



Vox Populi

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Welcome to Jubilee 2025 – a Holy Year dedicated to Pilgrims of Hope.

Since 24 December last year, when Pope Francis inaugurated the Holy Year, nearly three-quarters of a million people from around the world have crossed through the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

An estimated 10 million people visit St Peter's every year, however that number is expected to triple during the Jubilee.

A tunnel diverting traffic underground at the main street leading to the Vatican enables pilgrims to walk from a new pedestrian square at the start of the street directly to the Holy Door.

Thousands of pilgrims are also visiting the three other papal basilicas in Rome: St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St Paul Outside the Walls.

Here in Broken Bay, many parishioners from across the Diocese joined Bishop Anthony Randazzo at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (29 December 2024) for the start of the 2025 Holy Jubilee in Broken Bay.

During his homily Bishop Anthony said; "As we reflect on this Holy Year and the calling it offers us, we must also recognise the responsibility we have as the community of the Church to read the signs of the times in light of the Gospel.

"The world is changing, and we are living in a time when many are searching for meaning, for answers, and for hope. The Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is called to discern how God is at work in our world today and to respond with the message of love, reconciliation, and hope.

.....hope is a way of life. It is a life founded on love – love for God, love of neighbour, love of one another. In our families, in our communities, and in our world, we are called to embody this hope. As we celebrate this Jubilee Year, let us renew our commitment to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, filled with the hope that does not disappoint."

During the 2025 Holy Jubilee, Mission Broken Bay will be providing extensive information and resources for parishes and clergy.