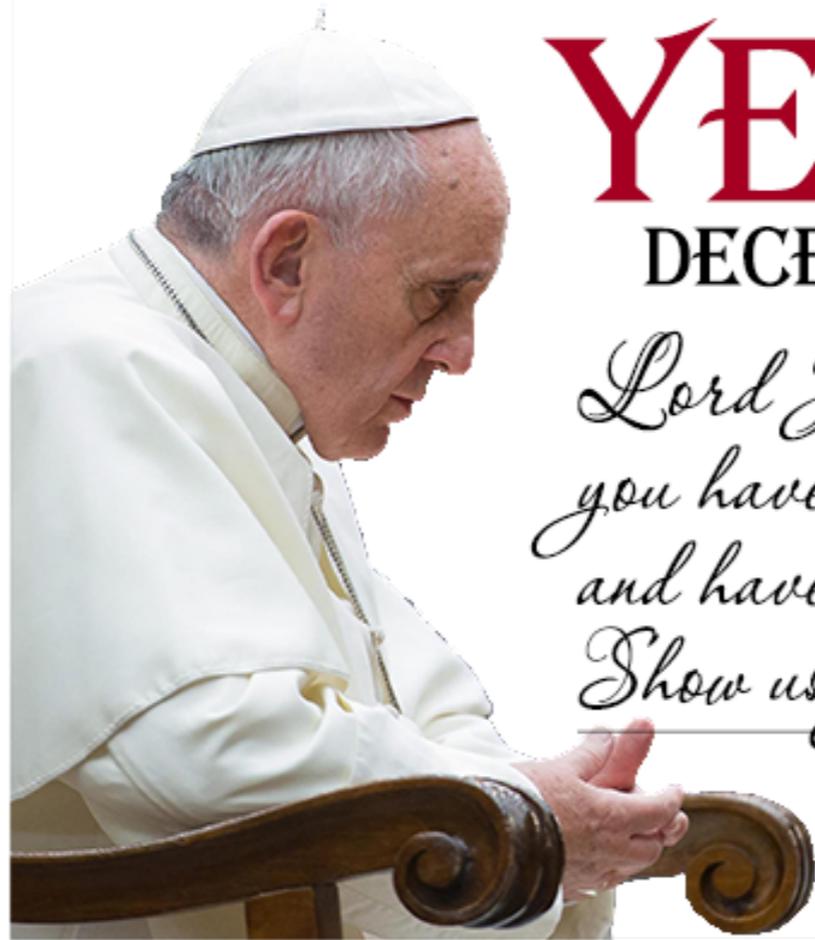




**Presentation to  
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**Broome Diocese**



# YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.*

Begins on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
Finishes on the Feast of Christ the King

**We pray....**



# Misericordiae Vultus

*'the face of mercy'*

*"...gaze on the face  
of Jesus.."*

...Let the Church be  
your visible face in  
the world...

In Christian iconography, Christ Pantocrator  
refers to a specific depiction of Christ.

# Luke 15: 1-32

*Parable of the lost sheep*

*Parable of the lost coin*

*Parable of the lost son*

The main character possesses something of great value and does not want to lose it

The main character rejoices in finding of the lost thing, but does not rejoice alone

The main character (God) expresses care in either the looking or the handling of what was lost

Each thing that was lost has a personal value, not just monetary value-

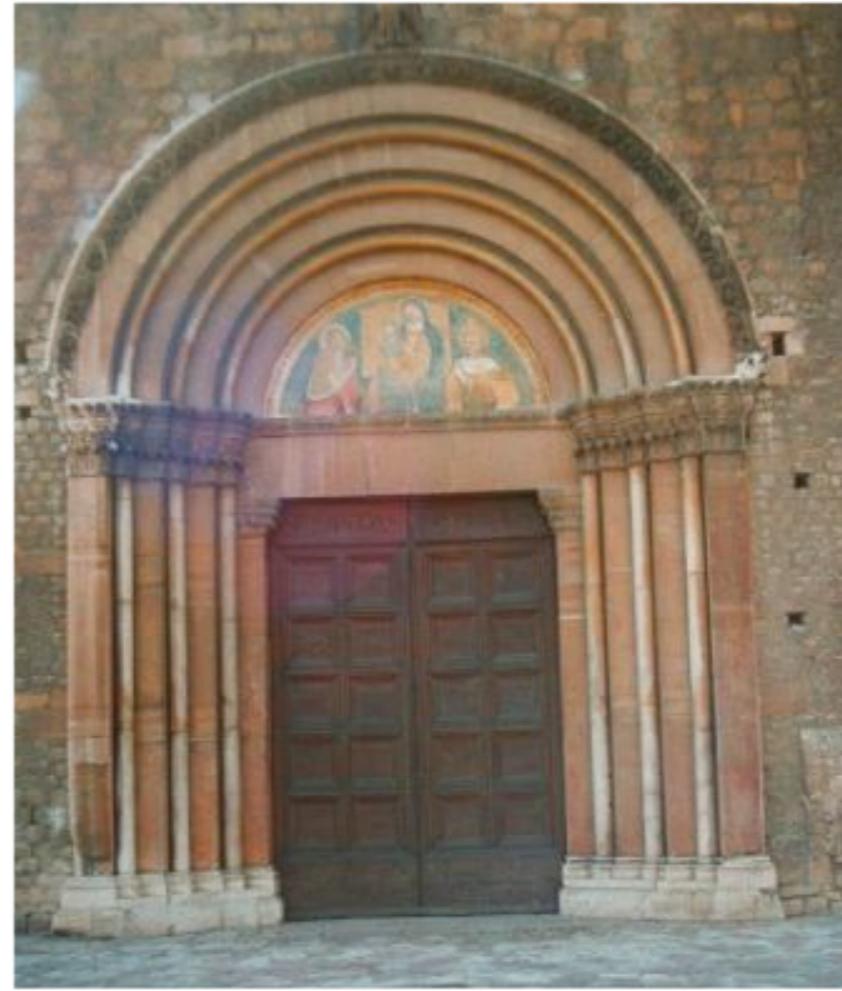
- shepherds care for the sheep, women care for the bridal jewellery, and a father loves their son



## **Pilgrimage** (Para.14)

The word “pilgrim,” derived from the Latin peregrinum, conveys the idea of wandering over a distance, but it is not just aimless wandering. It is a journey with a purpose, and that purpose is to honour God.





## **Holy Door becomes a Door of Mercy**

*'Anyone who enters will  
experience the love of  
God who consoles, pardons  
and instil a hope'*



# Catechism of the Catholic Church

2447. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the *aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities*. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

(Para. 15)

The works of mercy are divided into two main categories:

**Spiritual works of mercy**  
**Corporal works of mercy**

*According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church the works of mercy are:*

*Charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities (#2447)*



## **The spiritual works of mercy are**

- To share knowledge about the faith
  - To counsel the doubtful;
  - To admonish sinners;
  - To bear wrongs patiently;
  - To forgive offences willingly;
  - To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

# **The corporal works of mercy are:**

To feed the hungry

To give drink to the thirsty

To clothe the naked

To shelter the homeless

To care for the sick

To visit the imprisoned

To bury the dead

**What are some opportunities  
that can you do; school,  
community,  
parish and diocese  
in order to  
*'Open hearts to those living  
on the outermost fringes  
of society...'* ?**

# Sacrament of a Reconciliation

*...like the father who runs out to meet his son despite the fact that he has squandered away his inheritance...*

# Sacrament of a Reconciliation

The **Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)** is an *experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy*. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." Jesus entrusted the *ministry of reconciliation* to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the *opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God*. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. *With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church*. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). While all the Sacraments bring us an experience of the mercy that comes from Christ's dying and rising, it is the Sacrament of Reconciliation that is the unique **Sacrament of mercy. (USCCB)**

**RECONCILED:**  
**WITH GOD, WITH ONE ANOTHER**

***For example....***

DO  
justly  
LOVE  
mercy  
WALK  
humbly  
MICHAEL'S

MICHAEL'S  
*Michael's*

**Community in Crisis**  
**The Syrian Refugee Crisis**

*Aylan Kurdi*

*How do we respond to our  
to our local / global neighbours  
desperate need for assistance?*

***Spiritual and Corporal***  
***Works of Mercy***

# Mary - Jesus' Mother

At the foot of the cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach.

## ***Pope Francis citing Pope Benedict XVI***

**... the mission demands a great generosity on our part, it would be wrong to see it as a heroic undertaking, *for it is first and foremost the Lord's work*, surpassing anything which we can see and understand... (EG par.12)**

## Prayer of St Theresa of Avila

Christ has no body now but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to  
do good.  
Yours are the hands through which he  
blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

# Year of Mercy

