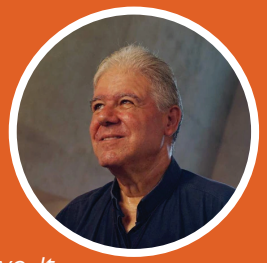
Message from
Bishop Charles



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Jubilee Year invites us to pause and reflect on God's unconditional and abundant love. It is a time of renewal - personally, within our parishes, our Diocese, and the Universal Church.

We are shaped by the habits we form, and the liturgical seasons, like Christmas and Easter, highlight key moments of faith. The Jubilee Year, however, calls for a deeper reflection and spiritual renewal.

A pilgrimage reminds us to keep moving forward, allowing the Holy Spirit to refresh and guide us. Through prayer, reflection, the sacraments of communion and confession, and joining the Pope's mission in prayer, we open ourselves to transformation.

Plenary indulgences are a gift of God's love, offering purification beyond forgiveness, helping us heal from the effects of sin and grow stronger in our Christian journey. They renew our commitment to be Christ's faithful friends, with hearts open to grace and hope.

May God bless and guide you on both your outward and inward journeys.

Yours in Christ,
+Charles Gauci
Bishop of Darwin and the NT

How to Gain a Plenary Indulgence Locally?

Visit the Diocesan website for more information on the Jubilee Year

https://darwin.catholic.org.au/jubilee-year-2025/

Scan for more Information

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.

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Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5)

What is a Jubilee?

A Jubilee is a special time of renewal and hope, deeply rooted in the Bible. During this period, the Mosaic Law prescribed that debts were forgiven, land returned, slaves freed. It was a powerful 'reset' - a reminder that everything is a gift from God (Lev 25:23).

The Church has celebrated Jubilees since 1300 AD, traditionally every 25 years. They are moments of grace to reorient our lives, heal relationships, and grow closer to God.

Let us step into this ancient tradition of renewal and rediscover that everything we have is a gift from God.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope, travelling with joyful hearts towards Christ, who makes all things new (Rev 21:5). In a world weighed down by fear and uncertainty, Jubilee 2025 is a time to rediscover hope - real hope that comes from God's mercy and love.

Let us walk with joyful hearts as Pilgrims of Hope, and let God's promises lead you into a future filled with mercy and new life.

The Heart of the Jubilee

Plenary Indulgence – A grace-filled opportunity to experience God's mercy more fully through prayer, pilgrimage, and acts of charity.

Prayer – At the heart of Jubilee 2025 is prayer: personal, communal, and worldwide.

Pilgrimage – Whether travelling to Rome or visiting local '*Pilgrim Places*', we journey in faith together.

Charity – Renew your relationship with others through mercy and service.

Let us open our hearts to God's mercy through prayer, pilgrimage, and acts of love that renew our soul and heal the world.

The Jubilee of Jesus

When Jesus began his ministry, he proclaimed "a year of the Lord's favour" (Lk 4:19) - the ultimate Jubilee! Through his life, death, and resurrection, we live in a time of newness, mercy, and salvation.

Let us embrace the freedom and healing Christ offers as he proclaims a year of the Lord's favour for all people.

The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylised figures, representing 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 figure at the front is holding onto the cross.

At the centre of the Jubilee 2025 logo is the Cross - an anchor in stormy seas and a symbol of hope that never fails (Heb 6:19). It reminds us that Christ carries us on this pilgrimage of life.

Let us cling to the Cross, our anchor of hope, and let it steady us on life's journey towards God's unfailing love.

Pilgrimage Opportunities

- Local Pilgrimage Sites in our Diocese - Visit our website for pilgrimage information!
- Take a pilgrimage to Rome.

Let us take the first step on a sacred journey - whether near or far - and encounter God in places of grace and community.

Prayer: The Pilgrimage of the Heart

Prayer is the most powerful way to celebrate Jubilee 2025. It opens our hearts to God's mercy and renews our hope.

Let our prayer be a journey of the heart, drawing us closer to God who renews all things in love.

Sharing Our Hope Through Outreach, Service, and Evangelisation

In the Old Testament, jubilee years were times for mercy, justice, and forgiveness - and they still are today. Jubilee 2025 invites us to renew our commitment to those most in need. This favoured time is a powerful opportunity for parishes, communities, and individuals to respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth.

Through acts of service, mercy, and evangelisation, we become living signs of God's hope and love in the world.

Corporal and spiritual works of mercy - feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, forgiving others, comforting the sorrowful - are practical ways we can embody the spirit of Jubilee and receive the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." (Mt 25:40)

Let our hope shine through acts of mercy, service, and love - bringing the light of Christ to those in need.

We Are Pilgrims of Hope!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop said, "*We are but travellers here.*"

Let's journey together in Jubilee 2025 – refreshed and renewed, carrying hope in our hearts, walking towards the life God is making new.