

Building Hope

Novena to the Holy Spirit

1st – 9th June 2025



Pentecost, from the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra, Dublin

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A period of Prayer, Reflection and Planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin

This resource is for use in the nine days from 1st – 9th June beginning on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of St Columba (St Colmcille), one of the three patron saints of Ireland. You are warmly invited to join together in this annual Novena to the Holy Spirit – a period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Novena Prayer for daily use, is available on the next page and on the Prayer Card. Other prayer resources are offered here under a daily theme connected to the Values set out in the [Building Hope Pastoral Strategic Planning Resource](#) (page 8), a daily introduction, images and intercessions. These resources, day by day, will be your companion for this period of prayer. Please feel free to use the prayer material during the Mass and at your parish/partnership pastoral council, parish team or ministry group gatherings.

Let us as a diocese, unite together in prayer as one People of God, during this dedicated period of the Novena. May this time of reflection and planning in every parish and partnership in the Archdiocese of Dublin be blessed and build hope.

*‘With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit,
let us build a Church founded on God’s love, a sign of unity,
a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world,
proclaims the Word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history,
and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.’*

Pope Leo XIV, Mass of Inauguration, 18th May 2025



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Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*for the renewal of the Church
in the Archdiocese of Dublin*

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Open our eyes to see God's grace around us
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

*Building Hope through
Prayer, Reflection and Planning*

Novena Day One – Ascension – 1 June 2025

Theme: Grounded in the Mission of Jesus

Introduction:

Ascension marks Day One of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

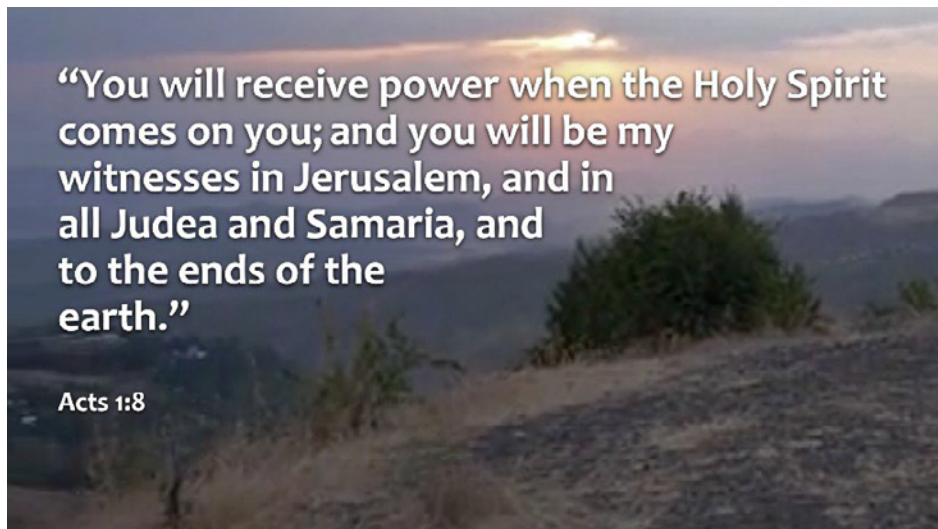
The theme for today is *“Grounded in the Mission of Jesus”* inspired by this quotation from our First Reading... *“you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.”* [Acts 1:8]

Intercessions:

Gathered in hope, on this Ascension Day, we bring our petitions before God.

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will give witness to the mission of Jesus with hope and eagerness.
2. We pray for those who are challenged in their faith: that we will plant new seeds of hope and love in their hearts.
3. We pray for all in need in our community: that we will lift them up by our concern and practical help.

**God of power and love, listen to the prayers of your people
which we ask in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



Novena Prayer:

[You might like to pray the prayer before the final blessing]

Please join now as we pray the NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT slowly together...
Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us...

Novena Day Two – 2 June 2025

Theme: Building Faith

Introduction:

On Day Two of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“Building Faith”* inspired by this quotation from our First Reading... *“Paul spoke out fearlessly and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God”* [Acts 1:8]

Intercessions:

Called together by our shared faith, we offer our intercessions in trust to God

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will build pockets of faith by sharing courageously the Gospel of Jesus.
2. We pray for those who have lost faith in God: that they will come to know God's love and compassion through our example.
3. We pray for all in need in our country: that we will lift them up by our concern and practical help.

**God of hope and strength,
Pay attention to the prayers of your family
which we ask in the Spirit,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



Novena Prayer:

[You might like to pray the prayer before the final blessing]

Please join now as we pray the NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT slowly together...

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Novena Day Three – 3 June 2025
Theme: Change – Opportunity and Challenge

Introduction:

On Day Three of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“Change – Opportunity and Challenge”* inspired by this quotation from our First Reading – *“The Lord is a stronghold to the one whose way is upright”* [Proverbs 10:32] and from the life of St Kevin.

St Kevin, an upright man, crossed the mountains to find a sacred space at the foot of the Upper Lake of Glendalough. This radical change was challenging for him. He felt called to be a hermit but his holiness attracted many people who formed a community around him. This challenge opened up an opportunity and that Christian settlement lived there beyond the death of its prayerful leader in 618.

Intercessions:

Called together as a prayerful people we offer our intercessions with gentle confidence

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will be open to the opportunities and challenges that come our way.
2. We pray for those who long for peace of mind: that they will find rest.
3. We pray for all in need throughout the world: that we will lift them up by our concern and practical help.

**God of inspiration and kindness,
Listen to the prayers of your faithful
that we ask in the Spirit,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Novena Prayer:

**[You might like to pray the prayer
before the final blessing]**

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Novena Day Four – 4 June 2025
Theme: Active Participation

Introduction:

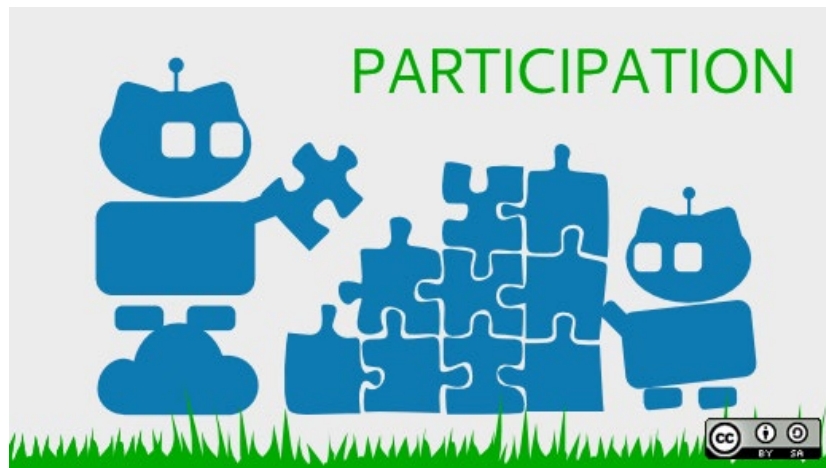
On Day Four of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“Active Participation”* inspired by this quotation from our First Reading – *“It is more blessed to give rather than receive”* [Acts 20:35]

Intercessions:

Called together as a community of faith we offer our intercessions to God

1. We pray for the members of the parish here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will recognise the call to active, generous participation in the liturgy and life of our community.
2. We pray for those who serve in any church ministry: that they will model inclusiveness and joy in word and gesture.
3. We pray for all who serve people in need: that we will support them whenever we can.

**God of generosity and charity,
Listen to the prayers of your people that
we ask in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



Novena Prayer:

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Novena Day Five – 5 June 2025
Theme: Care for our Common Home

Introduction:

On Day Five of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *"Care for our Common Home"* inspired by this quotation from our First Reading – *"Keep up your courage"* [Acts 23:11]

It can be difficult to keep up the momentum of awareness and action as we work to change minds and attitudes in matters of ecology today.

Intercessions

Celebrating our connectedness with all of God's creation we present our prayers.

1. Let us pray for our community: that we will work together to preserve and develop the natural resources around us.
2. Let us pray for those who suffer most as a result of climate change: that we will play our part in preserving what we can and in supporting groups who minister to them.
3. Let us pray for courage: that we will exert our influence to persuade those with power to act for climate justice.

**Creative and all powerful God,
hear our prayers and answer our pleas.
We ask this in the Spirit,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Novena Prayer:

[You might like to pray the prayer
before the final blessing]

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together...

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Novena Day Six – 6 June 2025
Theme: Working Together

Introduction:

On Day Six of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“Working Together”* inspired by this quotation from our First Reading – *“I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions”* (Acts 20:24)

Intercessions:

Called together as a believing people we offer our intercessions with strength and confidence

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will work together for the renewal of our diocese.
2. We pray for those with ideas for the future development of our community: that they will reach out to others to achieve their goals.
3. We pray for all in need of hope and company: that we will enable them to see the joy of participating with others in improving our Christian community.

God of renewal and new life,

Listen to the prayers that we ask in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Novena Prayer:

[You might like to pray the prayer before the final blessing]

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Novena Day Seven – 7 June 2025

Theme: The Joy of the Gospel

Introduction:

On Day Seven of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“The Joy of the Gospel”* inspired by this quotation from the Gospel – John 21:25 *“The world itself could not contain the books that would be written”* and from Pope Leo XIV – *“The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.”* Mass of Inauguration 18 May 2025.

Intercessions:

Gathered together as people of the Good News, we bring our intercessions before God.

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will enrich our hearts by reflecting regularly on the Gospels.
2. We pray for those who are called to preach the Gospel: that they will open up the treasures of the Good News to all.
3. We pray for all who live in sadness: that we will share with them Gospel words of hope.

God of joy and truth,
Listen to the prayers of your family
that we ask in the Spirit,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Novena Prayer:

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before the final blessing]

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Novena Day Eight – 8 June 2025

Theme: Accompanying All

Introduction:

On Day Eight of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“Accompanying All”* inspired by this quotation from the first reading – *“They began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability”* [Acts 2:4]

This scripture passage might inspire us to look at the language we use to share the Word and lead prayer in our communities.

Intercessions:

Challenged by God’s Word and the needs of our community we offer our intercessions

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will be aware of the use of language that is inclusive.
2. We pray for those who feel excluded in our parish: that we may find the words to accompany them into the heart of the community
3. We pray for all in need at this time: that they will feel our welcome and support

God of warmth and embrace,

Listen to our prayers that we ask in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Novena Prayer:

[You might like to pray the prayer before the final blessing]

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Novena Day Nine – 9 June 2025
Theme: Building a culture of LISTENING

Introduction:

On Day Nine of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is “**Building a culture of LISTENING**” inspired by this quotation from the gospel for the feast of St Columba – “*Why are you afraid, you of little faith?*” [Matt 8:26]

Sometimes we are afraid to stop speaking, for fear of what we will hear. The Synodal process is all about ‘listening’ with respect for all points of view.

Intercessions:

Called together as a ‘listening’ people we present our intercessions with humility

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam): that we will attune ourselves to listening mode.
2. We pray for those who have lost faith in their own abilities to change: that they will open their ears to the possibilities of different opinions.
3. We pray for all in need at this time: that we will lift them up by our concern and practical help.

God of hope and strength,

Listen to the prayers we ask in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Novena Prayer:

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