

Jubilee Way

2025



With Mary.
**PILGRIMS
OF HOPE**
2025





In this Jubilee Year 2025, pilgrims are coming to Lourdes to experience the grace of the Jubilee. **The Jubilee Way** is a good way of doing this. It starts in front of the Information Centre, where you can get your credential (pilgrim's passport). **There are 8 stopping points along the way.**

Read carefully through the introduction to The Way

Man's pilgrimage on earth began when he had to leave paradise. Because he listened to the devil and refused to be close to God, man recognised his nakedness and lost his identity as a child of God. He began to have a yearning for God. Throughout his life, he will arise and seek the Father. We need to cultivate our yearning for God and to direct our lives towards Him. The Jubilee is given to us so that we can arise and seek the Father.

Do I yearn for God?

How can I grow in my desire for God?

Am I truly driven by the desire to rediscover my identity as a child of God?

1

INFORMATION CENTRE



Before starting the Way, we read the Word of God:

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover,

some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So, they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent." So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did

not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

What did the disciples discuss on the way to Emmaus?
How did Jesus comfort them?
What was their reaction when they recognised Jesus?

Walking towards the Breton Cross, we reflect on the passage from the Gospel.

2 BRETON CROSS

We read:

In the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year 2025, '*Spes non confundit*', Pope Francis reminds us of the problems facing the world today: the tragedy of war, the suffering of prisoners and those deprived of their freedom, the sick, migrants, the elderly and the poor.

For a few moments, look deep into your heart to feel the suffering of today's world. Ask for the grace to weep over the cruelty that is in the world, in us, and also in those who, anonymously, make the political decisions that pave the way for the tragedies we witness either in person or indirectly.

We read:

"While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them."
The Lord draws near to us. First,



he sees us, then he hears us. He journeys with us to breathe hope into our hearts and to help us grow as human beings. *"What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?"* (Lk. 24:17). As we walk this earth, we talk about our spiritual trials and tribulations, our sins, illnesses, handicaps, disappointments, heartaches, weaknesses...

Take time to tell the Lord of your suffering, here at the foot of the Cross.

At the end of this time of prayer, say:

Mary Mother of Hope, you remained with the disciples as their Mother, as Mother of Hope. Holy Mary, Mother of God, our Mother, teach us to believe, hope and love with you.

3

CHRISTIAN OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

We read:

The OCH is open to people with disabilities and their families. It's a welcoming place where you can rest, relax, meet friends, share what's on your mind, and spend time with people with disabilities. It's a place of consolation, which God gives to those who open their hearts to his presence!

Am I capable of welcoming a disabled person into my life?

As you recite a few "Hail Marys", pray for all the disabled people in the world, especially those who visit the Sanctuary. Pray for the families of the disabled and those who minister to the disabled and their families.



4

HOSPITALITY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

We read:

The Hospitality of Our Lady of Lourdes is an association. Its members are called hospitaliers. They are volunteers from numerous countries around the world. Their mission is to welcome and accompany thousands of pilgrims, especially the sick. Through the hospitaliers, God consoles the sick. In the sick person, the hospitalier sees Christ, because He is one with the sufferer. In the hospitaller, the sick person sees Christ because He always sought out the sick. The hospitalier meets the sick in the name of Christ. Being a hospitalier is a vocation. It's a beautiful vocation!

Am I ready to accept my vocation?

As you recite a few "Hail Marys",



pray for the sick and the hospitaliers. Throughout your time in the Sanctuary, you will be aware of the presence of the sick. Focus on them. Allow yourself to be touched by the visible presence of charity in this place of consolation that is the Sanctuary.

5

ACCUEIL NOTRE-DAME

We read:

The Accueil Notre-Dame has 850 beds for sick pilgrims. The Accueil Notre-Dame is not a hospital, but a place where, first and foremost, charity is practised. Without the volunteers, the sick can do nothing. They can't go to the Grotto, or to Mass, or to the Baths. During their pilgrimage, they need to be welcomed, supported and loved...

Am I allowing God to use me to show the sick his love?

As you recite a few "Hail Marys", ask Christ to teach you to love the sick.



6

CROWNED VIRGIN STATUE

Pausing at the feet of the crowned Virgin, look towards the basilicas where the Word is proclaimed.

"He opened to us the Scriptures" (Lk. 24:32). The Word of God does not change our reality, but it enlightens it, enables us to see it differently and gives it meaning. The Crowned Virgin looks towards the basilicas where the Word is proclaimed, and the Eucharist is celebrated. "When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them" (Lk. 24:30). There is a link between the Word heard and the bread shared. The Word leads to sharing and sharing accomplishes the Word. Bread sent down from heaven nourishes and gives strength. Bernadette made her First Communion between the



penultimate and last apparitions. When I take communion "I feel my soul filled with strength and confidence, thinking that it is no longer me praying, but Jesus in me," she said.

Pray for the grace to desire to hear and welcome the Word of God today.

Make a resolution to meditate on today's Gospel.

Turn towards the Chapel of Reconciliation, where forgiveness is given. The Jubilee offers us the chance to receive a plenary indulgence. You can download the communiqué from the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes on the conditions for receiving the grace of indulgence, or you can ask the Information Centre for the Jubilee Credential, which sets out these conditions.

We read:

The Scriptures also show us God’s merciful heart. Bernadette made her first confession between the first and second apparitions. All her life, at the request of the Blessed Virgin, she prayed to God for the conversion of sinners. Forgiveness changes our lives. God transformed the Grotto of Massabielle from a dark, dirty place, a shelter for animals, into the home of his Son. He wants to turn the heart of the pilgrim, however dark, into the home of his Son.

Do you want to ask God for forgiveness?

Ask for the grace to be able to recognise your sins and to feel contrite.

7 GRADEN OF REFLECTION

We read:

“They returned to Jerusalem” (Lk. 24:33). They went back because their hearts were burning. They went back to hear that the Lord had truly risen and to bear witness to their encounter with him. They met him and their hearts changed. After completing this pilgrimage, we want to return to our church communities, to live in the Church. Our comforted hearts burn, and the Lord calls us to become his missionary disciples. Bernadette grew in holiness in community. First in the Congregation of the Children of Mary and then in the Congregation of the Sisters of Nevers. All pilgrims come to the Grotto. It was at the Grotto that Mary said, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” With these words, Mary reminds us of our vocation to holiness. She calls us to live in the presence of Christ, holy,



immaculate, unblemished. She, Mother of the Church, calls us to live as active members of the Church. So many calls to serve the Church have been heard at the Grotto.

What is my missionary commitment? Where do I feel called to today?

Those who do the Jubilee Way on their own, visit the Baths for the eighth stop.

Before entering the Baths, we read:

The Risen Lord said, "Peace to you" (Lk. 24 :36). The risen Jesus is present in my life. He shares his peace with me. He acts and everything he does is good for me. I give thanks to God. He himself is the source of living water. 'Go to the spring, drink and wash' - asked the Blessed Virgin at the Grotto on 25th April 1858.

When we go to the Baths, we are doing what the Blessed Virgin has asked us to do.

When we go to the Baths, we ask for the grace to rediscover the identity as children of God that was given to us on the day of our baptism, or we ask the Lord for the grace of baptism.

On leaving the Baths, we recite the Jubilee prayer:

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity kindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole
cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

8
**GOOD SAMARITAN
ROTUNDA**



**Return to the Information Centre to have your credential stamped.
You can also share the information on the credential with others.
That's one way you can be a missionary disciple.**

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!