**FEBRUARY 2025 News from your Diocesan Link**

  **JUBILEE 2025**

 

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**Introduction: A Year of Hope**

Welcome to the February edition of the Diocesan Link newsletter! This month, we explore the Jubilee Year 2025 and share opportunities for reflection, action, and participation. From upcoming events to powerful resources, there is something for everyone in this Jubilee journey.

**Upcoming Events**

**Word on Fire Bible Conference**

**Date:** February 21-22, 2025

**Location:** Excel London

**Speakers:** Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Tracy Rowlands, and others

**Details:** Join a transformative conference exploring the Word of God through thought-provoking sessions led by global faith leaders.

[Register here](https://wordonfire.vfairs.com/en/registration-form)

**Racial Justice Webinar: Embracing All**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 12, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (online)

**Details:** Practical solutions to end racism in our communities.

[Sign up here](https://www.nbcw.co.uk/event)

**Jubilee 2025 Highlights**

**A Year of Hope: Jubilee Introduction**

2025 is a Jubilee year—a time of renewal and hope. If you missed the **Jubilee Year Launch Event** in January, the recording is available on the [CAFOD website](https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzyNg2P24fc). Highlights included contributions from Fr. Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD Director), and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD Head of Africa).

**CAFOD Jubilee Resources**

* [Jubilee Icon Poster (Downloadable)](https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025)
* [Jubilee Hymn by Ooberfuse (Soundcloud)](https://www.ooberfuse.com/)
* [CAFOD Pilgrimage Opportunities](https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/challenge-events/pilgrimages)
* [Global Church Petition: Debt Crisis Action](https://cafod.org.uk/)

**Engage with CAFOD’s Lent Appeal**

This year’s Lent Appeal features the **Big Lent Walk** and school-focused activities to inspire faith-based giving. Learn more [here](https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/challenge-events/pilgrimages).

**Resources and Competitions**

**Creative Competitions**

* **Columbans Schools Competition on Jubilee**

[Details and entry information](https://www.columbancompetition.com/)

**Reflections and Inspiration**

* **Pope Francis’ Thought for the Day** (BBC, December 28, 2024)

[Listen here](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0kfffld)

* **Pilgrim Ways Podcast: Hearts in Search of God**

[Listen here](https://kindsofcatholic.buzzsprout.com/2333035/episodes/15862218-20-hearts-in-search-of-god)

**Music**

* **CJM Music’s Version of the Jubilee Hymn**

**Links Shared in the Zoom Chat**

* [*Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction for the Ordinary Year of Jubilee of the Year 2025*](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vatican.va%2Fcontent%2Ffrancesco%2Fen%2Fbulls%2Fdocuments%2F20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html&data=05%7C02%7Cnbcw%40abdiocese.org.uk%7C2596b31bb2654a36288408dd3ae7fa62%7C2bf5dbc217ef4efca1c9ab2dc4edefd0%7C0%7C0%7C638731490224469320%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qENUkOppKESy8wclscw%2BgyAcAHrjzGGSQ%2BbGD7bt3Kg%3D&reserved=0)
* [Vatican Jubilee Website](https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)
* [Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales Jubilee Page](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/)
* [CAFOD Jubilee Page](https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025)
* [Ooberfuse Jubilee Hymn (YouTube)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzyNg2P24fc)
* [Pilgrim Ways Podcast Interview](https://kindsofcatholic.buzzsprout.com/2333035/episodes/15862218-20-hearts-in-search-of-god)
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**Get Involved**

Have news to share from your parish or organization or web links you would like to share? Contact Sue Petritz at **nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk.** Let’s celebrate our collective journey of faith!

**Reflection**

*"The strength to persevere, the courage to speak out, the faith to believe."*

— Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB