



Dear Friends and Parishioners

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a

Holy Year of Jubilee

The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace. It will begin just before Christmas 2024 and end on the Epiphany of 2026.

The Pope inaugurates the Holy Year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. After that, the Holy Doors of the other papal basilicas – St John Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls, and St Mary Major – are opened and remain so until the end of the Jubilee Year.

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope.

In preparation for the Holy year we are being asked to revisit and promote the writing of the Second Vatican Council. Fr Tom Magill, a much respected scholar in scripture and theology has produced some videos on the four major themes/documents of the Council. I am hopeful that we could use these during the Journey of faith sessions this year, following each presentation with a synod-style sharing—a form of conversation in the Spirit”.

After an Introduction, the major themes are based on these writings of the Council:

- ◆ *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (on the Liturgy)
- ◆ *Dei Verbum* (on the Word of God)
- ◆ *Lumen Gentium* (on the nature of the Church) and
- ◆ *Gaudium et Spes* (on the Church in the modern world).

This depends on us getting Wi-Fi into the hall at St Mary's, Forebank. I'll keep you posted!

Meanwhile we will begin the *Journey of Faith Sessions* on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm in the Church Hall at St Mary's, Forebank. More details next week.

Musical Magic With . . . The Maestro!



Come and enjoy an Autumn afternoon of musical melodies you know and love – with one or two surprises thrown in too!

Our Lady of Victories (St Mary's Forebank) Church Hall, Forebank Road, Dundee on Sunday 6 October at 2.30 pm

Feel free to sing along, tap your feet, clap your hands and just delight in the skill and talent of . . . **MR GARY WHITE**

Tickets £7 from gerardfulton@yahoo.co.uk All proceeds to the charity Scottish Book Trust

2024 National Pilgrimage to prayer for the beatification of The Venerable Margaret Sinclair

takes place next Sunday 22 September at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1NA.

There will be a Holy Hour at 1.30pm, followed by various devotional opportunities and the afternoon will end with Mass at 4.30pm.

