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The last Holy Year in the year 2000, was of particular significance being the start of the Third Millennium of Salvation. This coming year has been given the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”. This Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee when he opens the Holy Door at St Peter’s Basilica in Rome through which pilgrims from around the world will enter that basilica or other designated pilgrimage churches world-wide.



The **2025 Jubilee Logo** depicts pilgrims from the four corners of the world, tossed by the sea, and led by the Cross, which also becomes our anchor of hope.



“Luce” – the official mascot of the 2025 Holy Year)

The Holy Door will remain open till the conclusion of the Holy Year on February 6th 2026 when it will again be sealed until the next Holy Year in the year 2050.

For those who are unable to visit Rome, our own Cathedral of St Patrick’s Melbourne and other selected churches will welcome pilgrims who wish to celebrate the Holy Year and receive the indulgence offered by the Church.

HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE?

The Pope invites us to celebrate the year with special commitment to work for peace, reconciliation and forgiveness in our own communities. On a global scale Francis has suggested we pray and work for the forgiveness of debts of poorer countries, the abolition of the death penalty, and that expenditure on arms be directed to feeding the hungry of our world.

Pilgrims passing through the Holy Door of St Peter’s and those who go to confession, receive Communion and pray for the intentions of the Pope can receive an indulgence, but so can inmates in prison and those who work to defend human life or assist migrants and refugees.