



# Galway Cathedral Newsletter

8 December 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**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.

**Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available at the doors of the Cathedral.

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday came to €2,344.20; sincere thanks for your continued support.

**Celebrations this Week** — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9 December); memorials of St Lucy, virgin & martyr (13 December), and St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church (14 December); optional memorials of Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto (10 December), St Damasus I, pope (11 December), Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 December), and St Finnian, bishop (12 December; a feast in the Diocese of Meath). St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (9 December) is not celebrated this year, as the transferred solemnity takes precedence.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception :: Monday 9 December

• Transferred from Sunday 8 December • Not a holy day of obligation this year •

Mass in the Cathedral at 11:00am & 6:00pm; rosary at 6:30pm.

## 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.

### Standing Order Appeal

The Cathedral Finance Committee invites you to please consider setting up a standing order to support our priests. We are very grateful to our priests for their constant presence and dedication to our parish.

You may not be aware that the weekly collections taken up at mass go towards the operational costs of the Cathedral, while priests' income is sourced separately from the monthly envelopes and standing orders. These contributions have declined in recent years, and so we encourage you – particularly if you regularly attend the Cathedral – to make a regular contribution by setting up a standing order.

Forms are available at the doors as you exit today, and may also be downloaded from the Cathedral website. Even a small monthly amount greatly helps in supporting our priests.

Sincere thanks to all those who already contribute in this way!

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat	6:00	Pat, Nora & Mary Heavey; Heavey & Burke families	Thur	6:00	James & Mary Doherty
Sun	9:00	Patsai, Sarah, Nancy, Pádraic, Sally & Barbara Ó Finneadhá	Fri	11:00	Niall McGreevy
	10:30	Jack Cunningham		6:00	Thomas & Nora Mullane
	6:00	Julia Mahon		6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
Mon	6:00	Anthony Folan	Sat	11:00	Frank Cryan
Tue	11:00	Tom Jackson		6:00	Michael & Maura Greaney
	6:00	Joe, Nellie & Terry Gurry	Sun	9:00	Eileen Walsh
Wed	11:00	Jack Collins; Tom & Mary Finnegan		10:30	Mary Kate Slattery
				6:00	Raymond & Cathy Cloherty

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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

### 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)

Come thou redeemer of the earth  
Come thou redeemer of the Earth, and  
manifest thy virgin birth: let every age  
adoring fall; such birth befits the God of  
all. (...)

O radiant dawn (MacMillan)  
O Radiant Dawn, Spendour of eternal  
Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those  
who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death. Amen.

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

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