## Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan

Links to Pope Francis' homilies and addresses on his apostolic journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan 31 January to 5 February 2023.

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On 29 January, Pope Francis announced his upcoming ecumenical peace pilgrimage to South Sudan: "I thank the civil authorities and the local bishops for their invitations and for the preparations they have made for these visits, and I greet with affection those beloved peoples who await me.

"These lands, situated in the centre of the great African continent, have suffered greatly from lengthy conflicts. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the east of the country, suffers from armed clashes and exploitation. South Sudan, wracked by years of war, longs for an end to the constant violence that forces many people to be displaced and to live in conditions of great hardship. In South Sudan, I will arrive together with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Together,

as brothers, we will make an ecumenical pilgrimage of peace, to entreat God and men to bring an end to the hostilities and for reconciliation. I ask everyone, please, to accompany this Journey with their prayers."

### Tuesday, 31 January 2023

#### **ROME - KINSHASA**

Departure by airplane from 7:55 Rome/Fiumicino International Airport to Kinshasa

# Greeting to journalists on the flight to Kinshasa

15:00 Arrival at Kinshasa "Ndjili" International Airport

15:00 Official Welcome

16:30 **Welcome Ceremony** at the "Palais de la Nation"

16:45
Courtesy Visit to the
President of the Republic in
the "Salle Présidentielle" of the
"Palais de la Nation"

Moeting with Authorities

Meeting with Authorities,
Civil Society and the
17:30 Diplomatic Corps in the
garden of the "Palais de la
Nation"

Wednesday, 1st February 2023

#### **KINSHASA**

9:30 Holy Mass at "Ndolo" Airport

Meeting with Victims from

16:30 the Eastern Part of the

Country at the Apostolic
Nunciature

18:30 Meeting with Representatives from some Charities at the Apostolic Nunciature

Thursday, 2nd February 2023

#### **KINSHASA**

9:30 Meeting with Young People
9:30 and Catechists in Martyrs'
Stadium

Prayer Meeting with Priests, Deacons, Consecrated

16:30 **Persons and Seminarians** in the Cathedral "Notre Dame du Congo"

Private meeting with

Members of the Society of

Jesus at the Apostolic

Nunciature

Friday, 3rd February 2023

KINSHASA - JUBA

8:30 **Meeting with Bishops** at CENCO

Farewell Ceremony at

10:10 Kinshasa "Ndjili" International Airport

10:40

Departure by airplane from Kinshasa "Ndjili" International Airport to Juba

The Holy Father is making the Journey to South Sudan together with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

- 15:00 Arrival at Juba International Airport
- 15:00 Welcome Ceremony Courtesy Visit to the
- 15:45 **President of the Republic** at the Presidential Palace
- 16:15 Meeting with The Vice-Presidents of the Republic Meeting with Authorities, Civil Society and the
- 17:00 **<u>Diplomatic Corps</u>** in the garden of the Presidential Palace

## Saturday, 4 February 2023

## **JUBA**

9:00	Meeting with Bishops,
	Priests, Deacons,
	<b>Consecrated Persons and</b>
	<b>Seminarians</b> in the Cathedra
	of Saint Therese
11:00	Private meeting with
	Members of the Society of
	<b>Jesus</b> at the Apostolic
	Nunciature
16:30	Meeting with internally
	<b>Displaced Persons</b> in the
	"Freedom Hall"
18:00	<b>Ecumenical Prayer</b> at "John
	Ecumenical Prayer at "John Garang" Mausoleum
Sunday, 5 February 2023	

## JUBA - ROME

8:45 Holy Mass at "John Garang" Mausoleum

11:00

Farewell Ceremony at Juba
International Airport
Departure by airplane from
11:30 Juba International Airport to
Rome

17:30 Arrival at Rome Fiumicino International Airport

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