

In his exhortation 'Misericordiae Vultus', the Holy Father reminds us that

***“the practice of Pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life.”***

Pilgrimage is also a time of encounter and exchange, when sharing the physical journey opens us to share our personal and spiritual journey. At the same time the Pope's proposal of "Holy Doors" in each Diocese suggests the possibility of much more local pilgrimages, as always focused not only on the destination, but also on the time together and the people and places met on the way.

So in this Centenary Year, we are invited to make a "Pilgrimage of Prayer" around the Archdiocese. Each week we are invited to remember and pray for a different Parish, with its pastors and people, particular ministries and local centres.

The 'Pilgrimage' begins on the first weekend of February, with prayer for the Archdiocese centred on the opening celebrations of the Centenary, in Saint David's Cathedral and Belmont Abbey. From there it takes us on a prayed perambulation of the Deaneries and Parishes, to bring us back at the end of the centenary year to the Cathedral and its Holy Door.



# *Pilgrimage Prayer*

*Each week the name and details of the Parish to be remembered will be published on the Diocesan website and announced in church.*

Almighty and Merciful Father,  
bestow your grace upon the Church of Cardiff  
as we celebrate the Centenary of our Archdiocese.

We give thanks for our inheritance from generations  
past and we pray for a fresh outpouring  
of the Holy Spirit that we may embrace and embody  
the new evangelization.

Bless Archbishop George,  
the people and pastors of the Parish of N.  
and all the Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful  
across the family of parishes  
and communities of the Diocese,  
from the Marches to the Cities,  
from the Valleys to the Vale.

Bind us together  
in the communion of faith, hope and charity  
so that we can be effective heralds of the Gospel  
in this time and in this place.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.