



Resources for Advent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Families Living God's Glory – free download

Wonderful free resource for families for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Simple prayer and activity suggestions for each week.

Download the PDF and print as many copies as you want. 4 pages (A4), print as 2 sheets or one A3 back and front.

Every parish and school in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be sent a sample copy.

Published by Evangelisation Brisbane.

Website: bne.catholic.net.au/faithlife/store

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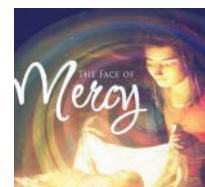


Advent online – The Face of Mercy

The Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn has published an

online resource for Advent, *The Face of Mercy*. This free resource has been written by Shane Dwyer and will be both a wonderful spiritual preparation for Advent and the Year of Mercy. Each day's offering follows a simple format: Scripture reading, reflection, a quote from Pope Francis relevant to the Year of Mercy and a final prayer.

Website: www.thefaceofmercy.org.au



Beloved

Continuing the tradition from past years and tying in with the beginning of the Pope's Jubilee Year of Mercy, *Beloved* is a 72 page pocket-size book contains short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November 2015) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2016) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer.



These spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections have been written by six contributors from the Diocese of Wollongong.

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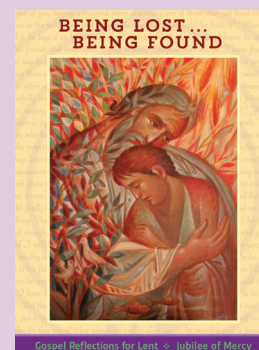
Website: www.dow.org.au (store)

Resources for Lent 2016

Participant's book and accompanying box set of DVD and two CDs, prayer cards and poster.

The six sessions will provide: opening prayers; Gospel readings for each Sunday; Gospel reflections; guided meditation; discussion questions; personal stories, closing prayers; and suggestions for works of mercy in daily life.

Website: www.lentprogram.com



Resources from the web

Vatican Official Website

The Face of Mercy

Misericordiae Vultus: Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy' (1). This document sets out the dates for the Jubilee of Mercy and the Pope's reason for promulgating the Jubilee.

Jubilee of Mercy – logo

Designed by Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik. The image of the Good Shepherd was one of the first images used by the Early Church. Incorporates the motto for the year: *Merciful like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36).



Jubilee of Mercy – prayer and hymn

Prayer from Pope Francis and official hymn written by Paul Inwood.

Website: www.im.va (Click on 'Jubilee' tab)

Evangelisation Brisbane

Pope Francis: MERCY MATTERS

Free download poster/brochure to help parishes and individuals prepare for the Jubilee of Mercy.



Simple and interesting information about Pope Francis and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. History of Jubilee in Jewish tradition and the Church.

Supplied as PDF files for A3 and A4. May be printed and distributed by email and social media.

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The Pastoral Centre

A wealth of resources to download.

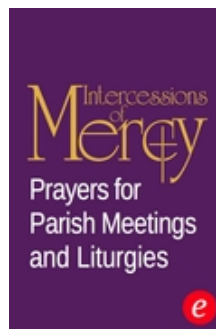
Website: store.pastoralplanning.com/juyeofme.html

Intercessions of Mercy: Prayers for Parish Meetings and Liturgies (eResource)

Written by members of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. Permission is given to make unlimited copies within a parish or school.

360 pages. Only US\$11.90

Website: www.thepastoralcenter.com/ap202.html



Archdiocese of Melbourne

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation has produced some excellent online resources.

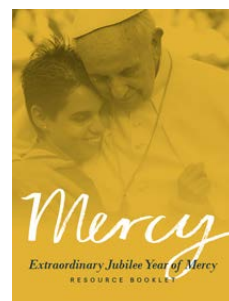
Year of Mercy Resource Booklet

40 pages (A4). Great suggestions for worship, service, community and families.

Year of Mercy Newspaper

Eight page broadsheet.

Website: www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Resources/Year-of-Mercy



Resources from St Pauls Book Centre

Year of Mercy – Preparing for the Journey

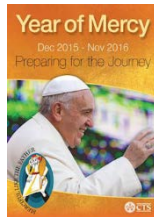
Pack of 50 pamphlets

Learn here about the purpose, message and activities of this special year, and how you and your parish can become involved. Above all Pope Francis is calling each one of us, whoever we are, whatever our circumstances, to stand in the truth and taste God's overflowing love and mercy.

Published by Catholic Truth Society. The website has a PDF of the pamphlet:

www.ctsbooks.org/year-of-mercy-leaflet

\$24.95 (pack of 50)



A Year of Mercy

Pack of 50 pamphlets

This pamphlet helps all Catholics understand not only what the Jubilee Year of Mercy is about, but what it means to the Church, and to each of us. Includes Pope Francis' own words about the theme of mercy and why it was chosen for the Jubilee year, and what will happen during the year, including special celebrations that will occur. The pamphlet includes some very practical ideas and tips for things we can all do to celebrate the Jubilee, and become beacons of mercy to the world.

Published by Our Sunday Visitor. The website has a PDF of the pamphlet: www.osv.com

\$27.95 (pack of 50)



Eight ways to live a merciful life

Pack of 50 pamphlets

God is so merciful toward us. We too should learn to be merciful ...

(Pope Francis)

Pope Francis has awakened the world to the need for mercy, and urges each of us to 'travel this path of mercy. But what is mercy exactly? How does Jesus model mercy? What are the works of mercy? And most important, how and why can I become more merciful myself?

Eight very practical ways to become more merciful – each including a simple reflection question to ponder. As we become more merciful, we begin to respond to people in need, and we ourselves are blessed, as Jesus said 'Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy'. (Mt. 5:7)

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A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis – Daily Reflections

380 pages.

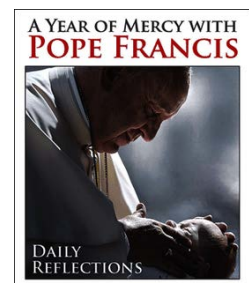
The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 114)

For every day of the year this book provides a quote from Pope Francis from a diverse range of sources with reflection questions. These could make an ideal formation tool for parish council members.

This book was compiled before the Jubilee Year of Mercy was promulgated. If we needed it, this is further confirmation that mercy has been a constant 'message' for Pope Francis.

Published by Our Sunday Visitor.

\$29.95



The Church of Mercy – A Vision for the Church

Pope Francis.

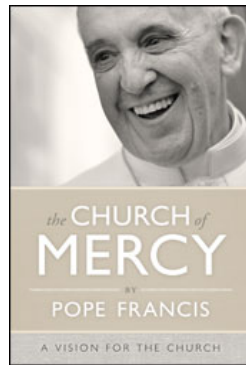
150 pages.

Collected from Pope Francis's speeches, homilies, and papers presented during the first year of his papacy, *The Church of Mercy* is the first Vatican-authorized book detailing his vision for the Catholic Church. From how to be citizens of the world to answering God's call for evangelization, Pope Francis's deep wisdom reminds us that the Church must move beyond its own walls and joyfully bring God's mercy wherever suffering, division, or injustice exists.

150 pages

Published by Loyola Press.

\$25.95



Celebrating Mercy

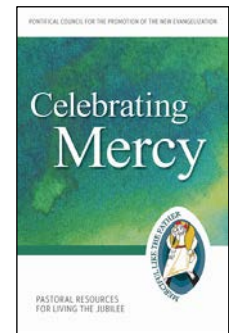
Series of eight books by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

1. *Celebrating Mercy*
2. *The Psalms of Mercy*
3. *The Parables of Mercy*
4. *Mercy in the Fathers of the Church*
5. *The Saints of Mercy*
6. *Mercy in the Teachings of the Popes*
7. *The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy*
8. *The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Experience of Mercy*

Published by Our Sunday Visitor.

\$24.95 each.

Also available as Kindle eBooks from:
amazon.com.au



The Blessing of Mercy

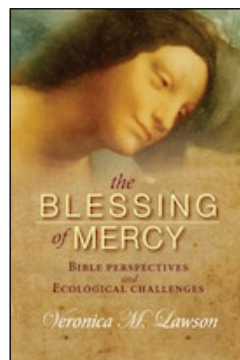
Veronica Lawson, a Religious Sister of Mercy is one of Australia's leading Catholic biblical scholars. In *The Blessing of Mercy: Bible Perspectives and Ecological Challenges* she combines deep scholarship to uncover the richness of the 'mercy texts both in the Hebrew scriptures and in the New testament. Readers are invited to re-visit the biblical texts in the light of *On Care of Our Common Home*, the Pope's latest encyclical, with its appeal for us to listen to the cry of the earth and the earth's poor.

86 pages

Published by Morning Star Publications

\$19.95 each.

Also available as Kindle eBook from:
amazon.com.au



The Blessing of Mercy

By Walter Kasper

From one of the leading intellects in the Church today – one whom Pope Francis has described as a 'superb theologian' – comes perhaps his most important book yet. Available for the first time in English, Cardinal Kasper looks to capture the essence of the Gospel message. Compassionate, bold and brilliant, Cardinal Kasper has written a book which will be studied for generations.

270 pages

Published by Paulist Press

\$49.95

Also available as Kindle eBook from:
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