



# 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 Cuauhtlatotzin** (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

Fr John Gerard Acton

### 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

### Cathedral Bookshop

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 cæli (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)