

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *BUILDING HOPE* 2026

COME HOLY SPIRIT,
FILL OUR HEARTS ANEW!



GATHERING SONG

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS (TAIZÉ)

ALL SING:

- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS



PENTECOST REFLECTION 1



COME HOLY SPIRIT

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS (TAIZÉ)

ALL SING:

- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS



PENTECOST REFLECTION

2



COME HOLY SPIRIT

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS (TAIZÉ)

ALL SING:

- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS



PENTECOST REFLECTION

3



COME HOLY SPIRIT

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS (TAIZÉ)

ALL SING:

- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
- VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS



INTRODUCTION

- “Hope is like a bird
- that senses the dawn
- and carefully starts to sing
- while it is still dark.”



SONG

- **I Will Make This Day My Prayer (David Kauffman)**



DAY ONE

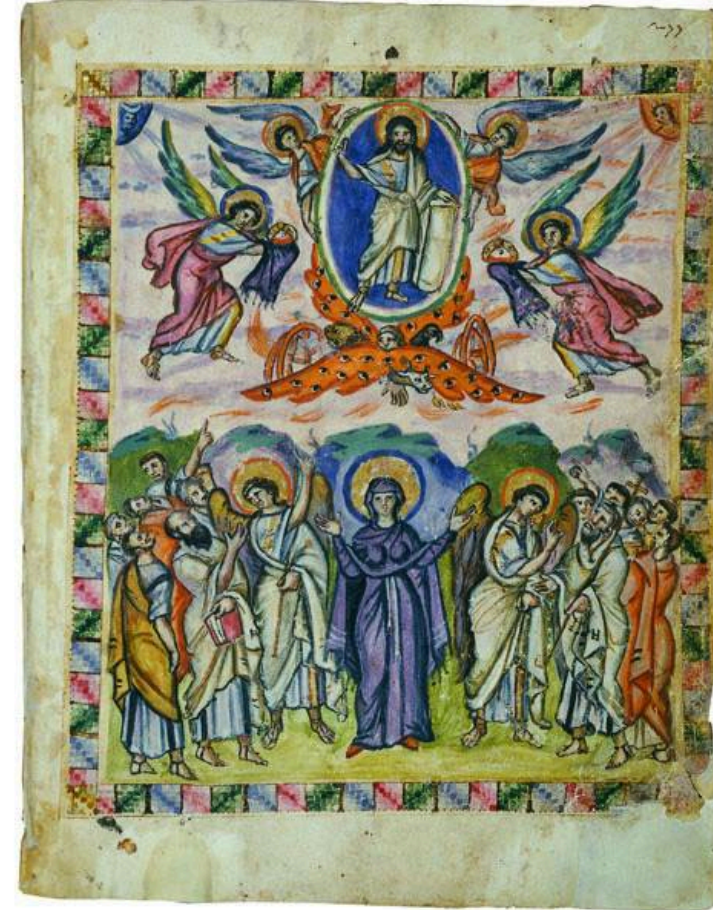
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

17 MAY 2026

Scripture

From the Gospel of Matthew

“Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations;
baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:18-19)



FAMILY PRAYER

BAPTISM

**‘God bless you and
keep you,
in the name of the
Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit’.**



WADE IN THE WATER (SPIRITUAL)

- **WADE IN THE WATER**

WADE IN THE WATER

WADE IN THE WATER

GOD HE'S GONNA TROUBLE THE WATER



DAY 2 FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INAUGURATION OF POPE LEO XIV

18 MAY 2026

Introduction

Scripture

From the Acts of the Apostles

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:6)

Reflection

Our Lady of Pompeii



• **Instrumental** **Ave Maria (Sigvaldi Kaldalóns)**

• **Song** **Holy Mary Full of Grace (Abbé Paul Décha)**

**All sing: When creation was begun, God had chosen you to be
Mother of his blessed Son, Holy Mary full of grace.**

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

**When creation was restored you were there beside the Lord
Whom you cherished and adored, Holy Mary full of grace.**

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

• **Intercessions**



DAY 3

TUESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

19 MAY 2026

Introduction

Suffering of St. Paul

Scripture

From the Acts of the Apostles
I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me
that prison and hardships are facing me.

(Acts 20:23)

Reflection

Persecution of Christians

Song

Jesus, Give us Your Peace (Michael Mahler)

**All sing: Jesus, give us your peace, bring us together, let all the fighting cease
Shatter all our hearts of stone, give us a heart for love alone.**

Intercessions





- **Introduction**

- **Scripture**

From the Acts of the Apostles

- “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)

- **Reflection**

Eucharistic Symbol

- **Song**

Make Me A Channel (Sebastian Temple)

All sing: Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope

Where there is darkness, only light. And where there's sadness, ever joy.

- **Intercessions**

**DAY FIVE THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER
21 MAY 2026**

• Introduction

Courage to Speak the Truth

• Scripture

From the Acts of the Apostles

The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.” (Acts 23:11)

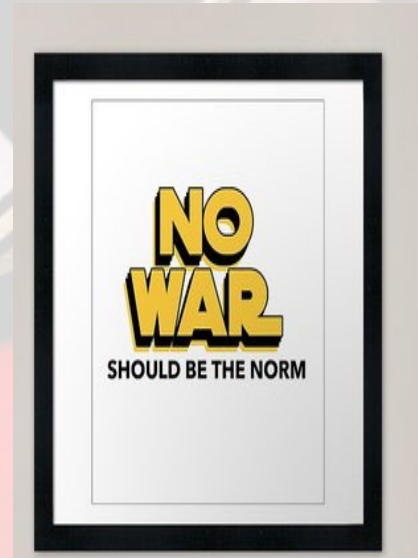
• Reflection

Spirit of Truth

• Song

If Ye Love Me (Thomas Tallis)

• Intercessions



Day 6

Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter

22 May 2026

Introduction

The Christian Community

Scripture

From the Gospel of John

**When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
“Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”
“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”
Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” (John 21:15)**



Reflection

Sharing a Table

Song

The Last Supper (Bernard Sexton)

**All sing: Jesus took the bread he broke; Jesus shared the bread
he broke and said, “Do this, Do this in memory of me.
Jesus took the wine he poured; Jesus shared the wine he
poured and said,
“Do this, Do this in memory of me.**

Intercessions

Day 7

Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter

23 May 2026

Introduction

Listening to God's Word

Scripture

From the Gospel of John

But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. (John 21:25)

Reflection

Learning to 'chew the cud'

Song The Spirit Speaks my Name (Marie Dunne CHF)

All sing: The Spirit of the Lord, The Spirit of the Lord,
The Spirit of the Lord speaks my name

Intercessions



Day 8

Pentecost Sunday

24 May 2026

Introduction

Renewal

Scripture

Psalm 103

'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth'

Reflection

Prayer for Peace – Pope Leo XIV

Song

Spirit of the Living God (Daniel Iverson)

All sing: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us, melt us,

Mold us fill us use us,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Intercessions



Day 9

Feast of Our Lady, Mother of the Church

25 May 2026

Introduction

Novena Prayer

Scripture

From the Acts of the Apostles

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Reflection

Father Bill McNichols – Icon Writer

Pentecost 2021

Song

Ave Maria (Vavilov)

Intercessions



Mary, Mother of the Church,
stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
Grace us with your faithful presence
as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,
wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.
Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,
as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary,
you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.
You witnessed the joy of the resurrection
and the wonder of Pentecost.
You walked great distances in your time.
Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, *Building Hope*.

Beloved Mother,
open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.
Encourage us into ever deepening communion with your Son, with each other,
with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,
hold us close to you
as we embrace God's loving invitation
to wholeness, healing and peace. Amen.



The background features a stylized illustration of several angels with large, white, feathered wings. They are arranged in a circular pattern around a central figure. The central figure has their hands clasped in prayer. The overall color palette is soft, with pastel tones for the figures and a golden-yellow background with teardrop-shaped motifs at the top.

Song

Jesus King of Angels (Fernando Ortega) – Father Damian and friends

Resources for the Novena

<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/novena-2026/>

Full text of prayers, reflections and music – Castleknock Service

Novena Prayer Cards, Suggested Speaking Notes and Pastoral Aid.

Liturgical Music

The Dublin Diocesan Music Group with Ciarán Donegan, Violin,

Teresa O’Donnell, Concert Harp, and Simon Orrock, Piano.