



Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Diocese of Ossory - Pilgrims of Hope



29th December 2024
5.30 p.m.

Opening Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Diocese of Ossory.
Theme: Pilgrims of Hope.
'Christ Jesus Our Hope' (1 Timothy 1:1).
Most Rev. Niall Coll will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

29th January 2025
1.00 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope for Religious: Theme: Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope.
'He called those whom he desired and they came to him' (Mark 3,13).
Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny.

17th March 2025
1.30 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope St Patrick's Day Parade: Theme: Pilgrims of Hope.
'The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the Poor' (Luke: 4:18).

18th April 2025
7.00 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope Annual Taizé Good Friday Walk.
Theme: The Cross, A Sign of Hope.
'Take up your Cross and follow Me' (Matthew 16:24).
St John's Church to Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny.

6th May 2025
7.30 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope: Pilgrimage for Mass to Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice Centre, Westcourt, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.
Theme: Edmund Rice, A Man of Hope.
"Cast all your cares into the arms of Divine Providence"
(Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice).
We gather as a Diocese with Bishop Niall who will lead us in the celebration of Mass as we journey together as Pilgrims of Hope.

19th – 24th May 2025

Jubilee Year of Hope Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Theme: Pilgrims of Hope for the Sick.
'He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them' (Luke 4:40).

30th May/1st June 2025

Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Lough Derg led by Young Adults.
Theme: Finding Our Way in the Wilderness.
'Led by the Spirit into the wilderness' (Matthew: 4:1).

5th June 2025
2.00 p.m.- 6.00 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrims of Priesthood.
Theme: 'Faithful witnesses of grace and peace' (Apocalypse 1:5).
A Gathering for priests of our Diocese to both pray and reflect together in thanksgiving for the gift of Priesthood.
St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny.

22nd June 2025
3.00 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope Annual Corpus Christi Procession.
'I am the Bread of Life' (John 6:51).
Station 1: Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny.
Station 2: Statue of Our Lady, James's Green, Kilkenny.
Station 3: Dominican Black Abbey: 800 years of presence in Kilkenny.
Station 4: St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, concluding with Benediction.
Bishop Niall will lead us in our Corpus Christi Procession.

15th August 2025
3.00 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Ladywell, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny.
Theme: Mary, Mother of Hope.
'Happy those who hear the Word of God and Keep it' (Luke: 11:28).
Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass to commence the Ladywell Season to include the Annual Novena to Our Lady in this Holy Year of Hope.

8th – 15th October 2025

Jubilee Year of Hope Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima.
Theme: Pilgrims of Hope for all People.
'Sing a new song unto the Lord' (Psalm 97:1).

25th October 2025
10.00 a.m.- 2.00 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope in a Missionary and Multicultural Church.
'Go out to the whole world' (Matthew: 28: 1-20).
St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny.
Bishop Niall will lead us in the celebration of Mass to acknowledge and welcome all who have made Ossory their home and who live and worship among us.

6th November 2025
7.30 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Ossory.
'The life and death of each of us has its influence on others' (Romans 14:7).
Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

6th December 2025
10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Jubilee Year of Hope Advent Reflection Day Theme: From Brokenness to Hope.
'The time is coming you must wake up now' (Romans 13:11).
St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny.

6th January 2026
5.30 p.m.

Closing Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Diocese of Ossory:
Theme: Anchored in Hope.
'Hope in the Lord' (Psalm: 27:14).
Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

PILGRIMAGE SITES

Bishop Niall has designated each church in the Diocese of Ossory as a place of personal pilgrimage during this Holy Year and, as Pilgrims of Hope, encourages each of us to visit our local church as we embrace this *Jubilee Year of Hope*. In addition, Bishop Niall suggests the following Holy Sites in the Diocese of Ossory as places of personal pilgrimage for this Holy Year.

Seir Kieran - St Mary's Cathedral - Dominican Black Abbey - Kilamery High Cross

Pope Francis has underlined that these Pilgrimages during the *Jubilee Year of Hope* provide us with the opportunity to gain in plenary indulgences.