

# Annual Solemn Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Saturday 4th March - Sunday 12th March 2017

This nine consecutive day Novena is celebrated to give thanks for a Faith Community that is dynamic, alive and very active in so many ways. Every day, during our Novena, different themes will reflect on the joys and struggles of life. "Petitions" Personal Prayers will be presented by all who commit for One of these Novena Masses for the Nine Days (March 4th-12th). A number of visiting priests and guest speakers will enrich our celebrations during the nine day Novena. May God's spirit abundantly bless all those who participate in this wonderful occasion as we embrace a New Spring of Hope and Peace.

**Please accept this personal invitation to participate in this Springtime Novena.**

### Saturday, 4th March

7am Opening Novena Mass - Fr. Brian Kavanagh  
10am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Brian Kavanagh  
6.30pm Novena Mass Led Fr. Paddy Byrne. Guest Speaker Jasper Rutherford (A powerful testimony of Christian hope)

### Sunday, 5th March

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am, 12.30pm - Fr. Michéal Murphy P.P. Mountmellick Parish  
7.30pm Led by Msgr. John Byrne. Ceremony of Light & Hope. All Confirmation candidates will attend.

**PETITIONS AVAILABLE  
IN CHURCH**

### Monday, 6th March

7am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Eddie Lalor  
10am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Joe McDermott P.P. Guest Speaker Fr. Joe McDermott P.P.  
12noon School Novena Mass - Scoil Chríost Ri.  
7.30pm Novena Mass. Guest Speaker: Bernadette Goulding - Pro Life Movement.

### Tuesday, 7th March

7am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. John Dunphy  
10am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. John Dunphy  
12noon School Novena Mass - St. Marys C.B.S  
7.30pm Novena Mass celebrating music ministry and honouring the 60th anniversary of St. Joseph Accordion Band.

### Wednesday, 8th March

7am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Paddy Byrne.  
10am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Richard Gibbons. Parish Priest of Knock, Co. Mayo  
12noon School Novena Mass - Portlaoise College  
7.30pm Novena Mass. Led by Fr. Richard Gibbons. Parish Priest of Knock, Co. Mayo

### Thursday, 9th March

7am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Brian Shortall & Br. Kevin (Feeding the hungry)  
10am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Brian Shortall & Br. Kevin (Feeding the hungry)  
12noon School Novena Mass - Holy Family Senior School, Gaelscoil & Scoil Bhríde.  
7.30pm Novena Mass Guest Speaker : Bishop Pat Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath

### Friday, 10th March

7am Novena Mass - Led by Fr Tom O'Connor  
10am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. Eddie Lawlor, Guest Speaker: Evelyn Cusack, Met Eireann (Caring for the Earth )  
7.30pm Novena Mass - Fr. John Byrne Guest Speaker Sr. Consilio (Pathways to recovery)

**12 Midnight : A Novena Mass for families affected by suicide.**

*The darkest hour comes before the dawn*

### Saturday, 11th March

7am Novena Mass- Led by Fr. John Harris O.P.  
10am Novena Mass - Led by Fr. John Harris O.P.  
6.30pm Novena Mass - Led by Fr. John Harris O.P.

### Sunday, 12th March

8.30am, 10am - Novena Masses  
11.15am, 12.30pm - Closing Novena Masses - Bishop Denis Nulty



## RECONCILIATION

**Sacrament of Penance**

Confessions every morning  
(Monday - Saturday)  
after 10am and 7.30pm  
Mass

Anointing

of the Sick

Sacrament of the Sick with individual anointing will be celebrated at 7.30pm Mass on Friday 10th March