

# Garratt Publishing Lent Calendar 2025

## *Pilgrims of Hope*



5 MARCH 2025

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## PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This year, Garratt Publishing's 2025 Lent Calendar is taking inspiration from the Year of Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope.

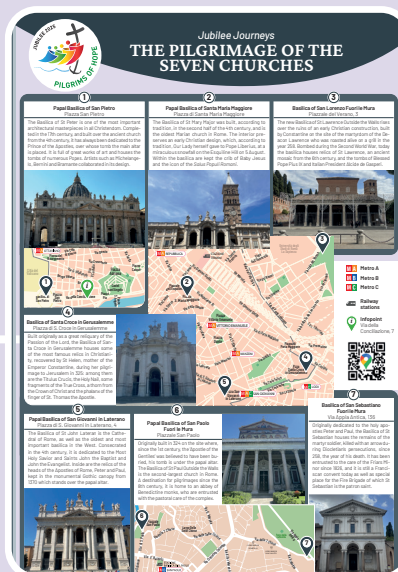
Created for Jubilee 2025 are four Jubilee Journeys that take pilgrims on a tour of Rome's Basilicas and Churches. The four journeys are:

- The Papal Basilicas
- Europe in Rome
- The Pilgrimage of the Seven Churches
- Women Patrons of Europe and Doctors of the Church

But, you don't have to travel to Rome to experience these tours!

From the comfort of your home, the 2025 Garratt Publishing Lent Calendar will take you to each stop along the Jubilee Journeys.

We hope this calendar will enrich your Lenten Journey.



It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. —Pope Francis' Lent Message 2025

**HOPE: The Autobiography\***  
Pope Francis



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## THE PAPAL BASILICAS

A Papal Basilica – also known as Major Basilica – is the name given to the most highly ranked Roman Catholic Churches, of which there are only four. All are located within the Diocese of Rome, however, St Peter's Basilica is the only one located in Vatican City.

These grand churches boast the most extraordinary art and architecture in the world. They possess a papal throne and a papal high altar, at which no-one may celebrate Mass without the Pope's permission. Each house a set of Holy Doors which are opened by the Pope at the beginning of a Jubilee year, and remain open throughout this special year.

*Loving Father,  
Give me the desire  
to slow my pace this Lent,  
and reveal to me my limitations.  
Show me where I need to  
"look again".  
Humble me, Lord. Amen*

**WILDERNESS WITHIN**  
**A Guided Lent Journal**  
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## ST PETER'S Holy Door

The Holy Door at St Peter's is the oldest of the four Holy Doors. The wooden doors installed by Pope Benedict XIV in 1748, which had begun to fall into disrepair, were replaced in 1950. The new door, made up of 16 bronze panels, was designed by sculptor **Vico Consorti** (1902–1979).

The panels depict scenes inspired by the 1950 Jubilee. All the scenes are from the New Testament, except for the bottom right panel which depicts Pope Pius XII opening the Holy Door in 1950.



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## THE PAPAL BASILICAS

### ST JOHN LATERAN Holy Door

St John Lateran Basilica was the site of the first ritual opening of a Holy Door. The act was performed by Pope Martin V in 1423. On the occasion of the *Great Jubilee of 2000*, a new Holy Door created by the sculptor **Floriano Bodini** (1933-2005), was inaugurated.

Loving God  
Lent is not a solitary thing  
But is woven from many journeys;  
Your carrying us from making to  
remaking;  
Israel's journey from slavery to the  
promised land;  
Jesus' mission to show and tell,  
To live, to love, to die, and rise;  
Our own long trail from shadow  
into light;  
Our common travelling with  
Christ to God  
the end of all journeys.

### MANY PATHS LEAD TO EASTER

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## THE PAPAL BASILICAS

### ST MARY MAJOR Holy Door

This Holy Door is the work of sculptor, Luigi Enzo Mattei (1945) and was completed following a competition held ahead of the *Great Jubilee of 2000*. The work is dedicated to the Third Millennium and is a symbol of reconciliation with God and a new beginning.

All over the world women are coming together to celebrate International Women's Day. It is the one day of the year where women are celebrated for being women. We have come a long way, yet we still see women at enormous disadvantage in every sphere of life: politics, work, and art – and violence. In his treatment of women, Jesus gave us a wonderful example of a profound challenge to misogyny. He continually challenged his followers to treat women as people: he healed, defended, and engaged women in dialogue.

#### PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS FOR YOUR SACRED DAY 2025

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## THE PAPAL BASILICAS

### ST PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS Holy Door

The current door was created by **Enrico Manfrini** (1917–2004) for the *Great Jubilee 2000*. However, unlike the other Holy Doors, since 1967 it has not been sealed by a wall. One of the final wishes of Pope John XXIII was that this door be sealed by an ancient Byzantine door. This door was made in 1070 and commissioned by Pantaleone, Consul of Amalfi in Constantinople. It has 54 panels that depict scenes from the lives of Christ and the Apostles.

*God our Father,  
during this holy season of Lent,  
strengthen us to love our  
neighbour as we love ourselves.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### DAILY PRAYER 2025

Various Contributors





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## EUROPE IN ROME

The itinerary of *Europe in Rome* takes you to 28 Churches and Basilicas. Each Church on the pilgrim path is linked to a member state of the EU, either for artistic or cultural reasons or because the church has a tradition of welcoming pilgrims to Rome who have come from a specific state of the EU.



## EUROPEAN UNION

Basilica of Saint Mary  
of the Altar in Heaven



*Loving God, we thank you for fathering us, for the coming of your kingdom, for our daily bread, for forgiveness, for saving us from the time of trial. Amen.*

**THIS CUP WE BLESS: A Tea and Coffee Break for Every Day During Lent**

Michael McGirr



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## EUROPE IN ROME



### AUSTRIA

Church of the  
Most Holy Name of Mary  
at the Trajan Forum



*Lord God, thank you for this holy season. Draw us closer to you in the days and weeks ahead.  
Help us listen to your voice in our hearts. Amen.*

**HOPE LIGHTS THE WAY: Daily Reflections, Prayer and Family Activities – Lent for Families 2025**  
Connie Clarke



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EUROPE IN ROME



BELGIUM

Church of  
St Julian of the Flemings



*Truthful Guide, Teach me how to be humble in heart, to value that which is positive in myself and also acknowledge my shortcomings. In consenting to the truth of who I truly am, I do so with unpretentious acceptance. Today, I practise being humble in heart.*

**JESUS, FRIEND OF MY SOUL: Reflections for the Lenten Journey**

Joyce Rupp



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## EUROPE IN ROME



### BULGARIA

#### Church of Saint Paul in Regola

*The Church's synodal form... suggests that Lent is also a time of ... decisions, small and large... Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment.*

—Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2024

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Pope Francis





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EUROPE IN ROME



CYPRUS

Church of  
Santa Maria del Popolo



*Old styles of worship, old criteria  
piety, old ways of relating to the  
world – good as all of them may  
once have been – cannot build for  
us a new Jerusalem in this place  
at this time. The forces of history  
face us with new challenges. New  
visions of equality and community  
are calling us in this day.*

—Joan Chittister

**A CHURCH FOR ALL**  
**A Guide to the Australian Plenary  
Council...and Beyond**

Australasian Catholic Coalition  
for Church Reform (ACCCR)



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## EUROPE IN ROME



### CROATIA

#### Church of St Jerome of the Croatians

*Prayer is the breath of faith, its most proper expression. It's like a silent cry that comes out from the heart of whoever trusts and believes in God. It is always and only in the simplicity of those who live prayer that prayer finds expression. —Pope Francis*

#### Notes on Prayer Series

#### THE PARABLES OF PRAYER

Monsignor Antonio Pitta





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## EUROPE IN ROME



### DENMARK

#### Church of Saint Mary of Carmel Across the Bridge

*Risen Christ,  
your presence abides within and  
around me.  
As I continue to make my way  
through life  
may all that I am and all that  
I do each day  
demonstrate and reflect your  
radiant goodness.  
I rejoice in the renewed kinship  
I have with you.  
I celebrate the Risen Christ's  
abiding presence.  
Amen.*

**JESUS, FRIEND OF MY SOUL**  
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## EUROPE IN ROME



### ESTONIA

#### Basilica of St Sabina

*Lord, help me move through this  
Lenten season at your pace  
Not rushing from post to post,  
Not having time to stop and  
reflect,  
Feeling stressed and hazzled.  
Help me to slowly contemplate the  
mysteries of your Word.  
Help me set aside time to be with  
those I love.  
Help me to reach out to those in  
need.  
This is the springtime of my  
soul – let me savour it.*

#### **PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS FOR TEACHERS 2025**

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## EUROPE IN ROME



### FINLAND

#### Basilica of Saint Mary above Minerva

*If we look only to ourselves,  
with our own limitations and sins,  
we quickly give way to sadness  
and discouragement.  
But if we keep our eyes fixed on  
the Lord,  
then our hearts are filled with  
hope.*

— Saint John Paul II, address to  
the young people of New Orleans,  
September 12 1987

#### **WILDERNESS WITHIN**

#### **A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation**

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EUROPE IN ROME



FRANCE

Church of  
St Louis of the French



*How can Christians reconcile Jesus' teaching on love with the realities of a world filled with danger and wickedness? Think about approaches to conflict resolution and the pursuit of justice that prioritise love and compassion over violence.*

**LENT AND EASTER FOR EVERYONE: From Wilderness to Glory**

Tom Wright



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## EUROPE IN ROME



### GERMANY

Church of  
Our Lady of the Soul



*To find the God we are looking for, we must realise first that God is within us. Second, we must understand that we will never find God even there, unless we discover what it is that is crowding God out.*

*"The inspiration you seek is already within you", the poet Rumi writes. "Be silent and listen".*

**GRACE-FILLED MOMENTS WITH SISTER JOAN: 365 Reflections on Life, Loss, Healing & Joy**

Joan Chittister



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EUROPE IN ROME



GREECE

Church of  
Saint Theodore  
on the Palatine

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*Let us pray to the Lord for peace; may He give peace to all, to all of us," he said. "And let us not forget Myanmar; let us not forget Palestine, which is suffering inhumane attacks; let us not forget Israel and let us not forget all nations at war. —Pope Francis*

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Pope Francis



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## EUROPE IN ROME



### IRELAND

#### Church of Saint Isidore at the Head of the Houses

*Loving God,  
through the incarnation of your  
Son, Jesus,  
you embraced the joy and suffering  
of humanity.  
Like Mary, grow in us a faithful  
trust  
so that we may say yes to your call  
and forever sing of your praise.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

#### DAILY PRAYER 2025

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EUROPE IN ROME



ITALY

Basilica of St Mary  
of the Angels  
and the Martyrs



*How am I today? Where am I with God? With others? Do I have something to be grateful for? Then I give thanks. Is there something I am sorry for? Then I ask for forgiveness.*

**SACRED SPACE: THE PRAYER BOOK 2025**

The Irish Jesuits



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EUROPE IN ROME



LATVIA

Basilica of the  
Four Holy Crowned Ones

*Jesus we thank you that  
your Father, is our Father,  
always walking up the dusty road  
up to the gate,  
hoping one day that he may see us  
coming and meet us with delight.  
We thank you, too, that you do  
come out to meet us  
when we flounce off in the sulks.  
You wear our fury and win us back.  
What joy to know you act like  
this to us – Lord, help our unbelief.*

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## EUROPE IN ROME



### LITHUANIA

#### Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

*Lord God, make every moment of my daily life a prayer to you. Grace me with the patience and endurance to keep you at the centre of my life.*

*Let me not simply reserve prayer with you for Sundays or before meals, but move me to offer up every act, every word, every thought, and every breath in praise of your name.*

*May I also keep in mind those in greatest need in my parish community, city, country, and world.*

*Help me make my life a prayer to you and keep you as my guiding light that aids me in navigating the ocean of life and illuminating those people who should be a priority. Amen.*

#### LENT AND EASTER WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

John Cleary





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## EUROPE IN ROME



## LUXEMBOURG

Basilica of the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.*

—Mary MacKillop





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## EUROPE IN ROME



### MALTA

#### St Paul at the Three Fountains

*At this moment, Lord I turn my  
thoughts to you.*

*I will leave aside my chores and  
preoccupations.*

*I will take rest and refreshment in  
your presence.*

#### **SACRED SPACE: THE PRAYER BOOK 2025**

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## EUROPE IN ROME



### NETHERLANDS

#### Church of Saints Michael and Magnus

*People's willingness to find God in their own struggle with life – and let it change them – is their deepest and truest obedience to God's eternal will. We must admit that this is what all of us do anyway, as “God comes to us disguised as our life!”.*

*Remember, always remember, that the heartfelt desire to do the will of God, is in fact, the truest will of God. At that point God has won, and ego has lost, and your prayer has already been answered.*

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## EUROPE IN ROME



### POLAND

Church of  
Saint Stanislaus  
of the Poles



*Nelson Mandela in his inauguration speech reminded us that we are not in the world to play small. We are here to be a light to others, to glorify God with our lives, to shine and encourage others to do the same. When our life shines, it automatically invites others into that growing circle. This circle or community grows larger and stronger as we begin to live those lives enlightened and empowered by the gift of who we are.*

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## EUROPE IN ROME



### PORTUGAL

Church of  
Saint Anthony  
of the Portuguese

*God of love, may the truth of  
your mercy radiate throughout  
the world and be a beacon for  
those without knowledge of you.  
Help us to be your advocates and  
witnesses in our broken world.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**DAILY PRAYER 2025**

Various Contributors





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EUROPE IN ROME



**CZECH REPUBLIC**  
Basilica of San Clemente



*God of justice, you call us to “rend our hearts, not our garments”. Change my heart to look towards and not away from those in need. Help me see where injustice exists around me, and give me the strength to call it out, respond in love and care for those before me.*

**NOT BY BREAD ALONE 2025: Daily Reflections for Lent**  
Catherine Upchurch



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EUROPE IN ROME



ROMANIA

Church of  
Our Saviour's at Coppelle



*Holy One, You do not require that I take on every quality of your pure goodness, but you do insist that my daily life reflects the generosity of your love. I desire to orientate myself in that direction... Today, I make a deliberate effort to love well.*

**JESUS, GUIDE OF MY LIFE: Reflections for the Lenten Journey**

Joyce Rupp



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## EUROPE IN ROME



## SLOVAKIA

### Basilica of St Praxedes

*Loving God  
Increase in us the gift of gratitude  
and awareness.  
May we notice the people who sit at  
our gate waiting patiently to call us  
to a deeper relationship with you.  
Amen*

**THIS CUP WE BLESS**  
**A Tea and Coffee Break for**  
**Every Day During Lent**

Michael McGirr





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EUROPE IN ROME



SLOVENIA

Papal Basilica of  
Santa Maria Major



*What is it about Jesus that helps you show to others sympathy, love or compassion, and to be humble?*

**HOPE25: Lenten Studies 2025**

Various Contributors



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EUROPE IN ROME



SPAIN

Church of  
Saint Peter on the  
Golden Mountain



*Loving God, lead us from our dark  
secrets,  
Our dark thoughts, our dark anger,  
our dark imagining, our dark fear.  
Bring us to the place of light where  
we see how much you love the  
world,  
And us in it. Amen.*

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(Tempietto in the courtyard of the Basilica)



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## EUROPE IN ROME



SWEDEN

Church of Saint Bridget



*Abba, I taught them that learning to pray, is learning to hope, and therefore learning to live.*

**Notes on Prayer Series  
THE PRAYER OF JESUS**

Juan López Vergara



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## EUROPE IN ROME



### HUNGARY

#### Basilica of Saint Stephen In the Round on the Caelian Hill

*Lent is a time to respond to that hunger which lies at the core of our being, the hunger for a deeper connection with the Creator, the hunger to experience freshness in our lives, the hunger for what we truly long for.*

*What better place to work all of this out than 'the wilderness'? From time to time, we are landed in the wilderness. Sometimes it is an unpleasant experience and at other times we crave it, in response to a deep desire to step back from the day-to-day and make space in our lives for reflection.*

**SACRED SPACE:  
THE PRAYERBOOK 2025**

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## THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

The Pilgrimage of the Seven Churches was originally conceived by St Philip Neri in the 16th century. It is one of the oldest Roman traditions. The journey involves a walk of about 25 km which snakes through the whole city, reaching out to the Roman countryside, the catacombs, and with stops at some of Rome's magnificent Basilicas.

## BASILICA OF ST PETER



*There is a task in life that is greater than any other task: we must find joy for ourselves, and we must share it with others.*

**GRACE-FILLED MOMENTS WITH SISTER JOAN**

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## THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

### BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

The Basilica of St Mary Major was built in the second half of the 4th century, and is the oldest Marian church in Rome. The mosaics found inside are one of the oldest representations of the Virgin Mary in Christian late antiquity. Within the Basilica you will also find the crib of Baby Jesus and the icon of the *Salus Populi Romani*.

*Cross-Bearer,  
Thank you for the kind-hearted  
individuals who have been there  
in my troubling times,  
for how they supported and  
encouraged me,  
thereby lessening the painful load  
I was bearing.  
I will come forward and help  
others when needed.  
Today I will notice who's cross is  
heavy and offer to assist with it.*

**JESUS, COMPANION  
IN MY SUFFERING**  
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## THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

### BASILICA OF ST LAWRENCE OUTSIDE THE WALLS

The Basilica of St Lawrence Outside the Walls is a product of several additions and renovations. During WW2, in 1943, the Basilica was bombed by American planes. Restoration was completed in 1948 with the brick facade having to be totally rebuilt. The Basilica houses relics of St Lawrence – one of the first seven Deacons of Rome – who was martyred in 258, an ancient mosaic from the 6th century, and the tombs of Blessed Pope Pius IX and Italian President Alcide de Gasperi.

*Dear Jesus, help me remove all the obstacles that get in the way of knowing my magnificence. Amen.*

**LIVING WITH PASSION**  
**Daily Meditations, Actions**  
**& Prayers Lent 2025**

Joe Sica



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## THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

### BASILICA OF THE HOLY CROSS IN JERUSALEM

Built originally as a great reliquary of the Passion of the Lord, the Basilica houses some of the most famous relics in Christianity. Recovered by St Helen, mother of the Emperor Constantine, during her pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 325, the relics include the *Titulus Crucis*, the Holy Nail, some fragments of the True Cross, a thorn from the Crown of Christ, and the phalanx of the finger of St Thomas the Apostle.

*God of unending love, you desire that each of us experience the fullness of joy. Help me to be a less envious person and accept the divine gifts of love and grace you always bestow on me.*

#### **NOT BY BREAD ALONE**

**Daily Reflections for Lent 2025**

Catherine Upchurch





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## THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

### BASILICA OF ST JOHN LATERAN

Founded in 324, it is the oldest public Church in the city of Rome and the oldest in the Western world. Consecrated in the 4th century, it is dedicated to the Most Holy Savior and Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. Inside are the relics of the heads of the Apostles of Rome, Peter and Paul. They are kept in the monumental Gothic canopy from 1370 which stands over the papal altar.



*Jesus was the champion of the dispossessed, the outcast, the fringe dweller, the sick and the sinner and our duty is to act as he did. He did not judge but invited them into the home of his heart where there was always room for another to be loved. We need to find that room in our hearts, to make our hearts big with love for one another. Have you a home in your heart for the outsider?*

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## THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

### BASILICA OF ST PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS

The Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls is the second-largest Church in Rome and has been a destination for pilgrims since the 8th century. It was built in 324 on the site where, since the 1st century, the 'Apostle of the Gentiles' was believed to have been buried. His tomb is found today under the papal altar. In addition to the Basilica, there is an ancient Benedictine Abbey that was restored by Odo of Cluny in 937. The monks that live there have been entrusted with the pastoral care of the complex.

*Respectful guide, how often you have patiently waited for me until I was ready to grow spiritually. Ready my heart to listen to your suggestions and to have the courage to accept and follow them. I will forgo my pushy efforts to change people.*

**JESUS, FRIEND OF MY SOUL**  
Reflections for the Lenten Journey  
Joyce Rupp





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## THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

### BASILICA OF ST SEBASTIAN

Originally dedicated to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, the Basilica of St Sebastian houses the remains of the martyr soldier – killed with an arrow during Diocletian's persecutions. His remains have laid here since 258 – the year of his death. The Basilica has been entrusted to the care of the Friars Minor since 1826, and it is still a Franciscan convent today, as well as a special place for the Fire Brigade of which St Sebastian is the Patron Saint.

*Lord Jesus, our Saviour, you show us how to trust God even in the darkest and most desperate situations. Be our light in the darkness, especially when the obstacles we face seem insurmountable. Help us to continue to believe and love as you did. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

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## WOMEN PATRONS OF EUROPE AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

There are 37 *Doctors of the Church*, of which, four are women – St Teresa of Avila, St Catherine of Siena, St Therese of Lisieux, and St Hildegard of Bingen.

The *Co-patronesses of Europe* are St Bridget of Sweden, St Catherine of Siena, and St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. The Churches have been chosen to recall these holy women either because of the link with the name of the church itself or because of the relics of the female saint held within it.

## ST BRIGID

### Church of St Brigid

*Loving Spirit, when ongoing depression invades my life and defeats my ability to feel happiness about who I am or what I believe I can do, come to me with your consoling love. Cradle me in your arms of compassion.*

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IN MY SUFFERING**  
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**WOMEN PATRONS  
OF EUROPE AND  
DOCTORS OF THE  
CHURCH**

**ST CATHERINE  
OF SIENA**

**Basilica of Saint Mary  
above Minerva**

*"An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better that we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters."*

*– Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium.*

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**WOMEN PATRONS  
OF EUROPE AND  
DOCTORS OF THE  
CHURCH**

**ST TERESA  
BENEDICTA  
OF THE CROSS**

Basilica of  
St Augustine's



*Creator God, as we continue our Lenten observances, we pray that you may lead us into deeper waters of love and concern for others. May our almsgiving never be perfunctory. Instead, may it be an expression of solidarity with those who do without. May our fasting unite us spiritually with those who hunger, and may our prayers be sincere expressions of praise and awe at your glory reflected in the world around us. Amen.*

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

**WOMEN PATRONS OF  
EUROPE AND DOCTORS  
OF THE CHURCH**

**ST THERESE  
OF LISIEUX**

Church of  
Most Holy Trinity  
of the Hills



*Calmer of hearts, you steady my spirit when the storms of life disturb and threaten to drown my peace. When I am with others who are distraught, may I bring the same unwavering presence to calm the harsh tempests that menace them. Amen*

**JESUS, FRIEND OF MY SOUL**  
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GOOD FRIDAY

**WOMEN PATRONS  
OF EUROPE AND  
DOCTORS OF THE  
CHURCH**

**ST TERESA  
OF AVILA**

Church of  
St Mary of Victory



*How does the image of Mary at  
the foot of the Cross speak to you?*

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EASTER SATURDAY

**WOMEN PATRONS  
OF EUROPE AND  
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**Basilica of  
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*May the risen Christ open a  
path of hope to all those who  
in other parts of the world are  
suffering from violence, conflict,  
food insecurity and the effects of  
climate change.*

—Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi*, Easter  
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**HOPE**  
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20 APRIL 2025  
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Lord Jesus, you conquered sin and death through your resurrection. Help us run to you with Easter joy as did the disciple you loved. Give us the grace and courage to share our Easter joy with others this day and throughout the Easter season. You who live and reign forever. Amen

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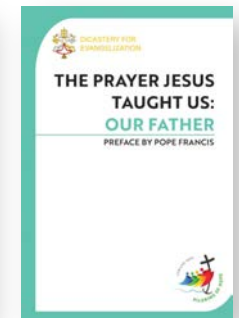
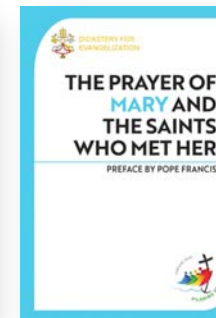
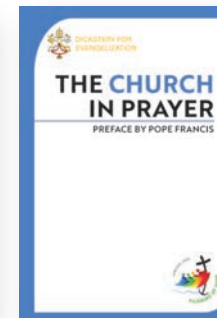
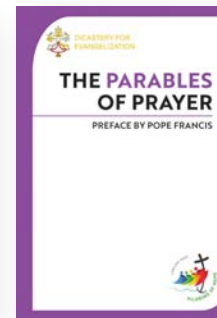
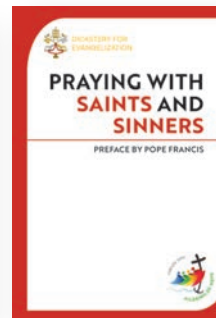
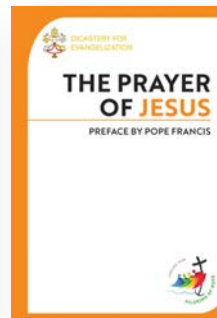
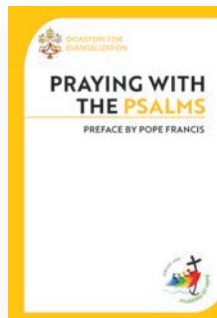
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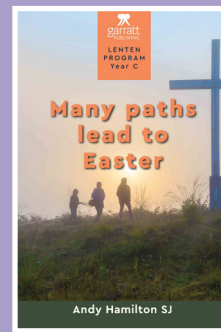


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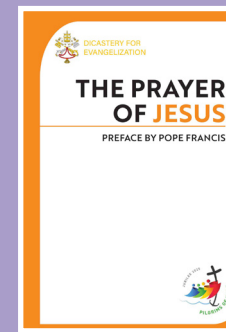
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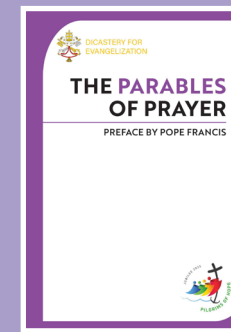
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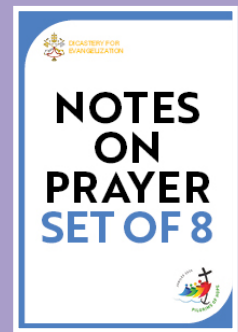
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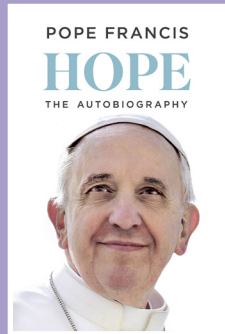
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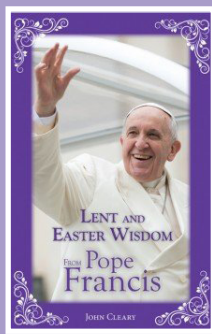
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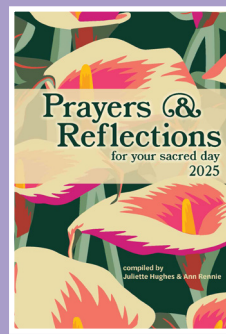
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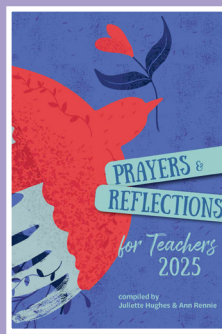
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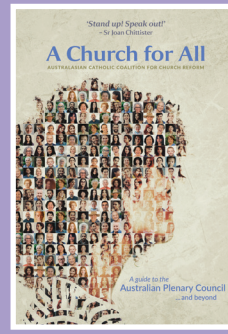
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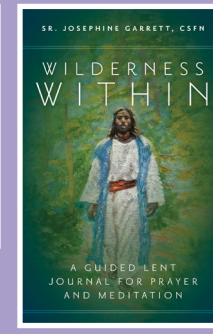
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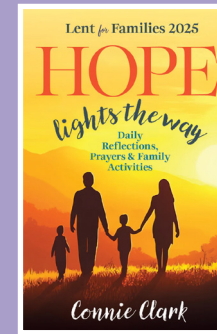
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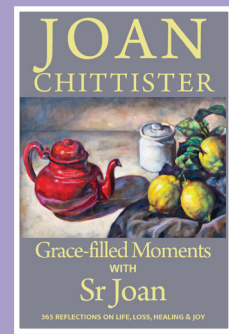
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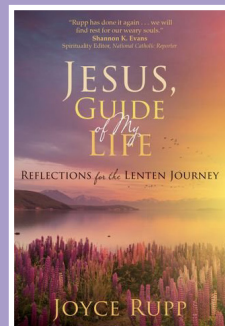
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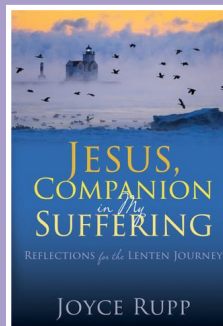
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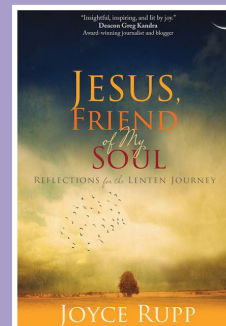
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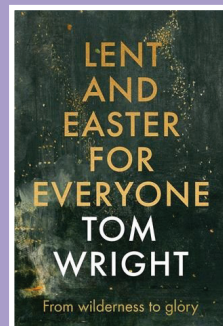
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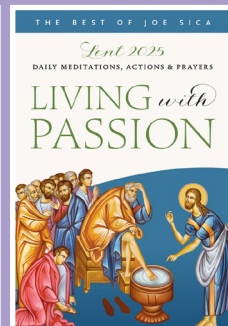
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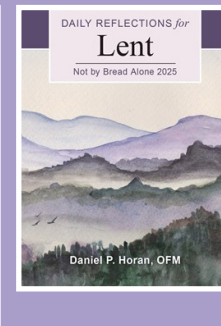
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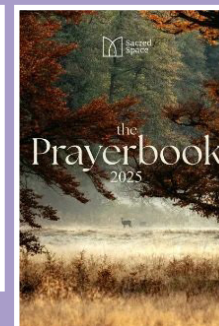
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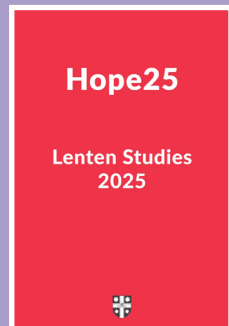
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