

### 2025 JUBILEE YEAR



# Pilgrims of Hope

The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton Diocese

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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

Pope Francis - Prayer (iubilaeum2025.va)



## 2023 - Year of the Council

To rekindle her love for the Lord, the Church, for the first time in her history, devoted a Council to examining herself and reflecting on her nature and mission. **She saw herself once more as a mystery of grace generated by love;** she saw herself anew as the People of God, the Body of Christ, the living temple of the Holy Spirit!

Homily of His Holiness on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beginning of the Second Vatican Council



## 2024 - Year of Prayer

In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. **Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.** 

Letter of the Holy Father Francis to Msgr. Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, for the Jubilee 2025

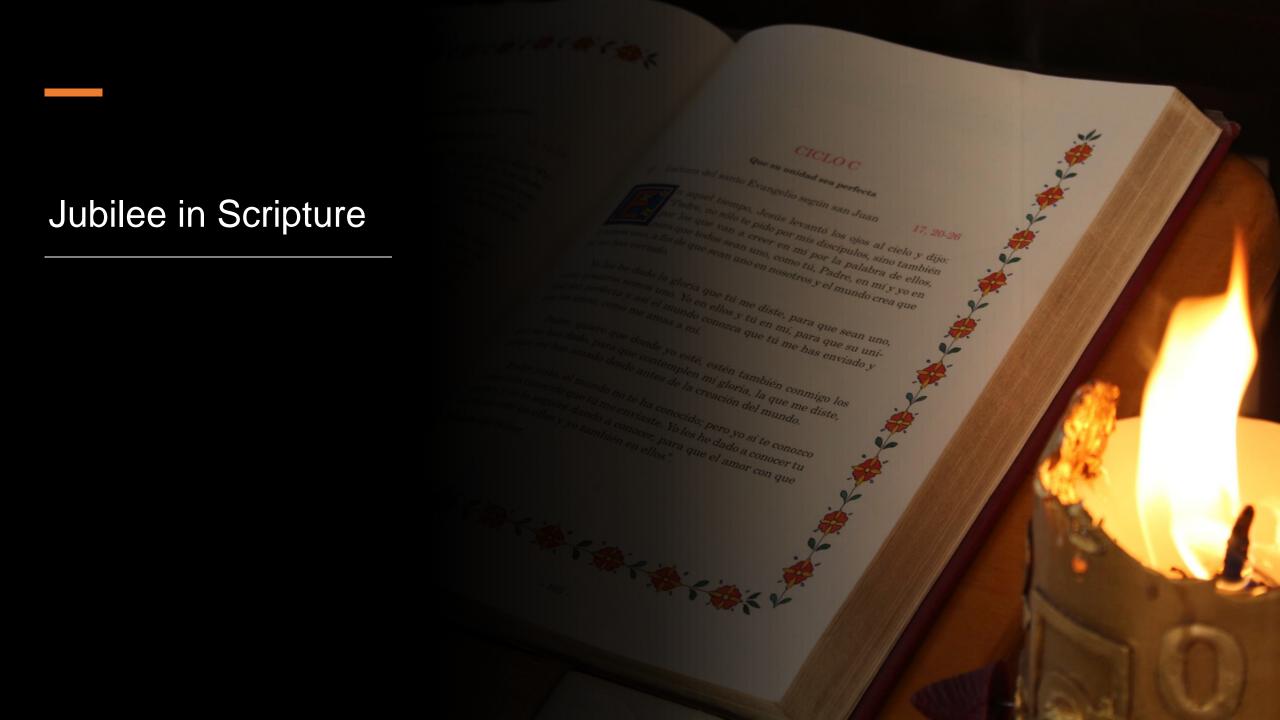




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*Letter of the Holy Father Francis…For the Jubilee* 2025



### Yobel

Hebrew word for "ram" Joshua 6:1-14

### **Iubilare (Jubilare)**

Latin word for "to sing out joyfully," "rejoice," "celebrate Not originally connected to biblical jubilee





### Leviticus 25:8-17

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(Leviticus 25:10)

# **Forgiveness and Atonement**

And the LORD said to Moses, "On the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; **it shall be for you a time of holy convocation**, and you shall afflict yourselves and present an offering by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work on this same day; for it is a day of atonement, **to make atonement for you before the LORD your God**.

(Leviticus 23:26-28)

# **Jubilee Concerns**

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, **for the land is mine**; for you are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the country you possess, you shall grant a redemption of the land. (*Leviticus 25:23-24*)

"And if your brother becomes poor beside you, and sells himself to you, you shall not make him serve as a slave: he shall be with you as a hired servant and as a sojourner. He shall serve with you **until the year of the jubilee; then he shall go out from you**, he and his children with him, and go **back to his own family**, and return to the possession of his fathers."

(*Leviticus* 25:39-41)

# Individual and Communal

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## Jesus and the Jubilee

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn (Isaiah 61:1-2)

And he [Jesus] closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

(Luke 4:20-21)

# Jubilees in the Catholic Church

- 22 February 1300 Pope Boniface VIII
  - Recommended every 100 years
- Regularized to every 25 years
  - Ordinary jubilee every 25 years
  - Extraordinary jubilee any other time
- Always has emphasis of reconciliation and forgiveness



# Jubilees in the Catholic Church

#### Great Jubilee under Pope St John Paul II

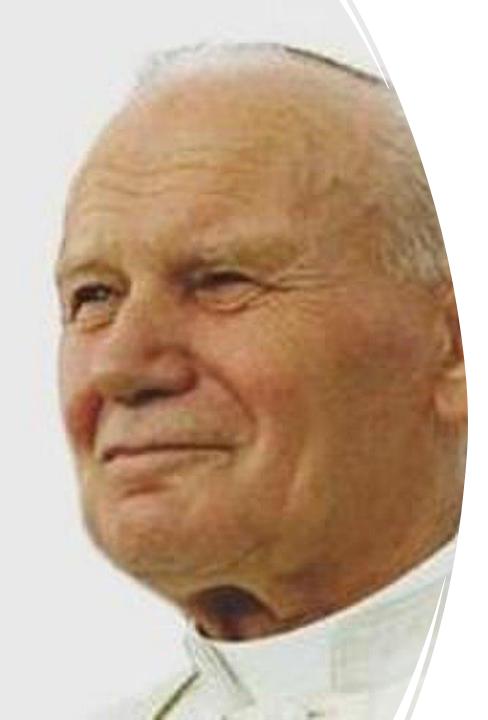
• "The coming of the Third Millennium prompts the Christian community to lift its eyes of faith to embrace new horizons in proclaiming the Kingdom of God. It is imperative therefore at this special time to return more faithfully than ever to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, which shed new light upon the missionary task of the Church in view of the demands of evangelization today.

### 2000

### 2015

#### Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy under Pope Francis

• Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.



# Jubilees in the Catholic Church

 Today's world has need of a Jubilee experience. So many men, women and children are unable to realize their God-given potential. Poverty and gross inequalities remain widespread, despite enormous scientific and technological progress. All too often, the fruits of scientific progress, rather than being placed at the service of the entire human community, are distributed in such a way that unjust inequalities are actually increased or even rendered permanent.

(Message of the Holy Father to the Group "Jubilee 2000 Debt Campaign, 23 September 1999)

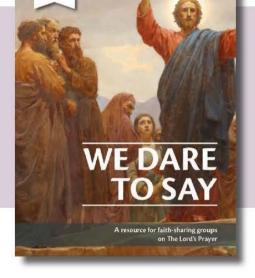


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# Jubilee Preparation



- Prayer!
- Study the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council
- Jubilee | Clifton Diocese
  - We Dare To Say
- <u>The Year of Jubilee 2025</u> -Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)
- Homepage (iubilaeum2025.va)

*We Dare To Say* is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions each based on a line from the Lord's Prayer. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. The connection of the Our Father with the sacraments and the devotional life is explored, and wisdom from the saints is offered for the spiritual growth of group participants and individuals alike. 'This single short prayer of Christ has everything that needs to be said about God, his kingdom, his life, about all of us' - Fr Alexander Schmemann

- 1 / OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME
- 2 / THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
- 3 / GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
- 4 / FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US...
- 5 / DOXOLOGY: FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOREVER.

*We Dare To Say* is available in print for £1 per booklet. Please contact the Adult Education & Evangelisation Department (adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) for details.



# **Jubilee Preparation**

Listen to the Holy Spirit

CATHEDRAL ON NRC

- Speak with others in your parish and pastoral area
  - Who will you celebrate with?
- Jubilee@cliftondiocese.com

# **Useful Links**

- Letter from Pope Francis (iubilaeum2025.va)
- <u>Memorial of Saint John XXIII, Pope Holy Mass, 60th</u> <u>anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Ecumenical</u> <u>Council (11 October 2022) | Francis</u>
- Incarnationis Mysterium (vatican.va)
- <u>Misericordiae Vultus Bull of indiction of the Extraordinary</u> Jubilee of Mercy (11 April 2015) | Francis (vatican.va)
- <u>Message to the group "Jubilee 2000 Debt Campaign" (23</u> September 1999) | John Paul II (vatican.va)