

Year of Mercy

Praying

- ⊕ Send parish representatives to the opening of the Jubilee Door of Mercy.
- ⊕ Hold a *Holy Hour* each month, include opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance.
- ⊕ Join with parishes around the world in 24 hours with the Lord.
- ⊕ Encourage the Lenten Reflection Program '*Being Lost, Being Found*'.
- ⊕ Ensure churches are open as long as possible. Staff a '*Welcome Desk*' for visitors.
- ⊕ Plan a parish reflection day based on the Gospel of Luke.
- ⊕ Establish an Intentional Prayer Ministry, praying for the needs of the world.
- ⊕ Plan the month of Mary— celebrating Mary the Mother of Mercy.

Living

- ⊕ Support and strengthen local ministry to the poor (eg St Vincent de Paul).
- ⊕ Support archdiocesan special ministry — Psychiatric Pastoral Care, Murri Ministry, Seafarers, Prison and Hospital chaplaincies.
- ⊕ Plan ways to connect with refugees and asylum seekers.
- ⊕ Visit aged care facilities.
- ⊕ Ensure your Church community and facilities are welcoming and inclusive.
- ⊕ Establish twin-parish relationships (eg. East Timor, rural Queensland)
- ⊕ Show mercy to the local environment by tidying up churches and parish grounds.
- ⊕ Join in local environmental initiatives.
- ⊕ Establish a parish gardening group; plant new trees and other plants.
- ⊕ Host a parish family day.

Walking

- ⊕ Arrange a deanery / parish pilgrimage into the Cathedral 11:30am Saturday Mass for Pilgrims. (Begins Feb 2016)
- ⊕ Organise a pilgrimage around your parish. Stop to pray for people/ situations along the way. Recall the original inhabitants of your area, acknowledging the aboriginal custodians of this land.
- ⊕ Participate in Archdiocesan Pilgrimages to Marian Valley and Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.
- ⊕ Gather young people to celebrate World Youth Day.
- ⊕ Become more thoughtful about your footprint on the planet.
- ⊕ Form a parish working group to promote health and social interaction.