

# 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

*Franciscus*



## Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence during the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

The Apostolic Penitentiary has outlined the conditions for receiving a Plenary Indulgence during the Jubilee Year 2025. This indulgence is a gift of grace and grants full remission of sins. It can also be applied to souls in purgatory.

### Ways to Obtain the Jubilee Indulgence

- 1. Pilgrimages** – Visiting a designated Jubilee site and participating in Mass or sacred liturgies, including:
  - In Rome: One of the four Major Papal Basilicas.
  - In the Holy Land: Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre (Jerusalem), Basilica of the Nativity (Bethlehem), or Basilica of the Annunciation (Nazareth).
  - In dioceses: The Cathedral or designated pilgrimage churches.
  - In the Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania:
    - St Maroun's Cathedral (Redfern, NSW)
    - Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral (Harris Park, NSW)
    - St Charbel's Church & Shrine (Punchbowl, NSW)
    - Our Lady of Lebanon Church (Thornbury, VIC)
- 2. Pious Visits to Sacred Places** – Praying at a sacred site, engaging in Eucharistic adoration, and reciting the Our Father, Creed, and Marian prayers.
- 3. Works of Mercy & Penance** – Acts of charity (e.g., helping the sick, poor, or migrants) and penitential practices (e.g., fasting, avoiding distractions, or charitable giving).
- 4. For the Unable to Travel** – The elderly, sick, prisoners, or caregivers can obtain the indulgence by offering prayers and sufferings in spiritual unity with the Holy Year.

### Conditions for Receiving the Indulgence

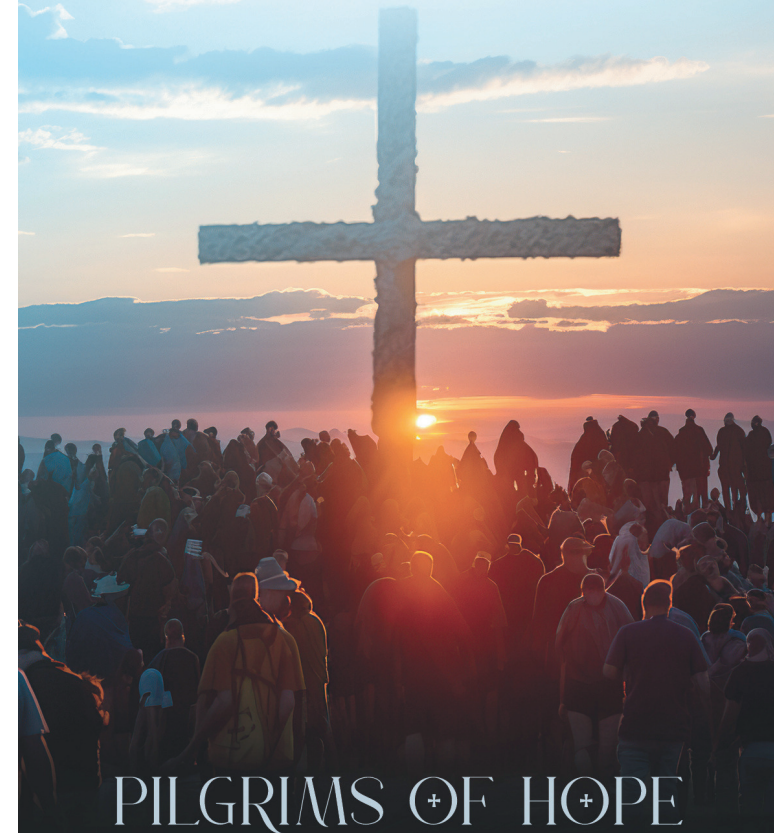
- Be truly repentant and free from attachment to sin.
- Receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion.
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope.

For the full decree, visit the Vatican website.



THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA,  
NEW ZEALAND AND OCEANIA CELEBRATES

2025<sup>TH</sup>  
JUBILEE  
YEAR<sup>OF</sup> **HOPE**+



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD  
WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.

ISAIAH 40:31



# Message from Our Bishop

"For it is Jubilee and is to be holy for you" (Leviticus 25:12). His Holiness Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope, calling upon the faithful to embark on a sacred journey as pilgrims of HOPE, whether by traveling to Rome or by participating in local celebrations within their own dioceses. This Jubilee is a time of grace, renewal, and spiritual pilgrimage.



The theme for this Jubilee is drawn from Romans 5:5: Spes Non Confudit - "Hope Does Not Disappoint." This is a profound reminder that Christian hope is unshakable because it is founded in God's love, which never fails us. As Pope Francis reminds us: "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love." (Spes Non Confudit, n.3)

Hope is more than an emotion; it is a virtue that sustains us in times of difficulty and uncertainty. It is a light in darkness, a strength in adversity, and a promise of new life in Christ. This Jubilee calls us to renew our hope in Christ, to bear witness to it in our lives, and to become messengers of hope for the world.

Inspired by the celebrations in Rome, our Maronite Eparchy has organised a year-long program reflecting on key themes of hope. We will also honour the dedication, service, and volunteer work of many individuals within our Maronite community.

I invite all parishes, communities, and individuals to take part in this sacred time of renewal and in the events planned throughout the Jubilee Year. Whether through pilgrimage, prayer, acts of mercy, or reflection, let us walk together as people of hope, trusting in the faithfulness of God's promises.

+ Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay  
Maronite Bishop of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania

# 2025 Calendar of Events

for the  
Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania

29 Dec 2024 Launch of the 2025 Year of Hope

## Season of the Epiphany

01 Feb The Ordination of two New Priests

08 Feb Pilgrimage Walk to Saint Maroun's Cathedral

09 Feb Mass for Saint Maroun's Feast - Jubilee for People in The Armed Services & Police Force

## Season of Great Lent

8-9 Mar Jubilee of Volunteers

28 Mar 24-hours for The Lord in parishes

29 Mar Jubilee of The Missionaries of Mercy

3 Apr Interfaith Gathering for The Feast of the Annunciation

5 Apr Jubilee of Men - Men's Conference

5-6 Apr Jubilee of Emergency & Health Care Workers

## Season of the Resurrection

21 Apr Jubilee of Sport (Easter Monday)

25 Apr Jubilee of Teenagers

3 May Jubilee of Workers

12-14 May Jubilee of Eastern Churches

29 May Jubilee of Sodalities

30 May Ecumenical Gathering

30 May-1 Jun Jubilee of Families

Jun Pilgrimage for families to Italy



Saint Maroun's Cathedral, Redfern, NSW

## Season of Pentecost

31 May Feast of Pentecost

25-27 Jun Jubilee of Priests and Jubilee of Deacons & Subdeacons

28 Jul-3 Aug Jubilee of Youth

August Jubilee of the World of Education

## Season of the Holy Cross

13 Sep Jubilee of Justice/Lawyers

26 Sep Jubilee of Consecrated Life

4-5 Oct Jubilee of Migrants

31 Oct Jubilee of Marian Spirituality & Concert

## Season of the Glorious Birth of our Lord

22-23 Nov Jubilee of Choirs & Workshop

6-7 Dec Jubilee of People with Disabilities

Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy



Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, Harris Park, NSW

