

Diocese Of Portsmouth

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Of Hope



As recommended in paragraph 5 of the Bull of Indiction for the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, we are all encouraged to embark on a holy journey as pilgrims of hope. In light of this recommendation, and in addition to other suggestions mentioned on the Portsmouth Diocesan Jubilee Website, Pastoral Areas are invited to organise a pilgrimage to one of the Six Shrine Churches during Lent 2025 or at another convenient time.

The six shrine churches include:

- St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
- St. James's, Reading
- Sacred Heart, Bournemouth
- St. Edmund's, Southampton
- St. Thomas's in St. Helier, Jersey
- St. Joseph's in St. Peter Port, Guernsey.

Please remember to book the churches in advance and check for toilet facilities and other basic amenities that pilgrims may need.

As part of the Jubilee Year, each parish or pastoral area is encouraged to hold a retreat day reflecting on the Jubilee themes of reconciliation and hope. Please see below for suggested schedule.



The suggested schedule:

- **Opening Hymn**
(The Old Rugged Cross or any other choice of Hymn on Hope)
- **Opening Prayer**
(This could include any of the Jubilee Pilgrimage Psalms on pages 65 – 73 of the Jubilee 2025 Liturgical Texts published by the Dicastery for Evangelisation)
- **A presentation on the theme of the Jubilee Year**
(To be done by Bishop Philip. Video recording and written version will be made available on the Diocesan Jubilee Page)
- **Stations of the Cross**
(outdoor weather permitting): The “VIA CRUCIS: THE ROAD TO HEAVEN” by Bishop Philip is recommended for praying the stations of the cross.
- **Confessions during Stations of the Cross**
(The Stations would need to be led by someone other than the priests, who would be hearing confessions).
- **Mass**
(Please, use any of the three Jubilee Mass settings and texts for the Liturgy of the Word found on the Diocesan Jubilee Page).
- **Lunch and departure**
(Could include a penitential lunch such as soup, bread, cheese and fruit, etc., with any donations going to a catholic charity such as Aid to the Church in Need or a charity chosen by the Pastoral Areas)

NB:

This schedule could be adapted for individual pastoral areas and parishes by those leading the retreat day.

Pastoral Areas can create a flyer to promote this event. It can be distributed along streets, in parks, on church noticeboards, in newsletters, on websites, postcards and across social media platforms. We hope that this event will not only unite practising Catholics but also attract lapsed Catholics and those who have no religious affiliation.

Additionally, pastoral areas can share their experiences of the retreat day with the rest of the diocese through the E-news.

