

Indulgences in the Holy Year 2025

Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God” (*Spes non confundit*, 6). In the Bull announcing the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, at a moment in history in which “heedless of the horrors of the past, humanity is confronting yet another ordeal, as many peoples are prey to brutality and violence” (*Spes non confundit*, 8), the Holy Father calls on all Christians to become *pilgrims of hope*. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy. It is to be rediscovered in the signs of the times, which, encompassing “the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope” (*Spes non confundit*, 7).

During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, all others Indulgences previously granted remain in force. All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 20, § 1), who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins in the following ways:

Pilgrimages to a designated Jubilee Church or Shrine

- by devoutly participating in Holy Mass
- a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Lauds, Vespers); the Via Crucis; the Marian Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents.

Pious visits to sacred places

Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone “will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children” (*Spes non confundit*, 24).

The faithful who are truly repentant of sin but who cannot participate in the various solemn celebrations, pilgrimages and pious visits for serious reasons (especially cloistered nuns and monks, but also the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick), can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, (especially when the words of the Supreme Pontiff or the diocesan Bishop are transmitted through the various means of communication), they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined (eg, in the chapel of the monastery, hospital, nursing home, prison) offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

The designated churches in this Archdiocese are as follows:

South-West London

Cathedral of St George

Sacred Heart, Wimbledon

St Ann's, Kingston Hill

St Mary's (Our Lady of Reparation), West Croydon

St Boniface, Tooting

St Elizabeth of Portugal, Richmond (Diocesan)

South-East London

St Saviour's, Lewisham

Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham

St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham

St Thomas More, Dulwich

St Stephen, Welling (Diocesan)

St John Fisher, Bexley (Diocesan)

Kent

St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury

Our Lady of Hartley, Hartley

The Friars, Shrine of Our Lady and St Simon Stock, Aylesford

St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate

St Jude's Shrine, Faversham