



# Galway Cathedral Newsletter

15 December 2024  
Third Sunday of Advent

## Christmas in the Cathedral

- Carol Service** Thursday 19 December at 7:30pm.
- Christmas Eve** Mass at 6:00pm & 10:00pm; carols sung by the Cathedral Choir from 9:40pm.
- Christmas Day** Mass at 9:00am (Gaeilge), 10:30am and 12:30pm; no evening mass.
- After Christmas** Thursday 26 – Friday 27 December: mass at 11:00am only.
- Peace Mass** Mass for world peace on Wednesday 1 January at 10:00am.



## Confessions

- Monday – Saturday, 16–21 December: 5:00pm – 5:50pm
- Monday 23 December: 5:00pm – 5:50pm
- Tuesday 24 December: 11:30am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

*The full programme of Christmas and post-Christmas arrangements is listed on the flyer available at the Cathedral entrances – please take one with you.*

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

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

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday came to €2,479.41, for which we are very grateful.

**Church Gate Collection** — The Order of Malta holds its annual church gate collection after all masses today.

**Celebrations this Week** — Optional memorials of St Flannan, bishop (18 December; a feast in the Diocese of Killaloe), St Fachanan, bishop (20 December; a feast in the Diocese of Kilfenora), and St Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church (21 December).

### 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 priests' income is sourced from the monthly envelopes and standing order, separately from the weekly collections. 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!

## OTHER NEWS

**An Annual Remembrance Mass** for all babies who died on or around the time of birth will be held at 6.00pm on Sunday 22 December 2024 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oranmore. Parents, grandparents, siblings, family and friends are warmly invited. For further information contact Róisín at 083–0322262.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 6:00	Michael & Maura Greaney	Thur 6:00	PJ Veldon
Sun 9:00	Eileen Walsh	Fri 6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
10:30	Mary Kate Slattery	Sat 6:00	Raymond & Cathy Cloherty
6:00	Raymond & Cathy Cloherty	Sun 9:00	Austin O'Boyle
Mon 6:00	Michael, Ethna & Micheál Mitchell	12:30	Peggy Casserly
Wed 6:00	Joseph Sweeney	6:00	Joe Slattery

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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](http://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)

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.

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.

Organ postlude: Prelude in E minor (Bruhns)

*Weekly music listings on the website:*  
[www.galwaycathedral.ie/music/listings](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/music/listings)