



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

3 December 2023
First Sunday of Advent

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Live Crib — The live crib returns once again this year, on Thursday 14 December from 11:30am until 4:00pm.

Carol Service — The annual Christmas carol service is on Tuesday 19 December at 7:30pm. Bishop Duignan will preside, and the Cathedral Choir will lead all present in music for Advent and Christmas.

Claddagh Choral, directed by Stephen Carroll, gives a concert of Christmas music on Friday next, 8 December, at 8:00pm; more details on the Cathedral website.

The A-Capella Knights present their annual concert, in aid of children's charity Hand in Hand, on Saturday 9 December at 7:45pm: see the Cathedral website for more details.

Galway Baroque Singers give a concert, featuring *La Misa Criolla* (Ramírez) and other south American sacred music, on Sunday 10 December at 8:00pm: more information on the Cathedral website.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday raised a total of €2,283.88: thank you for your continued support.

Diocesan Family Services Collection — Sincere thanks for your response to last Sunday's collection, which raised €788.80.

Lourdes Mass on Thursday next, 7 December, at 8:00pm.

Celebrations This Week — Memorial of **St Ambrose**, bishop & doctor of the Church (7 December); optional memorials of **St John Damascene**, priest & doctor of the Church (4 December), **St Nicholas**, bishop (6 December; a feast in the Diocese of Galway and a solemnity in Galway City), and **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin** (9 December). St Francis Xavier, priest (3 December), is not celebrated this year as the Sunday takes precedence.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception :: Friday 8 December

A holy day of obligation. Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday at 6:00pm (followed by rosary), and on Friday at 11:00am & 6:00pm.

OTHER NEWS

Cribs in the Abbey — To mark the 800th anniversary of the first re-enactment of the Christ's nativity by St Francis in Gerccio (Italy), a special exhibition of cribs will take place in the Franciscan Abbey, St Francis Street, from 8 December until 8 January.

Christmas Party & Dance in aid of Galway Hospice, on Sunday 17 December in the SMA Hall in Claregalway between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. More information from Galway Hospice at 091-770868.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat	6:00	Gene Egan	6:00	Mary & James Doherty	
Sun	10:30	Eileen & Seán McGreal	Fri	11:00	Ellen Keane
	12:30	November Remembrance Tree		6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
	6:00	David & Shane Smith	Sat	11:00	Anthony Folan
Tue	11:00	Theresa Harlowe		6:00	Nora & Thomas Mullane
	6:00	William & Catherine Persse	Sun	9:00	Tom, Pat & Jim
Wed	11:00	Thomas Sorensen		10:30	Jack Cunningham
	6:00	Teresa, Peter & Tom Hussey		12:30	Michael & Maura Greaney
Thur	11:00	John & Ellen McLoughlin		6:00	Julia Mahon

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Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte

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Mass on Sunday

Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9:00am
(Gaeilge) 10:30am (choir), 12:30pm,
6:00pm

Mass on Holy Days

Vigil mass at 6:00pm; mass on the
day at 11:00am, 6:00pm

Mass on Weekdays

11:00am, 6:00pm

Marriage & Baptism

For details & requirements see
www.galwaycathedral.ie/liturgy

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091-531433 • Monday-Saturday,
9:30am – 5:15pm; Sunday after
each morning mass

Bethany Bereavement Support

Contact the group at 085-2258827

Legion of Mary

Contact: 087-2423068

Child Protection

Diocesan Pastoral Centre
091- 575051

Music at today's 10:30am Mass

Missa dominator Deus (plainchant)

Rorate caeli (Tye)

Drop dew, ye heavens, from above and let
the clouds break forth in showers upon
the righteous, in rain upon the just; and
let the earth be opened and blossom
forth with heavenly fruit, a Saviour.

Zion hears (Bach)

Zion hears the watchmen's voices, with
gladness all her heart rejoices, she eager
wakes to greet the day. See, her Lord from
heaven descending with grace and truth
and power unending; her daystar dawns
with brightest ray. O come, thou blessed
one, Lord Jesu, God's own Son Hosianna!
We follow there thy feast to share and
taste the joys beyond compare.

Organ postlude: Nun komm der
Heiden Heiland (Bach)