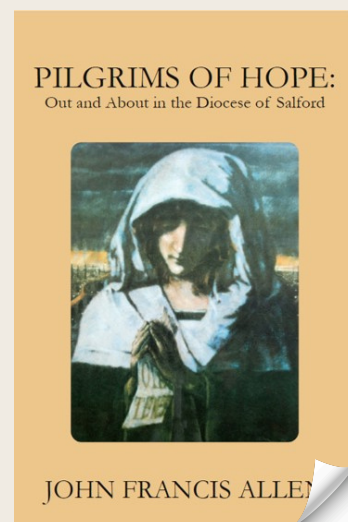




# Out and About in Salford Diocese

A helpful guide to churches and sites of religious interest across the Diocese has been created by one of our Diocesan priests in celebration of this Jubilee Year.

Mgr John Allen has carefully curated this book of local pilgrimage walks to be explored by individuals, families, and parish groups at their leisure.



Explaining a little more about the book, he said:

“Not everyone can go on pilgrimage to Rome or other places abroad but there are many places nearer home. ‘Pilgrims of Hope: Out and about in the Diocese of Salford’ takes us to 24 highly important venues very close to us. These places put us in touch with people, even saints, who have lived here. All are within easy reach by public or private transport.”

All proceeds from book sales will be donated to Caritas Salford.

Find out more about the book and how to buy your copy at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/PilgrimBook>



# Pilgrim Passport

*Journeying together in faith*



Create new family traditions this Jubilee Year with our Pilgrim Passport. This family-friendly guide to all six of our designated churches includes a range of facts, activities, and prayers for you to explore together as a family, while charting your progress by collecting stamps for each of our churches.

Simply visit one of our designated churches from January 2025 to pick up a copy and begin.



# Outreach

From the very beginning, outreach has been a key element of Jubilee tradition, as well as being central to our Christian faith.

The Year of Jubilee offers all people the opportunity to look at the challenges in our world today, to reflect on our place within that, and - by following the example of Christ - take action to help build a new world of peace, love, and justice for all people and creation.

In essence, the journey of Jubilee is one that must be both inward and outward looking; outward, to see and understand the needs of the world around us; and inward, to better understand our role in that and to achieve the spiritual conversion that motivates us to respond to those needs.

# Responding as a Diocese

Throughout the Year of Jubilee, we will be hearing from a number of charities to find out more about their work supporting people experiencing poverty, prejudice, discrimination, and injustice across our Diocese and around the world. Our Diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford and CAFOD have produced a helpful resource to help you learn more: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/file/jubilee-2025/>

## Caritas Diocese of Salford

Over the coming months, we will be working closely with Caritas Diocese of Salford to learn more about its work supporting individuals and families across the Diocese. Keep updated with projects and campaigns throughout the year at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

## CAFOD

CAFOD has produced a range of resources to help us learn more about the tradition of outreach in relation to the Jubilee and how this can support its work in communities around the world today. The charity has also commissioned the official Jubilee Icon for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, to celebrate the holy year. Find out more: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025>



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## Columban Missionaries

The Columban Missionaries have been allocated to our Diocese for the 2025 mission appeals. The annual Parish Mission Appeal offers the only official opportunity for a missionary to address a parish community to share work of that particular mission. During this year, representatives of the mission will be visiting parishes and schools across the Diocese to share more about its unique work.





# Calendar of Jubilees

In celebration of this Holy Year of Jubilee, The Vatican has created a Calendar of Jubilees to shine a light on different areas of ministry within the Catholic Church.

Here in our Diocese, we have created our own calendar of Jubilees to highlight the range of ministries, services, and charisms in parishes, schools, and communities across the Diocese of Salford. Visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar> for monthly resources to find out more and to join us in prayer.

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## January - Jubilee for Communications

Our Jubilee resources begin this month by exploring more about how we can become missionary evangelists in the modern age.

## February - Jubilee for Interfaith and Ecumenism

Join our Episcopal Vicar for Dialogue in February to discover more about the core values that unite different faith groups in our community.

## March - Jubilee for Missionaries of Mercy

Taking inspiration from the Our Father, explore the theme of reconciliation and opportunities to forgive and be forgiven in this Season of Lent.

## April - Jubilee for people who are unwell, people who experience disability, and people with caring responsibilities

Discover more about how improving accessibility in your parish can help all people access the Sacraments and day-to-day parish life.



## May - Jubilee for Vocations

Pick up our Vocations Newsletter and follow us online as we explore how a simple question can be the springboard to a life of love and service.

## June - Jubilee for Children and Families

Celebrate the family as the domestic Church, passing on our faith from one generation to the next, with prayer ideas to enjoy together as a family.

## July - Jubilee for Older People and Grandparents

Join Caritas Diocese of Salford to look at ways in which parishes can support and celebrate older people in their community.

## August - Jubilee for Youth

Unite with young people across the Diocese this Jubilee Year by following our Jubilee of Youth resources and opportunities for prayer.

## September - Jubilee for the Environment

Explore our range of prayer and reflection resources and accompanying events to help us better discern our roles as guardians of creation.

## October - Jubilee for Catechists, Schools & Colleges

Visit our website for opportunities to join together in prayer at the start of our school year and sacramental programmes.

## November - Jubilee for those experiencing poverty

Caritas Salford shares resources on how parishes can act to help those experiencing poverty. Take a look for ideas, action plans, and more.



# Stay up to Date

As our year is just beginning, there will be a number of new announcements made over the coming months with more opportunities for you to walk and pray with us this Jubilee Year.

You can stay up-to-date and get the latest news by following the Diocese of Salford via its website and social media channels, signing up to our E-Newsletter, and watching for news on your parish newsletter.



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