

Task force created by Archbishop to aid 'radical renewal' of the Diocese of Dublin

A task force composed of clergy, religious and laypeople has been established by Archbishop Dermot Farrell to prepare an assessment of the needs of the people of the Archdiocese of Dublin as they emerge from the Covid crisis. He has done this in recognition of the fact that the Church in Dublin "faces challenges" which require immediate action, one of the key challenges being preparing a recovery from the "severe" impact of the pandemic.

"To advance analysis and encourage dialogue and engagement, I established a 'Task Force on a Church for the Dublin of Tomorrow', under the title 'Building Hope'," Dr Farrell said. The aim of the task force will be to "prepare an approach to a pastoral strategy" that supports parishes to undertake a "radical renewal", and that will allow communities of faith to look to the "future with creativity". "I want the task force to stimulate reflection and creative thinking across the whole community, in parishes and in organisations committed to the well-being of the people, to guide a process of dialogue which will continue as we develop and implement our plans for the future. "To assist the task force, I am also establishing an expert panel in the areas of the economic, social and pastoral situation in Dublin, and the trends which will shape our situation over the next 25 years. Their advice will help us to consider the views and priorities of the many organisations delivering services to the people of Dublin," Archbishop Farrell said.

The archbishop has urged the task force to haste, asking it to complete its work by the end of the summer. "There is an urgency, and this cannot be an endless process," he said, continuing, "It will give us all a basis for moving forward together with hope, confident that the Spirit is with those who respond to the call to follow the one who is the Lord of tomorrow as well as today".

Visit <https://dublindiocese.ie/launch-of-task-force-building-hope/> for more information.

YOUTH INITIATIVES

FAITHFEST – POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Calling all teenagers! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **21 May from 6:30 – 8:30 online**. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZRLPXhUvSP> For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

PRAY IN MAY WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN

Join the Young Church Dublin for Pray in May. We will meet every **Wednesday In May from 8-9pm** for fellowship and to pray the rosary together as a community. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information, please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

SUPPORT SERVICES

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLEALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**.

Keep in prayer, on this Pentecost Sunday, the boys and girls of 6th Class at St. Michael's, St. Gabriel's and St. Raphael's schools who are preparing, and waiting so patiently, for when the time is safe to do so, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. May the Holy Spirit, whose gifts they long to receive, bless them and protect them, their families, and their teachers.