

Building Hope

Notice to be read at Masses for Sunday 17th May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord

This weekend we begin our annual Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. It will be a period of *Prayer, Reflection & Planning* as we prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Novena will conclude on Monday 25th May, the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Joining together in prayer is a central part of “*Building Hope*” – our journey of renewal under way across the diocese. We pray that these particular days of reflection and planning for the coming pastoral year, will be fruitful for our parish, our partnership and for our Archdiocese.

You are invited to join in the Novena Prayer each day at home or here at daily Mass over the next nine days. You will find the prayer on your Mass leaflet or prayer card.

Please join now as we pray together slowly...



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.