

Thy Kingdom Come Novena

Parish of Cardiff: St German with St Saviour

Join the 2019 global and ecumenical wave of prayer
from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday



Welcome to the Novena

Ascension is the day when we recall Jesus' return to heaven after his resurrection, and Pentecost is when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples. The nine days between these key feasts offer us an opportunity for prayer and reflection as we long for that gift of the Holy Spirit for ourselves and our communities.

This year we will focus on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew's gospel). Exploring this passage in a deeper way will reveal the extent of God's love and care for even the smallest detail of our lives. It will also offer us a challenge to look again at our attitudes, priorities and perceptions.

How do we pray?

If you are able to come to both 'prayer times' each day that would be great. Yet, for most of us coming to one or even catching the occasional one may be all the time we can spare. The novena mass is at our usual weekday service times but we encourage each member of our community to come along for at least one of these during the week.

The Novena Holy Hour will be a quiet time of reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament when we will use images, reflections from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount and some music to help us be open to how God wants to gift us with his presence and assurance. During these notional 'hours' we will: **Look** upon God lovingly; **Wait** prayerfully; **Explore** scripture reverently; **Listen** for God's word to us humbly; and **Respond** to God with heartfelt gratitude. Please join us - [you're worth it!](#)

Times and Places

Two times of prayer each day - holy hour in one church and a celebration of the Novena mass in the other.

Day 1 - Friday 31 May 'Praise'

9am Novena Holy Hour (St German's)
6pm Mass (St Saviour's)

Day 2 - Saturday 1 June 'Thanks'

11am Mass (St Saviour's)
12noon Novena Holy Hour (St German's)

Day 3 - Sunday 2 June 'Sorry'

9 & 11am Sunday Masses as usual
6pm Novena Holy Hour (St German's)

Day 4 - Monday 3 June 'Offer'

8.30am Novena Holy Hour (St Saviour's)
6pm Mass (St German's)

Day 5 - Tuesday 4 June 'Pray for'

10am Mass (St Saviour's)
6pm Novena Holy Hour (St German's)

Day 6 - Wednesday 5 June 'Help'

10am Mass (St German's)
8.30am Novena Holy Hour (St Saviour's)

Day 7 - Thursday 6 June 'Adore'

9am Novena Holy Hour (St German's)
5.45pm Mass (St Saviour's)

Day 8 - Friday 7 June 'Celebrate'

9am Novena Holy Hour (St German's)
6pm Mass (St Saviour's)

Day 9 - Saturday 8 June 'Silence'

11am Mass (St Saviour's)
12noon Novena Holy Hour (St German's)