

## The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy



*The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy announced by Pope Francis  
Merciful Like the Father – A Year of Mercy: A message from Pope Francis*

*‘I have decided to announce **an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy!***

***This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8<sup>th</sup> December) and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father’s mercy.’ -Pope Francis***

### **What is a jubilee year?**

A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The Catholic Church has called jubilee years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300 and has also called special jubilee years from time to time, known as extraordinary jubilee years.

The last jubilee year was held in 2000 during the papacy of Pope John Paul II and was known as “the Great Jubilee.” The last extraordinary jubilee year was held in 1983 to celebrate 1,950 years since the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### **Holy Door of Mercy**

During this year, a **Holy Door of Mercy in Rome** will be opened and will become a Door of Mercy through which those who enter experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.

The **Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool** will have a local Door of Mercy and be a place of pilgrimage. An important part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy is the opportunity for pilgrimage and the granting of an indulgence with a focus on Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Pilgrims are welcome to the Door of Mercy throughout the Year of Mercy at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Two other Jubilee churches: Holy Cross & St Helen in St Helens and St Mary’s in Leyland have been designated as jubilee churches and also be open to pilgrims.

An inaugural Mass to celebrate the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy took place at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. At this Mass The Holy Door was opened and dedicated and it will be clearly marked out as the pilgrim entrance for the Holy Year.

Mrs Towell was delighted to meet some of our families at the Cathedral and we would like to thank them for representing St Bede; for representing the school on this very special occasion.

Throughout the Holy Year there will be a high focus in on our charitable works, prayer and reflection.

Information about this and activities in the parish and archdiocese will be distributed through newsletters and on the school website.

Further information can be found on [www. yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk](http://www.yearofmercyLiverpool.org.uk)