



# Galway Cathedral Newsletter

22 December 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Christmas in the Cathedral

- 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 11:00am.



## Confessions

- 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

**No 11:00am Mass** on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December.

**Eucharistic Adoration** finishes at 6:00pm tomorrow, 23 December, and resumes after the 12:30pm mass on Sunday 29 December.

**Holy Year of Hope** — The opening of the 2025 Holy Year will be marked in the Cathedral on Sunday 29 December at the 10:30am mass.

**Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available at the doors: please return them to us before Monday 30 December, in order to allow us to claim tax relief for 2024. We greatly appreciate your support.

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday came to €2,625.44, for which we are very grateful.

**Job Opening** — The Cathedral is seeking a full-time Bookshop Sales Advisor; the successful applicant will assist visitors and customers, manage inventory, process sales and maintain the overall presentation of the shop. For full details about the role and how to apply visit [www.galwaycathedral.ie](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie).

**Celebrations this Week** — Feasts of St Stephen, first martyr (26 December), St John, apostle & evangelist (27 December), and the Holy Innocents, martyrs (28 December).

### Would you like join a choir?

Galway Cathedral Choir always welcomes new members. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm, and the choir sings at the Sunday 10:30am mass. If you are interested, please contact the director, Ray O'Donnell, at [music@galwaycathedral.ie](mailto:music@galwaycathedral.ie).



## OTHER NEWS

**SeniorLine Telephone Service** is a national service for older people who may be isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family, and would like someone to talk to; it is open 365 days per year between 10:00am and 10:00pm, at freephone 1800 804591.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 6:00	Raymond & Cathy Cloherty	Tue 6:00	Christmas novena
Sun 9:00	Austin O'Boyle	Thur 11:00	Mitchell family
10:30	Christmas novena	Fri 11:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
12:30	Peggy Casserly	Sat 6:00	Thomas Dalton
6:00	Joe Slattery	Sun 10:30	Kathleen & John Naughton
Mon 11:00	Christmas novena	6:00	Scully family

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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)

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.

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: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Bach)

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