Archdiocese of Southwark Jubilee Celebration Day
Saturday 7 June 2025 – Aylesford Priory
What you need to know

Where + how to get there

The Friars at Aylesford – by coach if your parish is having one, car (ME20 7BY) or train (20 min walk from Aylesford Station; or taxi from Maidstone East).

When

Arrivals 10 am – Activities from 10.30 am – Closing Mass 3 pm – Ends 5 pm.

Who

Everyone is welcome, from young to old. Activities for all ages – see overleaf – most of them wheelchair accessible (and there will be accessible toilets). We hope that the Closing Mass will be signed in British Sign Language.

No need to book…

… **except** for 90-minute ministry sessions for KS1/2 children and KS3/4 young people – book for them at aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelebration – places limited

… also email jubilee@rcaos.org.uk to book a disabled car parking space.

No charge…

The Celebration Day is free, but there may be a charge for your place on the parish coach. There will be a (cash) Offertory Collection for The Friars at the Closing Mass.

What to bring… and take home

It's a mainly outdoor event, including an outdoor Mass. There is limited seating outside the main Shrine area (note: eating is not permitted in the Shrine area). So, depending on the weather forecast, come prepared for sunshine or rain (or both!) – with a chair or a mat for sitting on, if you're not keen on sitting on the floor for lunch. Please take your litter home with you.

Talking of lunch

You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and drinks with you; but **no private barbeques are permitted**. Alternatively, you might decide to take advantage of Aylesford Priory's food and drink outlets (note: there might be long queues).

- **Tearoom** - open from 10am-5pm, with hot and cold food e.g. jacket potatoes, pastries, soup, sandwiches, cakes, confectionery, ice cream
- **Pilgrims' Hall** – open from 10am-2:30pm for hot food; advisable to book in advance (call 01622 717272). Tearoom + Pilgrims' Hall offer options for vegans, gluten free, vegetarians, etc, with an allergen book on both sites
- **Aylesford Priory barbeque** – operating from 11am-1.30pm (times to be confirmed) and **Refreshment Kiosk** (tea, coffee, ice cream). We are also planning to have a (free) **water table**.

Finally

Sadly, we also have to warn you of the risk of pickpockets and other criminality: so please take care of your phones and other belongings; and keep cars locked, nothing of any value in sight.

What's happening at the Jubilee Celebration Day



Outline timetable

10 am	Arrivals
10.30 am	Stalls and exhibitions open Prayer activities and Saints' Treasure Trail open Children (KS1 + 2) and youth (KS3 + 4) activities begin – - session 1: 10.30 am to 12 noon - session 2: 12.30 pm to 2 pm
11 am	North Barn talks begin
2.30 pm	Gathering for Mass
3 pm	Mass - until 4.30 pm
4.30 pm	Departures
5 pm	Close

For more information about the Jubilee Celebration Day |visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelebration

A copy of the Jubilee Celebration Day booklet (including Site Map, detailed timetable and the Order of the Mass) will be uploaded to aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelebration about a week before the event.