



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

1 December 2024
First Sunday of Advent

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Solemnity of St Nicholas — On Friday next, the Cathedral Choir joins the choir of St Nicholas' Collegiate Church to celebrate our joint patrons with a service of vespers: this takes place in St Nicholas' Church at 8:00pm, and Bishop Michael Duignan will also be in attendance.

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.

A Capella Knights give a concert in the Cathedral on Saturday next, 7 December, at 7:45pm, with all proceeds going to Hand in Hand Children's Cancer Charity. Further details, and a link to tickets, are on the Cathedral website.

Remembrance Tree Mass — The 6:00pm mass on Thursday 5 December will be offered for all those whose names have been placed on the remembrance tree.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is this year transferred to Monday 9 December, due to 8 December falling on a Sunday, and is a holy day of obligation.

Live Crib — The annual live crib takes place on Thursday 12 December, between 11:30am and 4:00pm.

Carol Service — The annual Christmas carol service takes place on Thursday 19 December at 7:30pm, led by the Cathedral Choir and with Bishop Duignan presiding.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday came to €2,024.81; sincere thanks for your continued support.

Diocesan Family Services Collection — Last Sunday's collection realised a total of €947.17, for which we are very grateful.

Youth 2000 Gathering on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Lourdes Mass on Thursday next at 8:00pm.

Celebrations this Week — Memorials of St Francis Xavier, priest (3 December), and St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church (7 December); optional memorials of St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church (4 December), and St Nicholas (6 December; a feast in the Diocese of Galway, and a solemnity in Galway City).

OTHER NEWS

Advent Talks take place on Wednesday 4, 11 and 18 December in Áras Naofa, St Oliver Plunkett Church, Renmore, at 8:00pm each evening: full details are on the flyers at the Cathedral doors.

Radio Maria is holding a fund-raising event on Thursday 12 December in the Connaught Hotel, including a four-course meal and live music. Tickets are €70 per person, available from Eventbrite or directly from the station at 01-4123456.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat	6:00	Deceased past pupils of St Mary's College, Galway	Fri	6:00	November Remembrance Tree
Sun	9:00	Maeve & Hubert Rooney		11:00	Esther & Ellen Keane
	10:30	Michael & Maura Greaney		6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
	12:30	Gene Egan	Sat	11:00	Pa & Eileen Crann
Mon	11:00	November lists of the dead		6:00	Pat, Nora & Mary Heavey;
Tue	11:00	Leo Hernan			Heavey & Burke families
	6:00	Eileen & Seán McGreal	Sun	9:00	Patsaí, Sarah, Nancy, Pádraic,
Wed	11:00	Martin & Paddy Walsh			Sally & Barbara Ó Finneachta
Thur	11:00	John & Ellen McLoughlin		10:30	Jack Cunningham
				6:00	Julia Mahon

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Clergy

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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

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 brevis (O'Donnell)

Behold a virgin (McDonagh)
Behold a virgin bearing him who comes to save us from our sin. The prophet's cry: "Prepare the way, make straight his paths to Christmas day." Behold our hope and life and light, the promise of the holy night. We lift our prayer and bend our knee to his great love and majesty.

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.

Organ postlude: Toccata in D minor, BWV 538 (Bach)

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