



St Matthew's Church  
*Carver Street*

# Novena of Prayer

*21st May – 31<sup>st</sup> May*

*Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday*



## THY KINGDOM COME

A Novena is 9 days of more intense prayers following the pattern of the apostles who prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. Please use this booklet to pray each day for the intentions listed.

Read the Gospel passage for the day, followed by a short time of reflection on the reading. Say the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Hail Mary and Glory be. Conclude with the prayer to the Holy Spirit. You might wish to include the Leading Your Church into Growth prayer and the Diocesan Strategy Prayer.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May *Ascension Day*

**Daily reading:** Matthew 28:16-20

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for all those who live within our parish boundaries especially those who do not know Jesus. May the Spirit of God touch and transform their lives.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 16:20-24

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for local businesses and for the prosperity of the City of Sheffield.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 16:23-28

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for Elizabeth our Queen, the government at this time and all world leaders. That they may have due respect for God and love for their people.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 17:1-11

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for our local leaders, MPs, councillors and the Director of Public Health.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 16:29-33

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for our Parish's work with the most vulnerable especially in its work through the Parish Nursing Project, The Art House (St Matthew's House Ltd), and the Ecumenical Soup Run.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 17:1-11

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for an increase in vocations to the Sacred Priesthood. For the Additional Curates Society in its work in encouraging more men to respond to God's call to serve Him in this way.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 10:1-9

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for our congregation. That we may continue to grow in number all grow in the depth of our faith.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 17:20-26

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for our Mission Partnership with St Catherine's Richmond, St Mary's Handsworth and St Peter's Hoyland. Pray too for Lizzie our Development Worker.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 21:15-19

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for the reconversion of England. That this land may once again be won for Christ and may once again be known as Our Lady Mary's Dowry.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 21:20-25

**Prayer intention:** Pray today for our parish priest and all who assist him, that in their ministry to the community, they may be led by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Daily reading:** John 20:19-23

**Prayer intention:** Pray for a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on the churches in our Diocese, and that we may grow in grace and numbers. For the Diocese of Sheffield and for Bishop Glyn.

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

Amen

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death. Amen

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
And to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions, And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they  
shall be created,  
and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

**Renew** us as we make your love known;  
**Release** us to share freely together in mission;  
and **Rejuvenate** us to be fruitful in your service.  
Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,  
that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,  
both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.  
Amen