



# Building Hope

## Notice to be read at Masses for Sunday 1st June 2025 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.

Pentecost, which we will celebrate next Sunday, marks the beginning of the Church and her mission to the world – OUR mission as one People of God. The Novena will conclude on Monday 9th June, the Feast of Saint Columba or St Colmcille, one of the three patron saints of Ireland.

Joining together in prayer is a central part of *Building Hope* – our journey of renewal which is under way across the diocese. We pray that this time of reflection and planning will be fruitful for our parish, our partnership and for our Archdiocese.

We will pray the NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT here at each Mass over the next nine days as we plan for the forthcoming pastoral year. You will find the prayer on your Mass leaflet or prayer card.

Please join now as we pray together slowly...

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

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**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**

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**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**

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**Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us  
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us  
St Kevin, pray for us  
St Brigid, pray for us**