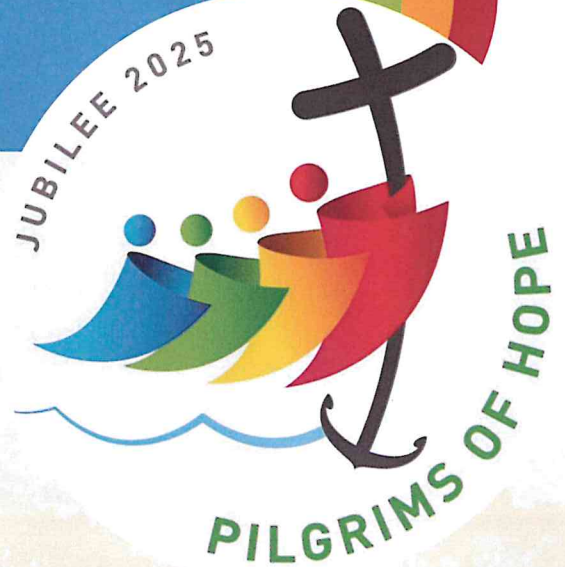


# JUBILEE YEAR 2025

## WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of **forgiveness** and **reconciliation**, in which people are invited to come back into **right relationship** with **God**, with **one another**, and with **all of creation**.

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## THEME:

### "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone."

"Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life." (Pope Francis)

A JUBILEE YEAR IS CELEBRATED BY THE CHURCH EVERY 25 YEARS.

THIS JUBILEE YEAR BEGINS ON CHRISTMAS EVE 2024 AND CONCLUDES ON 6 JANUARY 2026.

## WHAT DO CATHOLICS DO DURING A JUBILEE YEAR?

The Jubilee Year is an opportunity to respond to God's call to turn to him and to pursue justice.



## HOW CAN I TAKE PART IN JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS?

Throughout the Jubilee Year and in locations across the diocese there will be a wide range of activities and events for all ages across connected with specific areas of Jubilee.



For more information, check out [www.waterfordlismore.ie/jubilee2025](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/jubilee2025)







### **The Jubilee Logo.**

The logo shows four figures, representing all of humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. The embrace each other as a sign of unity. The figure at the front holds onto the cross. It is not only a sign of faith, but also of hope, which we always need, especially in moments of greatest need. The rough waves under the figures remind us that life is not always smooth. We need hope each day.

We notice that the lower part of the cross is in the shape of an anchor. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. An ‘anchor of hope’ is used by ships in emergencies to stabilise ships during storms. The cross with its anchor stretches down to us offering us the stability of faith and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto for the Jubilee Year 2025: **Pilgrims of Hope.**

### **Pope Francis: Hope Does Not Disappoint.**

“Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring. ..For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope... Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may we spread hope to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: ‘Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!’ (Psalm 27:14)... May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.”

From Pope Francis’ Document: Hope Does not Disappoint.