St Mary Magdalen, Willesden Green.
The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise.

Year of Jubilee 2025

A year of hope for a suffering world in great need of God's unique grace.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, and so inaugurated the Jubilee Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This marks the beginning of a blessed time for our parish and the wider Church to embrace the message of Romans 5:5: **"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts."**

What is a Jubilee?

A special year to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

How often does it happen?

Today, Jubilee years are celebrated every 25 years.

By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a Jubilee indulgence.

What is a Jubilee indulgence?

The Jubilee Indulgence is a special blessing from the Church that removes the effects of sin for those who are truly sorry, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intentions.



Inspired by Pope Francis' letter *Spes Non Confundit* (*Hope Does Not Disappoint*), we are called to embody this hope in our parish life, reaching outwards to touch the lives of others. In the spirit of this Jubilee year, I hope that God's grace will grow in our hearts, in our parish and in the wider Church.

There are opportunities throughout this year to mark the Jubilee of Hope – our neighbouring parish of **Our Lady of Willesden** is one of the diocesan Jubilee churches, and dates of Masses and liturgies are listed here.

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



MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO A SACRED JUBILEE SITE

The Church of the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden

has been decreed as a Jubilee Church.

1 Nicoll Road, Willesden, NW10 9AX

Solemn Mass followed by Rosary, and an opportunity for Confessions:

Tuesday 11th February	7:30pm	*Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Prayer for the Sick*
Tuesday 25th March	7:30pm	*Solemnity of the Annunciation*
Tuesday 29th April	7:30pm	*Feast of St. Catherine of Siena*
Tuesday 24th June	7:30pm	*Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist*
Friday 15th August	7:30pm	*Solemnity of the Assumption*
Monday 8th September	7:30pm	*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Friday 21st November	7:30pm	*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Monday 8th December	7:30pm	*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

May Procession with Holy Rosary for Vocations:

Sunday 11th May 3:00pm

Northern Pastoral Area Celebration with the Cardinal:

Saturday 5th July 11:15am Catechesis

12noon Solemn Mass *Mary, Mother of Hope*

Torchlit Procession and Holy Rosary

Sunday 12th October 7:00pm

You are welcome to visit the Shrine at any time. It is open from 8am until 8pm daily, with Masses at 10am and 7pm.



Jubilee Events



Follow a **Pilgrimage Walk** around Westminster.

For more information go to:

https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/

Or join a more challenging national walking pilgrimage converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025.

More information at: **https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-pilgrims-of-hope-walking-pilgrimage**

Faith in Action

Visit **https://www.cbcew.org.uk/resources-for-jubilee-issues/**

to learn more about what the church is doing and how you could help with issues such as:

Care for Creation **Food Poverty** **Modern Day Slavery**

Managing Debt **Forgiveness**

CAFOD invites us to be a Pilgrim of Hope - their work is far reaching. Learn more about it at: **https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025**

This leaflet is available online
on the St Mary Magdalen, Willesden Green website - Newsletters 2025.