



MAY, 2025

# Jubilee Jottings

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

*Kia ora koutou, hello, kia orana, talofa, mātō o lelei, bula, helo, hālea, namaste, ayubowan, salam, kamusta, hola, ezešé.*

As we embark upon this sacred Jubilee Year, we find ourselves in a time of reflection and renewal. The recent passing of our beloved Pope Francis has left a deep void in our hearts, yet it also calls us to a deeper understanding of our faith and the missionary tasks entrusted to us.

The Jubilee Year is a time of grace, mercy, and spiritual renewal. It is a period when the Church invites all the faithful to return to the Lord with renewed fervour and commitment. This year, more than ever, we are called to embrace the themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the joy of the Gospel.

Pope Francis, throughout his papacy, emphasized the importance of mercy, compassion, and reaching out to the marginalized. As we mourn his passing, let us honour his legacy by living out these values in our daily lives. Pope Francis taught us to see Christ in the faces of the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized. He reminded us that the Church is a field hospital, a place of healing and hope. As we navigate this Jubilee Year, let us carry forward his vision by being instruments of God's mercy and love in our communities.

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

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### Join the Jubilee of Song

I recommend that you help the whole people of God sing with conscious and active participation in the liturgy

Speech to Italian Association of Saint Cecilia ,  
Sept 28, 2019

### Being Together.

...ecumenism journeys on. It journeys with Jesus, not 'my Jesus against your Jesus', but with our Jesus. The journey is simple: it consists of prayer, with the help of others. Praying together... And then, the ecumenism of work for the many who are in need...

Pope Francis Address to the Christian World Communions delegation,  
Oct. 12, 2016

20 May

### Ecumenism – It's History and Relevance Now

A talk by Rev Dr Ray Williamson, OAM

Webinar 7.00pm

The mainstream Christian churches all recognize Ecumenism, 'That may they all be One.' What does history teach us of this today? What have been the ecumenical implications? If we can all celebrate together, is not the same Holy Spirit at work in all the churches?

1 June

### Ecumenical Prayer Service for Week of Christian Unity

5.00pm

St Luke's Anglican Church - Mount Albert

Tony Alonso



Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture.

An Evening with Tony Alonso  
Thursday 29 May 6.30pm  
St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei  
Koha \$10.00

A Conversation with Tony Alonso  
Friday 30 May 6.00pm  
Pompallier Diocesan Centre with drinks and nibbles  
\$20.00

Workshop with Tony Alonso  
Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm  
Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St.  
Koha \$10.00

A Concert with Tony Alonso  
Saturday 31 May 6.30pm  
Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St.  
\$10.00

Book Now

Head to the website and register NOW!

For additional information  
For resources

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



## IDEAS FOR LOCAL CHURCH

### Welcoming Spaces

Do an audit of how welcoming the entrance to your church buildings are.

- Have flyers gone there to die?
- Are the notices neatly placed and current?
- Do you have a Jubilee banner up?
- Is it a neat and tidy trip hazard free space?
- Is it easy for newcomers to make contact with the parish?

**Name tag Sunday** – names are important encourage people to bring a name tag and wear it so that everyone can start to get to know who is present. Have a supply of sticky ones and pens for those that forget. Do this more than once so that people feel they are known because their name is remembered.

## RESOURCES and INFORMATION

### Remember 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
- ... and more



### Prayer Cards

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

### National Resources

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together as Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

## IDEAS FOR DOMESTIC CHURCH

### Lets Chat

Use media as **conversation starters**. Watch something together

- “What do you think about the choices made in that show?”
- What might Jesus say?”

Write **sentence starters** on slips of paper, and randomly draw one to begin a faith conversation. Here are a few examples:

- If I could ask Jesus one question right now, I would ask...
- If God wrote a text message to the world, it would say ...
- The hardest part about being a Christian this week was...

### Engage with The Word

Post a key Scripture passage on the refrigerator each week challenge all in the family to memorise it and us it as a mantra. Here is an example from the readings of the third Sunday of Easter.

*I will praise you Lord for you have rescued me.*

## THE JUBILEE LOGO



### The Jubilee Logo what does it mean?

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it especially in our most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A symbol of universal Hope.

You can find out more about them in the portal.