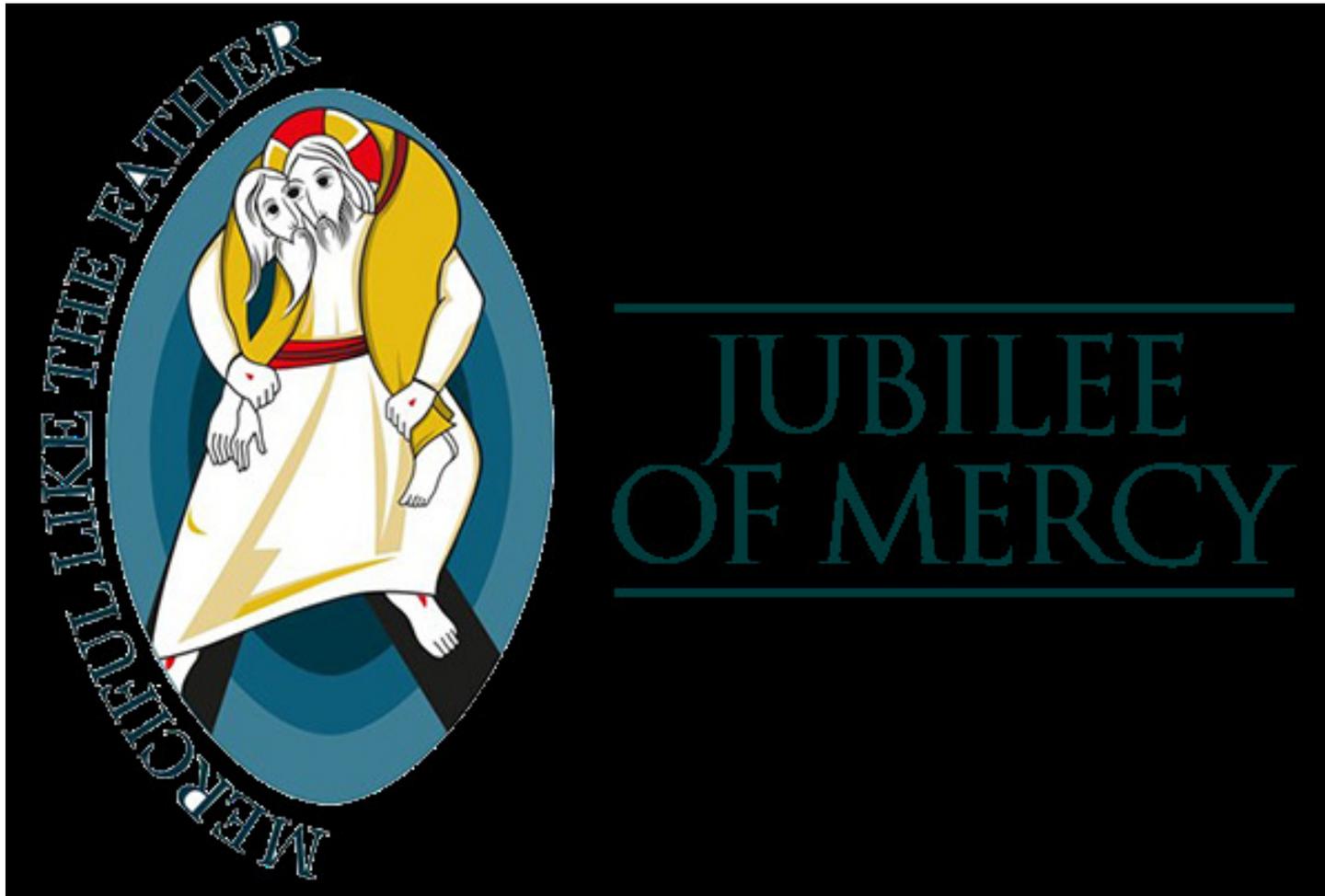


# Jubilee of Mercy

**DEC 8TH 2015 –NOV 20TH 2016**





**MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER**

Lord Jesus Christ

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the  
Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

In order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
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We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

# What is Mercy?

Mercy gives you his seat on the bus, acting as if he was about to get up anyway rather than making you feel that he is doing you a favour

Mercy does not let out that sigh -- you know the one -- the wordless disapproval toward the person in the check-out line ahead of you whose card didn't swipe, or who can't find her coupons, or whose toddler is having a meltdown

When mercy has been wronged, the offended one does not make it difficult for the offender to apologise or ask forgiveness.

Mercy makes a habit of giving others the benefit of the doubt.

Mercy is not in the habit of sending deadly glares at people who are annoying.

Mercy gives charitably, knowing that eventually someone will take advantage of his generosity.

What can we do?

The chance to put the teaching of  
Jesus into practice by focusing on  
Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy

## **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbours with their emotional and spiritual needs.

counsel the doubtful  
instruct the ignorant  
admonish sinners  
comfort the afflicted  
forgive offences  
bear wrongs patiently  
pray for the living and the dead

# Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbours with their material and physical needs.

feed the hungry  
give drink to the thirsty  
clothe the naked  
shelter the homeless  
visit the sick  
visit the imprisoned  
bury the dead



## Health clinic

**Make a BIG difference to a remote village with this absolutely essential facility. Our generosity could cover the running of a health clinic – paying for medicines and nutritional supplements, electricity and equipment as well as petrol for the clinic ambulance – saving many lives!**

**Our target is £4000**