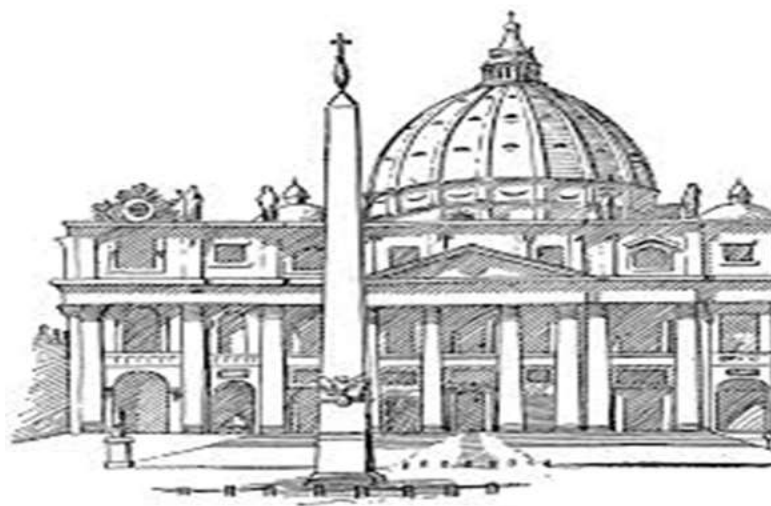


**Welwyn Garden City Parish  
Jubilee Year Pilgrimage 2025  
'Pilgrims of Hope'**



**ROME AND SUBIACO  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Depart: 11am, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March from Our Lady's Church,  
141 Woodhall Lane, AL7 3TP.

Return: 11pm, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April to Our Lady's Church,  
141 Woodhall Lane, AL7 3TP

'The interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a journey calling for moments of great intensity to encourage hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus.' (*Pope Francis, Spes Non Confudit, 5*)

Visiting the holy sites and reflecting on the lives of St Peter and St Paul, St Benedict and St Scholastica and many other saints and martyrs whose lives has been a testimony that 'hope doesn't deceive because God's love has been poured out into our hearts' we will experience that this hope is freely offered to us in this great time of grace which is the Jubilee Year.

Price = £900

Includes:

- Return travel by coach from Welwyn Garden City to Gatwick airport
- Return flights to Rome Fiumicino Airport
- Five nights half-board accommodation at Casa Madre Nazarena hotel includes breakfast and evening meals.
- Lunch every day between Tuesday and Saturday at local restaurants.
- Travel by coach every day
- Guided tours and entrance fees
- Medical insurance

Extras:

Single room supplement £100

Packed lunch required on Monday.

Travel insurance

Terms of booking:

Deposit of £200 along with a completed registration form

Balance by 15th January.

The following itinerary is a draft guide of the places we will visit during the pilgrimage, but the order may be subject to change. We will have mass each day except on day 1 and day 6.

### **Day 1 – Monday 31st March**

#### **London -Rome**

Travel by coach from Our Lady's Church, WGC to Gatwick airport for afternoon flight to Rome Fiumicino airport. Transfer by coach to our hotel Casa Madre Nazarena where we will have dinner together before retiring for the night.

### **Day 2 – Tuesday 1st April**

#### **St John Lateran, Mary Major**

After breakfast we set off for St John Lateran, the Pope's seat as Bishop of Rome and Scala Sancta – the steps brought from Jerusalem by St Helena in the 4th century and thought to be those ascended by Christ on his way to Pilate. We will pass through the Holy Door. Then we will travel by coach to the church of Mary Major for a visit. Lunch will be in a local restaurant. In the afternoon we will visit Rome's iconic city centre to admire some of the most beautiful squares and fountains such as Piazza di Spagna, the Trevi fountain and Piazza Navona where the Fontana of Quattro Fiumi by Bernini is located. Then on foot to the Pantheon which originally was a paleo Christian church and the church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. This church was built over a series of Roman Temples including one to Minerva, it contains the body of St Catherine of Siena who is buried under the high altar. To the left of the altar is "the Risen Christ" by Michelangelo. Continue on to the church of St Luigi dei Francesi which contains Caravaggio's three paintings of the life of St Matthew. Return by coach to the hotel for evening dinner.

### **Day 3 – Wednesday 2nd April**

#### **With the Pope and at St Peter's**

After breakfast we leave by coach for St Peter's where we will attend the weekly papal audience. We will have lunch at one of the local restaurants and after we will have a tour of St Peter's Basilica and Square. We will also visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel and then return by coach to hotel for evening dinner.

## **Day 4 – Thursday 3rd April**

### **Trip to Subiaco and visit to the catacombs and St Paul's outside the walls.**

After breakfast we take the coach to the town of Subiaco. The Sanctuary of the Holy Cave has been one of the most significant places of Benedictine spirituality. Here the young St Benedict lived as a hermit before founding the first monastic community in Europe. We will have a guided tour of the Benedictine monastery and of the one of St Scholastica (Benedict's sister). Lunch in a local restaurant. Return by coach to Rome and visit of the Catacombs of St Callisto where many early popes, martyrs and Christians were buried including St Cecilia. Return by coach to the hotel for evening dinner.

## **Day 5 – Friday 4th April**

### **St Peter in Chains, Ancient Rome**

After breakfast we take the coach to St Pietro in Vinculi (St Peter in Chains) where we will have mass. There we can venerate the chains by which St Peter was bound and see Michelangelo's sculpture of Moses. Afterwards we walk up the Campidoglio for a view over the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. We visit the Mamertine prison where SS Peter and Paul were both imprisoned. Walk up the Campiglio for a view over the forum and colosseum. Visit the Mamertine prison where SS Peter and Paul were both imprisoned. Lunch in a local restaurant followed by a visit to the Venerable English College a 400-year-old seminary and the place where many of the English martyrs studied. We will attend mass followed by a guided tour of the college. Return by coach to the hotel for evening dinner.

## **Day 6 – Saturday 5th April**

### **Goodbye Rome!**

After breakfast and packing cases, we leave the hotel and travel by coach to church of St Paul's outside the walls, built over the site of the Apostles burial. Lunch will be in a local restaurant, after which we will travel by coach to Fiumicino airport. Early evening flight back to Gatwick airport and coach journey back to Welwyn Garden City.