

Pilgrims of Hope - Hymn for the Jubilee 2025

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Verse 1

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people,
find a light within your Word.

Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

Chorus

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.

Verse 2

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Verse 3

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.



JUBILEE THEME - HOPE

Dear Faithful,

Whilst we are still celebrating the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we are also starting the Jubilee Year which Pope Francis opened on Tuesday 24th December and which will last until 6th January 2026. Bishop Patrick will open the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Nottingham this weekend on the 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family.

A Jubilee Year is a time of special grace especially for conversion of heart and reconciliation. They take place every 25 years. What is interesting about this Jubilee is that it occurs 25 years after the great Jubilee Year of 2000.

Jubilee Years begin with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, Rome. In our diocese the Holy Door will be in our cathedral, St. Barnabas. Every deanery has a Jubilee Church; for our deanery it will be at the "Immaculate Conception and St Norbert, Spalding. There is a prayer card (available at the back of Church – 2 per person: one for yourself and one to give to another especially to encourage them back to Church) and also a Jubilee Hymn.

*There will be events throughout the year: national, diocesan, deanery and parish – see overleaf. One immediate date for your diaries is **Tuesday 1st April** when there will be a **station mass** for our deanery with Bishop Patrick at 7.00pm in Spalding.*

For our parish I would suggest a theme of unity and community

God bless, Fr. Dominic



Sunday 29th December Opening of the Jubilee Year, Bishop to celebrate the Cathedral 10.00am Mass; Jubilee Prayer to be used at Feast of the Holy Family)

Sunday 19th January Jubilee of Ecumenical Initiatives (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

Sunday 26th January Jubilee of Readers (Sunday of the Word of God)

Sunday 2nd February Jubilee of Religious, members of Consecrated Life and Apostolic Life (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) PARISH BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR HOMES

Sunday 9th February Jubilee of the Sick, and of Health Care Workers, Sacrament of the Sick Service to be held in the parish.

Sunday 16th February Jubilee of Marriages; Bishop to celebrate Mass for married couples at 3.00pm in the Cathedral; a prayer of blessing to be used in parishes

Sunday 9th March Jubilee of Evangelisation (Rite of Election)

Friday 28th March 24 Hours for the Lord

Tuesday 1st April Jubilee Southern Lincolnshire Deanery Station Mass; Bishop to celebrate Mass at 7.00pm in Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Norbert Church, Spalding

Wednesday 16th April Chrism Mass – Jubilee Station Mass in the Cathedral

Sunday 1st June Jubilee of Communication Workers (World Communications Day)

Thursday 12th June Jubilee of Priests (Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest)

Saturday 14th June Jubilee of Pilgrimages (Walsingham Pilgrimage)

Saturday 21st June Jubilee of Families (Diocesan Families' Day)

Monday 23rd June Jubilee of Civic Life (transferred Feast of Saint Thomas More)

Thursday 3rd July Jubilee of Educators (Bishop's Day Conference)

Saturday 12th July Jubilee of Deacons (and Diaconal Ordinations, Cathedral, 12.00 noon)

Sunday 13th July Jubilee of Seafarers (Sea Sunday)

Sunday 27th July Jubilee of Grandparents and the Elderly (World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly)

Sunday 14th September Jubilee of Schools and Young People (National Education Day)

Saturday 20th September Jubilee of those with additional needs

Saturday 27th September Jubilee of Altar Servers (Diocesan Mass)

Monday 29th September Jubilee of the Diocese of Nottingham; Bishop to celebrate Mass in Thanksgiving for the Jubilarians of 2025, at 12.00 noon in the Cathedral, with a lunch for clergy afterwards (175th anniversary of the diocese's establishment)

Saturday 11th October Jubilee of Catechists (Day for Catechists)

Sunday 12th October Jubilee of Prisoners (Week of Prayer for Prisoners)

Saturday 8th November Jubilee of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Commissioning Mass)

Sunday 16th November Jubilee of the Poor (World Day of Prayer for the Poor)

Saturday 22nd November Jubilee of Musicians (Memorial of Saint Cecilia)

Sunday 28th December Closure of the Jubilee Year, Cathedral (11.15am Mass) (Feast of the Holy Family)

