

# Jubilee 2025

IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM



27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

From Advent 2023 there will be a whole year of Encounter in 2024, to tie-in with the Year of Preparation focusing on Prayer in its many forms. Each month there will be a different prayer theme considered across the Diocese, with a scriptural quotation and a focus for prayer:

| Month          | Theme                                | Scripture  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| December 2023  | Welcoming Parishes / Inclusion       | Enlarge your tent                                  |
| January 2024   | Baptism                              | This is my Son, the Beloved                        |
| February 2024  | Mental Well Being                    | I make all things new                              |
| March 2024     | Reconciliation                       | Go, and Sin no more                                |
| April 2024     | Have Hope in the Risen Lord          | Blessed are those who believe<br>yet do not see    |
| May 2024       | Vocation                             | Receive the Holy Spirit                            |
| June 2024      | Eucharist                            | This is my Body, broken for you                    |
| July 2024      | Displaced Peoples                    | There are many rooms<br>in my Father's house       |
| August 2024    | For Parish Leaders                   | If anyone serves me<br>my father will honour them' |
| September 2024 | For Schools                          | Let the children come to me                        |
| October 2024   | Inclusion of those with disabilities | For the Glory of God                               |
| November 2024  | Bereaved                             | Blessed are those who mourn                        |
| December 2024  | To grow in faith                     | Fan into a flame<br>the gift that was given to you |

- Year of Preparation & Prayer – **Encounter** – First Sunday of Advent (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023) – Christmas Eve morning (24<sup>th</sup> December 2024);
- Year of Jubilee 2025 – **Discipleship** – Christmas Eve evening (24<sup>th</sup> December 2024) – Epiphany (6<sup>th</sup> January 2026);
- Year of Thanksgiving – **Missionary Discipleship** – Post-Epiphany (7<sup>th</sup> January 2026) – end of ordinary time (28<sup>th</sup> November 2026).

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Various prayer-focused resources will be available week by week, and month by month, through the year of Prayer:

- Each week a **two-page reflection**, taken from the writings and preaching of Pope Francis, and focused on the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be circulated in the Wednesday Roundup.
- Each week a **two-line extract** from the above-mentioned reflection will be included in the Newsletter page of the Wednesday Roundup, for possible inclusion (*via cut and paste*) in parish newsletters and on parish websites.
- Each week a **suggested intercession** will be included in the Newsletter page of the Wednesday Roundup, for possible using during Sunday Mass.
- Each month a one-side-of-A4 sheet will be produced reflecting on the **theme of the month**, as given overleaf. This will be photocopyable for distribution to parishioners, or for inclusion on parish websites, noticeboards, circulation in schools, etc, and provided through the Wednesday Roundup on the penultimate Wednesday of the preceding month.
- Each season a simplified version of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be produced, one-side-of-A4 for each, for distribution to parishioners, in schools, etc, and for use at parish meetings, etc – the aim being to help parishioners to actually pray, rather than simply always talking about praying and never doing it!
- The **Walk with Me booklet** for Lent 2024 will focus on prayer – it would be good to address why this isn't being more widely taken-up across the diocese, and see if any stumbling blocks to use can be removed.
- The Bishops' Conference is producing resources based around the **Our Father** for use in parishes, small groups, and solo-use, during Lent 2024. It's anticipated that this will be available in January.
- Suitable **on-line resources**, apps, etc will be sourced and promoted throughout the year. The aim will be not to launch everything all at once at the start, but to keep bringing something new to the theme as the year unfolds.
- The Mark 10 Mission, the Wednesday Word, and other **school-age-appropriate resources** will be circulated to parishes, for possible use with Children's Liturgy groups, children not in Catholic schools, etc.

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