

# Jubilee of Mercy

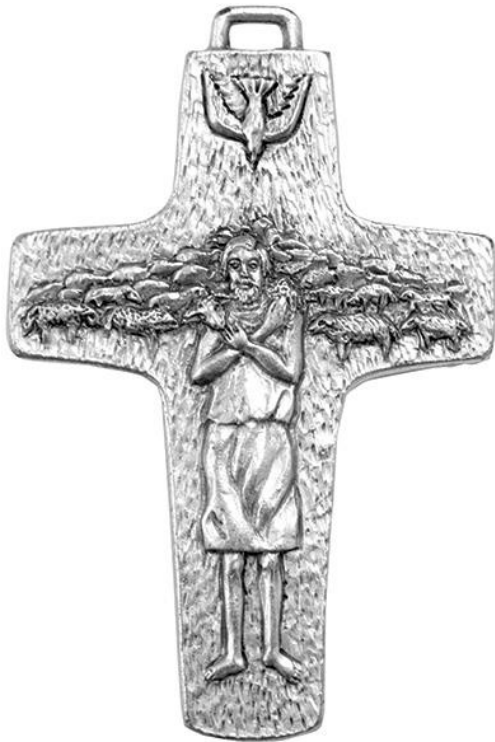
## Opening Liturgy



For the Primary Schools  
in the  
Archdiocese of  
Birmingham



# We Gather



**The Sign of the Cross**

**The Morning Offering**



# The Year of Mercy - a Holy Year of Jubilee



In March 2015 Pope Francis made an important announcement.

8 December 2015 - 20 November 2016 is to be a Holy Year of Jubilee.

This important time will be known as the Year of Mercy.



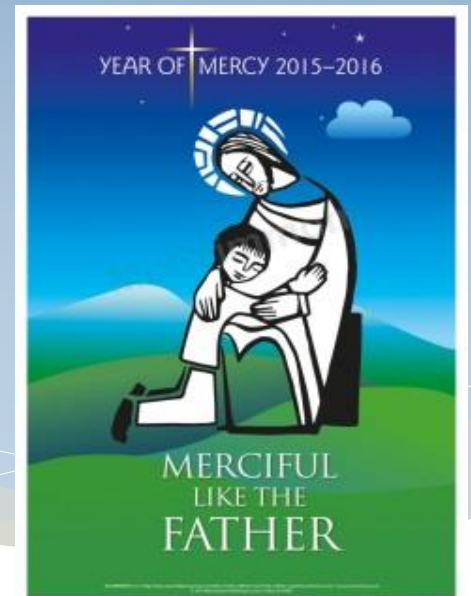
# The Year of Mercy

- \* God is always ready to show us his love and mercy.
- \* God rejoices when we turn to him.
- \* God showed us just how much he loved us when he sent Jesus.

# God sent Jesus to show us his mercy...



# How can we show mercy to others?



...this much!



So why is it starting today?



MERCIFUL

# Mary

## The Immaculate Conception

### 8 December



# We Listen

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Hail Mary, full of grace;**

**The Lord is with you!**

**Blessed art thou among women.**

**Alleluia!**

# We Listen



A reading from the  
gospel according  
to Luke



# We Respond



# The Magnificat

1. My soul proclaims the Lord my God,  
My spirit sings his praise!  
He looks on me, he lifts me up,  
And gladness fills my days.



2. All nations now will share my joy,  
His gifts he has outpoured;  
His little ones he has made great;  
I magnify the Lord.

# The Magnificat

3. For those who love his holy name,  
His mercy will not die.

His strong right arm puts down the proud  
and lifts the lowly high.

4. He fills the hungry with good things,  
The rich he sends away.  
The promise made to Abraham  
Is filled to endless day.



# The Magnificat

Magnificat, magnificat,  
magnificat, praise God!  
Praise God, praise God,  
praise God, praise God,  
magnificat, praise God!





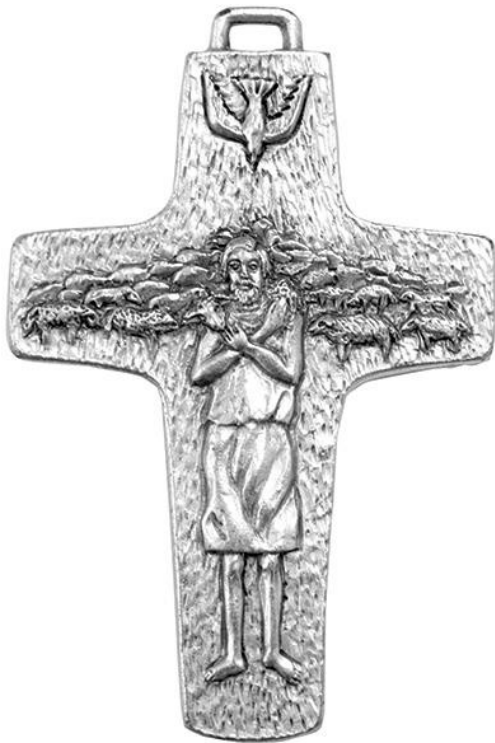
# Let Us Pray

Jesus you are;

**M**erciful like the Heavenly Father.  
**E**arth born to show us how to live.  
**R**eaching out to those who seek You.  
**C**onstant source of strength.  
**Y**ou are the visible face of the  
invisible Father.

Amen.

# We Go Forth



**The Sign of the Cross**