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# Jubilee Jottings

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

*Kia ora koutou, hello, kia orana, talofa, mato o lelei, bula, helo, hālea, namaste, ayubowan, salam, kamusta, hola, ezeje,*

Welcome to the first edition of **Jubilee Jottings** a regular newsletter promoting and supporting Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope. This bi-monthly panui will keep you up-to-date with happenings in the diocese as well as presenting ideas for celebrating the Year of Jubilee in local Churches and the Domestic Church, the Church of the family. It will also provide information on resources available to help faith communities celebrate Jubilee.

In the Papal Bull announcing the Jubilee Year Pope Francis wrote "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." The Jubilee "can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire," he added. "That is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

If you have ideas about how Jubilee can be celebrated locally please let us know so that we can share your good ideas with others.

Come let us Jubilee together! **The CDA Team**

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### **Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year**

31 December 2024 11 pm  
Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph.  
Wyndham Street, Central Auckland

Join Bishop Steve to pray in the new year and mark the opening of the Year of Jubilee. A year where we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope



As well as downloading a PDF of the diocesan calendar from the portal you can find details at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

### **Anniversary Mass Road Trip**

12 January leaving 5.30 am  
Pompallier Catholic Centre  
30 New St, Ponsonby



Join us for a one-off day trip to join all the New Zealand bishops in celebrating the first Mass prayed by Bishop Pompallier at the home of the Poynton family in January 1838. This visit to Totara Point in the Hokianga will leave promptly at 5.30am. We will regather after lunch at 2:30pm for the return trip We expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre at between 6:30pm - 7pm.

Our bus is full but those wishing to join the convoy in their own cars/vans are welcome. Please contact Deacon Steve for further information [stevef@cda.org.nz](mailto:stevef@cda.org.nz)

**For additional information**  
**For resources**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/>  
<https://cdaportal.nz/jubilee/>



## IDEAS FOR LOCAL CHURCH

### *Christmas Hospitality*

Encourage parishioners to personally invite neighbours, family and friends to church this Christmas.

### *Hospitality Angels*

Promote the idea that all parishioners are 'hospitality angels' within the community, especially at Christmas time when there are so many visitors many whom are infrequent attenders. These angels need to be willing to engage with newcomers/guests and make them feel welcome, mindful of including the young and others. Angels are willing to exercise flexibility in seating, parking and assisting those unfamiliar with the Church and Mass itself.

## IDEAS FOR DOMESTIC CHURCH

### *Chalking the Doors*

This short liturgy, done around the Feast of the Epiphany [6 January] is a way of asking God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year.

Instructions for this simple liturgy can be found in the portal.

### *What Would I Miss?*

Talk as a family about how difficult it is for some to celebrate Christmas with the special foods you enjoy at this time. Brainstorm what treats each would miss. How could everyone in the family support those who struggle to make Christmas special and provide them with these treats. Contributing pocket-money, going without and the money going to providing treats for the foodbank, helping prepare treats. Even something as simple as putting chocolate biscuits rather than plain in the foodbank makes a difference.

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION

### *Introducing the Portal*

The portal is like a big open-source filing cabinet for the diocese. Some of the draws are locked and you need a password but for most you enter, click on the relevant tab to gain access to a vast array of resources. The Jubilee file will be regularly updated, It includes;

- copies of the Jubilee prayer
- the Auckland diocese and Vatican calendar of events
- *Chalking the Door* instructions
- ... and more



### *Banners and Prayer Cards*

Every community has received **Jubilee prayer cards**. If you require more please contact [liturgyoffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgyoffice@cda.org.nz). The cost is .10c each + postage.

**Jubilee Banners** the diocese has a number of pull-up banners available for \$100.00 [liturgyoffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgyoffice@cda.org.nz) + postage.

Both can be picked up from the Pompallier Diocesan Centre

### *The two calendars*

You can download two calendars from the portal. The Vatican one gives information about what is happening in Rome. It is not an instruction manual of when you celebrate. That is up to the local communities. It does give ideas.

The diocesan calendar gives information about significant Jubilee events locally.



The portal has many resources such as these instructions for chalking the door,



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