



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Archbishop of Adelaide

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Dear Brothers in Christ

Re: Pilgrimages in the Year of Jubilee 2025

Grace and peace, I hope this letter finds you well.

The time of Jubilee is an opportunity for deep spiritual renewal and an invitation for each of us to rediscover the hope that does not disappoint (*Spes Non Confundit*) amidst the tumult in the world and in our lives. The practice of Pilgrimage invites us to embark on a journey, that when rooted in prayer, reflection, and reconciliation, leads us to receive God's mercy and grace.

Consider organising a Pilgrimage for the faithful from your Church to one of the three designated Pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese throughout the year. I will be making a Pilgrimage to each on the following dates, when there will be opportunities for the faithful to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, attend Mass, and receive the apostolic blessing:

- **Saturday 28th June** - St Aloysius' Catholic Church, Sevenhill, **12:30pm**, with reconciliation from 11.00am
- **Saturday 23rd August** – St Joseph's Catholic Church, Penola, **4:30pm**, with reconciliation from 3:30pm
- **Saturday 11th October** – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide, **12:30pm** with reconciliation from 11.00am

Bookings for the Sevenhill Mass on 28th June are now open. You can register via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD>

As shepherds and spiritual guides, you are called to accompany your people on this sacred Jubilee journey, helping them experience the grace of indulgences, the gift of prayer, and the beauty of reconciliation. Alongside these spiritual benefits, let us emphasise the pilgrim's journey of faith, not simply as a visit to a holy place but as a deeper act of transformation and renewal.

When a physical pilgrimage is not possible, there is the opportunity to make a spiritual Pilgrimage instead. Pilgrims who cannot travel may engage in acts of charity, prayer, and reflection that bring them closer to God in a similar way. We are all pilgrims, called to walk in the light of Christ, regardless of the roads we travel.

I pray that this Jubilee Year will bring a time of great grace for each of you and for the entire Archdiocese. As we journey together in faith this season of Lent, let us remember that our paths though at times challenging, lead us toward the unshakable hope we have in Christ. May each pilgrimage, whether physical or spiritual, be an opportunity to renew our hearts and strengthen our witness to the Gospel.

In Domino,

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