

# Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

Mar 20-26, 2025



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our catholic community



## Diocese of Limerick Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

€ 959 per person sharing

- Staying 6 nights in Rome on B&B basis.
- 3 dinners organised in local restaurants
- General Audience with Pope Francis (depends on Pope's schedule)
- St Peter's Basilica and Holy Door
- St John Lateran Basilica and Holy Door
- St Mary Major's Basilica and Holy Door
- St Paul's Basilica and Holy Door

- Catacombs
- Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Colosseum
- Guided tours of all places visited
- Coach tour by night
- Divine Mercy Shrine at Santo Spirito
- Trip to Castelgandolfo and Lake Albano
- 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag
- Full religious programme organised



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## Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

### INCLUDED

- 6 nights in Rome centre, B&B
- 3 dinners while in Rome
- Coach tour of Rome by night
- Coaching for all excursions on itinerary
- Trip to Castelgandolfo and Lake Albano
- Full time accompaniment
- Full religious programme organised

- Guided tours of all places visited
- All taxes (governmental and local)

### NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance fee to catacombs - €10
- Single room supplement - € 270
- 20kg checked luggage - € 84
- Lunches and 3 dinners
- Travel Insurance

### DAY 1: Thursday - ARRIVAL

Arrival and transfer to our three-star hotel in the city centre. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 2: Friday – ST JOHN LATERAN, ST CECILIA, NIGHT TOUR

After breakfast, we will visit the Basilica of St John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome and Mother Church of the world. The canopy above the altar contains the heads of Saints Peter and Paul. Guided tour and time to admire the architecture and important art works. Celebration of Mass. Return to the area of the hotel. Free time for lunch and rest. In the afternoon, we will go by coach to the area of Trastevere. We will visit the ancient church of St Cecilia, an early Christian martyr. This beautiful church has important mosaics. Dinner (included) in a family-run trattoria, followed by a coach night tour. The tour will take in the Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Tiber Island, the Ghetto, and much more.

### Day 3: Saturday – ST PETER'S, DIVINE MERCY SHRINE AT SANTO SPIRITO, PIAZZA NAVONA

Morning visit to St Peter's where we will see the tombs of St Peter, St John Paul II and St John XXIII. The dome by Michelangelo is considered one of the masterpieces of the renaissance. Free time for lunch and rest. In the mid-afternoon, visit the historic church of Santo Spirito in Sassia, which has become the Divine Mercy Centre for the diocese of Rome. Celebration of Mass. Later in the evening, we will go to Piazza Navona (once a stadium – now a beautiful square with baroque fountains and historic churches). Dinner will be organised for the group in a restaurant nearby.

### Day 4: Sunday – CACACOMBS, ST PAUL'S, FREE AFTERNOON

After breakfast our coach will take us to visit the Catacombs of St Callixtus (entrance fee €10 per person). These were the official burial tunnels of the first Christian community in Rome and contain the most ancient examples of Christian art. Celebration of Mass. We will then visit St Paul's Outside the Walls. This magnificent Basilica was once the largest in the world. The sarcophagus of St Paul is now visible since the 2008 excavations. Free time for lunch upon return to the hotel. Rest of the day free.

### Day 5: Monday – CASTELGANDOLFO, LAKE ALBANO

Free morning. At 12.00 we will go by coach to Castelgandolfo. We will have a three-course meal in a restaurant by Lake Albano and afterwards visit the historic town where the popes had a summer residence for many centuries. Celebration of Mass in the parish church of St Thomas designed by Bernini. Return to Rome in the early evening.

### Day 6: Tuesday – ST MARY MAJOR, TREVI FOUNTAIN AND SPANISH STEPS

Today is the feast of the Annunciation. In the morning, we will visit St Mary Major's Basilica, the principal Marian church in Rome. Built in 431, the Basilica contains the most revered image of Our Lady in the city. The remains of the crib of Bethlehem are preserved in a reliquary beneath the main altar. Celebration of Mass. Free time for lunch in the area of the hotel. In the afternoon we will have an optional excursion by public transport to the Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps (coaching restrictions in this area means the only access is by public transport). Free evening.

### Day 7: Wednesday – PAPAL AUDIENCE AND DEPARTURE.

Check-out and deposit luggage in the hotel luggage room. We will make our way to St Peter's Square for an audience with Pope Francis (depends on his schedule and cannot be guaranteed). After the audience, we will load the coach with luggage and drive to Rome airport for 1pm check-in. Flight departs at 3.15pm and arrives in Dublin at 5.30pm local time.

***This itinerary is a sample only and may be modified in the interest of the group***

