

## Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee

Christmas Eve 2024 - 6 January 2026.



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.

The theme is 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".

We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

# The Year of Prayer 2024



*"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity"*

Pope Francis

In preparation for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2023-24 has been designated the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, with a particular emphasis on the **Our Father**.

## **Advent 2023 was the start of the Year of Prayer**

The Year of Prayer is not a year *about* prayer, but a year **for** prayer. The image of Christ in the manger speaks of God who wants a personal relationship with His creation.

Our school goals will be:

- ♥ To encourage us to deepen our own prayer life and love of God;
- ♥ To help at least one other person to pray during the Year of Prayer.

Through Lectio Divina, Visio Divina and guided meditation, we will encourage and provide opportunities for children to explore:

- ♥ What is my experience of prayer?
- ♥ How can I deepen my prayer life?
- ♥ Can I help or encourage someone else to pray?
- ♥ How can my community grow in its love and devotion in prayer?

**'Prayer doesn't help our relationship with God,  
prayer IS our relationship with God!'**

and so when we become more devoted to prayer, we are building up that Divine friendship.

Being Pilgrims of Hope means that we should always be growing in our love of prayer on our journey of Faith. But the Year of Prayer also asks us to consider how we might help others to pray, so that they can experience a personal encounter with the risen Jesus.

Like The Good Samaritan, we will continue our journey as disciples of Jesus and we will focus on key prayers and how to pray to deepen our relationship with God.

