

Being a Pilgrim of Hope

Year 5 and 6

Being a Pilgrim of Hope: The start of my mission.

This is a retreat day for those in primary school. For the first time, in this Jubilee Year, we are opening the offer to work with those in year 5 as well as year 6. The retreat offers a chance for those in primary school to think how the Jubilee Year can be seen as a mission for us all to undertake to become more like the person God knows we can be. Young people will be challenged to think about what 'kit' they will need to accomplish this mission. And then they will be further challenged to go back to their schools equipped to encourage other members of their school community to become Pilgrims of Hope.

Please contact us for more information or to book in your group.

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Year 7

Being a Pilgrim of Hope: In my new community.

'Knock and the door will be opened'. Matthew 7:7-8.

A door can symbolise many different things in the world, for us in the Church the door can be a sign of invitation. There are many opportunities set before us to allow us to get to the next point in life, but the question remains in all of us, will we accept the invitation? Whether we decide to open that door is up to us but when we take the initial step through the door a change of renewal begins. This retreat day is specifically aimed at those in year 7 allowing them to reflect on how they have opened a new door which has led them to a new school with new opportunities and most importantly a new community. As well, another doorway of faith has been offered to them.

'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you'.

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Year 8

Being a Pilgrim of Hope: Transformed by the Spirit.

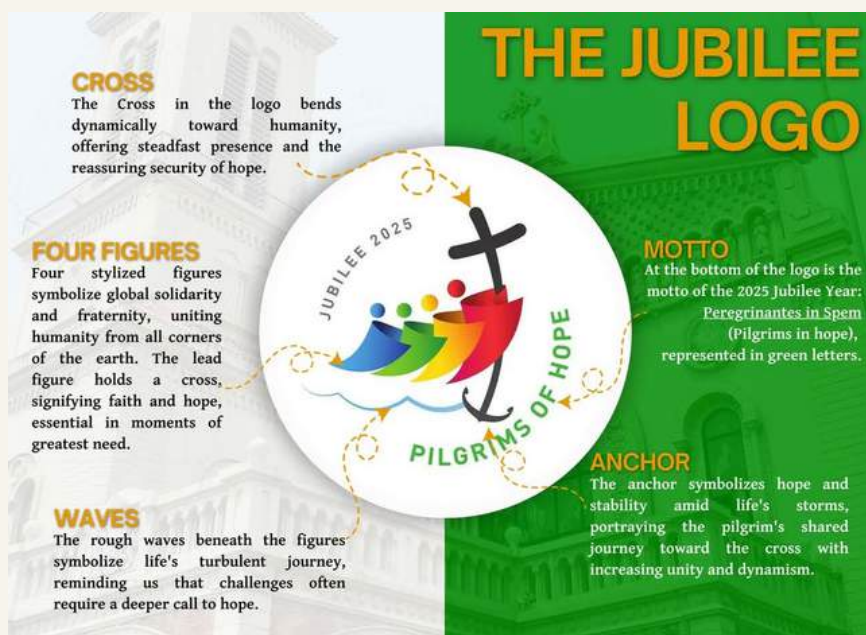
This retreat day is aimed for the students in year 8. During the day we will explore the different elements of the Jubilee logo and what they represent. The logo for the 2025 Jubilee Year features an anchor, with rough waves underneath. The anchor symbolises hope, and the waves represent the challenges of life's pilgrimage. The motto for the year, "Pilgrims in Hope", is written in green letters at the bottom of the logo.

This day will help young people focus on the waves they may face in their own lives but remembering the stability that the anchor provides for us all. The anchor is connected to the cross representing the faith we may have and how it can help us overcome the waves in our lives.

During the day the Sacrament of Confirmation will be mentioned and the young people will be challenged to think about what this Sacrament could offer them in their own lives and how it transforms us to be fuller members of the Christian community. However, the day is still suitable for those not receiving the Sacrament this year.

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Year 9 and 10

Being a Pilgrim of Hope: Servant Leadership.

In 2023 Pope Francis led a rosary prayer for young people for World Youth Day. When he spoke to the young leaders he said: **Dream big, God does too!**

This is a day for those who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to continue their pilgrim journey by focusing on what it means to be a leader in the Church and in the world.

Pope Francis also said at that meeting, 'Follow Jesus with confidence, thinking of your growth not as a way of raising yourself above others, but as a way of lowering yourself to serve them'. Need I say more!

The option of dates for these are:

Tuesday, 10th June 2025

Tuesday, 25th November 2025.

Max 8 per school. First come first served.

Price: Free

Please sign up using the QR code.



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Year 11 and Sixth Form

Being a Pilgrim of Hope: Where do I go from here?

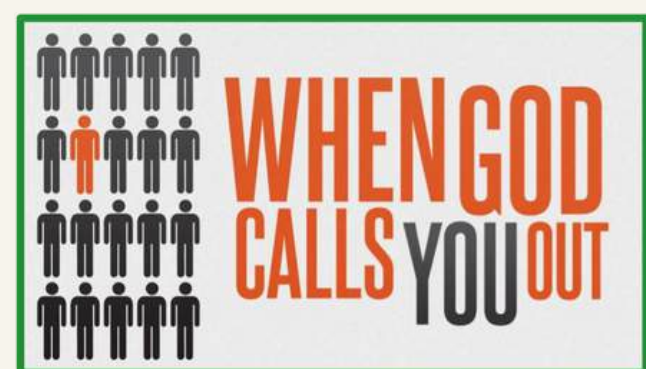
Within a society radically anchored to life within the present moment, it is difficult for us to imagine what life will be like in the future. We sometimes find ourselves trapped within the anxieties of what may have happened in our past and fear of what is to come. It is in remembering that we have all been chosen and called by the Lord we are able to see beyond our own hopes and fears. This day is a chance for all young people to be reminded of their own value and worth in the world and the Church.

Young people are invited to a day to allow time to think about the next stage of their journey and how we all can be pilgrims of hope in those next steps away from school or college.

The date is Wednesday, 1st October 2025.

The day is free to attend.

Please use the QR code to book young people onto the day.



Special Groups and Resources

High School and Above

Being a Pilgrim of Hope: Music Ministry.

This Jubilee Year we are hoping to create something that will have a lasting effect for the future of our Diocese and young people. We have a great cohort of people who are currently working in the background to create a Music Ministry programme to allow young people to have more involvement in our liturgies and masses – in Schools, Parishes, Confirmation, Lourdes and Faith in Action.

We are currently looking for anyone who is in year 9 to age 25 to be part of our NEW Youth Music Ministry. This is a chance for anyone, no matter what your musical background, to come together and unite as a music group.

Where do I go from here?

We will be holding four sessions before the end of this academic year. The sessions are drop in sessions - you do not need to attend all of them. Please come when you are able.

April 6th- Meet and greet (Introduction to what music ministry is.)

May 11th- 2nd session

June 15th- 3rd session

June 29th- Youth Alive Mass and Open Mic Night

All 3pm - 5pm.

As the sessions are on a Sunday there will be an optional Mass after each session (about 5:15 - 6pm).

You are welcome to stay for Mass and we can use the songs we have practised in the session at Mass.

Parents are welcome to come along for the Mass as well.

How to get involved.

Bring yourself and your instrument - and a friend?!

To Animate Youth Ministries, Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens WA10 2BE

For more information please go to animateyouth.org - Pilgrims of Hope tab. Or call 01744 740461 or email admin@animateyouth.co.uk



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Year 10 and Above A Pilgrim of Hope: Mission Accepted - Lourdes 2025

There are still places available on some of the coaches that travel to Lourdes in the summer. Applications will only close in May.

If the Jubilee Year is an occasion for us to think about who we are and where we want to go in life - taking a step back, as it were, then Lourdes is the ideal place to do that. a week of pilgrimage gives us all the time and space to reflect on who we are and who we can be. being with other young people in your own coach community and meeting other pilgrims from all parts of the diocese allows us to realise that the Church is bigger than we often can see in our home communities. It can open our eyes to blessings we have in our life and challenge us to think about how we be pilgrims of hope to those around us.



If you know any young people that would get the most out of this experience why not encourage them to sign up?

Please go to liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk



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A Pilgrim of Hope: Jack Traynor FIA Reflection Point

In December 2024 the Archbishop announced that the 71st official miracle of Lourdes was our own Jack Traynor.

The story of Jack Traynor is a true story of hope, and he must be a great example of being a literal pilgrim of hope as he made a pilgrimage to Lourdes in the hope of healing.

To celebrate this miracle and to allow us to think what the miracle might mean for us in this Jubilee Year we have created a new FIA resource that can be used in our schools and parishes that marries the theme of the Jubilee Year with our own miraculous Lourdes cure of Jack Traynor.

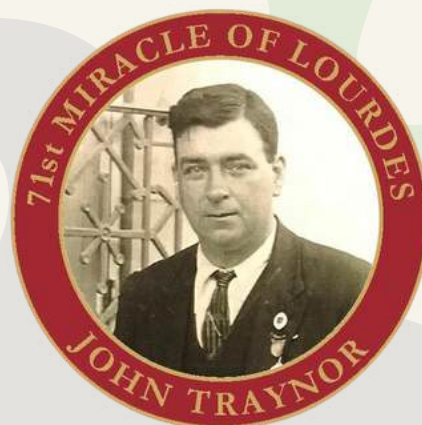


Although written as FIA Reflection Point we hope the material it contains might also be suitable for a school or parish to use in other classroom settings / collective worship / children's liturgy etc

This is now available on our website- www.animateyouth.org

Or use this link to take you directly there-

<https://www.animateyouth.org/a-pilgrim-of-hope-jack-traynor-fia-reflection-point/>



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Adults

A Pilgrim of Hope: Faith in Action Partners

Much of what is written above is aimed at young people - which cannot be a surprise as we are a youth ministry team. However, we know that there are lots of adults who would love to support young people on their faith journey and encourage our young people to become pilgrims of hope.

There is one very concrete example of a way an adult could help support our young people. And that is by becoming a Faith in Action partner.

Being a FIA partner is a not a long term commitment. And we hope would not be onerous for anyone. In fact, many would find it fulfilling and life-giving.

We need more FIA partners to help us moderate the work young people do as part of the award. This means giving up an hour or two in May / June, at home in your own time, looking at some of the final pieces of work young people have created and affirming their work. You do not need any qualifications to do this. You are not marking or assessing them. It is affirming them on behalf of the Archbishop, the Diocese and the wider Church. Those that do it already say it is a joy to do as it shows what young people are doing to put their faith into action.

We also need FIA partners to assist on the day of the award ceremony. Again this is a joy filled day for those involved. You can see young people receive their awards and celebrate with friends, their school and our Bishop.

But for the day to work we need adults to be around to ensure we can run the day safely and smoothly.

Please contact us to find out more - with no obligation to be involved. Contact us on 01744 740461 or admin@animateyouth.co.uk

Or use the QR code to direct you to the sign up page to be involved and receive more information via email!

