



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

25 February 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Stations of the Cross are prayed each Friday during Lent, immediately after the 6:00pm mass – all are welcome to take part.

First Friday & Saturday — Next Friday and Saturday are the first of the month; Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound on Friday, and on Saturday there is Mass and office of Our Lady at 11:00am.

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection amounted to €2,196.72: we are very grateful to all who continue to support the Cathedral.

Trocaire Collection — There is a second collection at all masses today, in aid of Trócaire.

Church Gate Collection — The Irish Pilgrimage Trust, which sends children to Lourdes and to its holiday/respite home in Clarinbridge, is holding its annual church gate collection after all masses today.

Last Sunday of the Month and we say "Thank you" to all who continue to support the Cathedral by way of standing order and monthly envelope. If you forgot your envelope, please drop it in during the week.

Celebrations This Week — Optional memorials of **St Gregory of Narek**, abbot & doctor of the Church (27 February), and **St David**, bishop (1 March).



VOCATIONS

If you think you may have a vocation to the priesthood, or if you are interested in the religious life and would like to discuss it with someone, please contact Fr Ian O'Neill at galwaypriesthood@gmail.com or 087-2048497.

OTHER NEWS

Dunmore Amateur Dramatic Society presents Brien Friel's *Faith Healer* at the Mick Lally Theatre, Druid Lane, from 22 February: tickets available at <https://www.druid.ie>.

Galway Alzheimer Café is a monthly gathering for anyone affected by dementia; the next takes place on Friday 1 March in the Menlo Park Hotel between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. More information from Maureen Mannion at 086-8211540.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| Sat | 6:00 | Peggy Dalton | | 6:00 | Jimmy Griffin |
| Sun | 9:00 | Margaret & Peter Lyons | Fri | 11:00 | Thomas & Mary Spelman |
| | 10:30 | Michael Holland | | 6:00 | Golden Book of Remembrance |
| | 12:30 | Finian Carey (Month's Mind) | Sat | 11:00 | Annie Sara Matthew |
| | 6:00 | Rita & Michael Noone | | 6:00 | Andy O'Connor |
| Mon | 11:00 | Pádraig Walshe | Sun | 9:00 | Michael J. Clancy |
| | 6:00 | Maeve O'Connor | | 10:30 | Margaret Browne |
| Tue | 11:00 | Catherine Prior | | 12:30 | Mary Murphy & Isabelle Foyle |
| | 6:00 | Richard McHugh | | | (Month's Minds) |
| Wed | 11:00 | Sr Bernadine Cullen | | 6:00 | Mary Claffey |
| Thur | 11:00 | Vincent & Patricia Kelly | | | |

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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 orbis factor (plainchant)

O sacrum convivium (Farrant)
O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion renewed, the mind filled with grace and a promise of future glory given to us.

Ecce quomodo (Handl)

Behold how the just man dies, and no-one takes it to heart. And just men are taken, and no-one pays heed. The just man has been taken from the face of iniquity: and his memory shall be in peace. Like a lamb before the shearer he was dumb and did not open his mouth. He has been taken away from distress and from judgement..

Organ postlude: Partita on Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig (Bach)

Weekly music listings on the website:
www.galwaycathedral.ie/music/listings

Together Towards Tomorrow
Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh & Kilfenora

Update: Parish Restructuring & Renewal

In the past week, Bishop Michael and priests of the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora, together with a number of delegates from the Diocese of Clonfert along with lay staff from both Diocesan Offices, met in Co. Clare to discuss and decide on the next steps in our ongoing process of parish renewal and restructuring in the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora.

The gathering explored and acknowledged the challenges facing faith communities across the Diocese. Parishes now stand at a crossroads, where old structures and old ways of doing things are often no longer viable. A new vision is required for which new steps urgently need to be taken. Those present expressed energy and openness for this very significant task. Conversations will need to be had with parishioners on how new groupings of parishes might be created and maintained to enable faith communities across the diocese to actively work together, to share resources and to cooperate closely at all levels. A group of parishes can do more together than they could do on their own.

New Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees were published and an invitation is soon to be issued to each parish to reconstitute these important bodies. A programme of formation for participants in these Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees will be offered. Bishop Michael plans to meet members in their respective parish groupings in the coming months to begin the necessary conversation.

In his closing remarks to the gathering, Bishop Michael said: "I am convinced that the God who guided us in the past is now prompting us and provoking us. He is 'doing something new' – inviting us to step into a bright and hope-filled future. I compliment those present for your input here these last days. I would like to thank all those who made it possible."

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