

# **Galway Cathedral Newsletter**

29 December 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

# **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**Galway Cathedral 2025 Calendars** are available at the doors - please take one with you as you leave.

**Peace Mass** — The annual mass for world peace, celebrated by Bishop Duignan, takes place at 11:00am on new year's day, Wednesday 1 January.

**Unwanted Christmas Gifts** — In the sdays after Christmas, unwanted non-perishable gifts may be left in the box beside the crib for donation to Cope.

Eucharistic Adoration resumes today after the 12:30pm mass.

Holy Year of Hope — The opening of the 2025 Holy Year is marked at the 10:30am mass today.

**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.

**Christmas Dues Envelopes** are available at the doors of the Cathedral – if you are in a position to allow us to claim tax relief on your donation, please return it before tomorrow (30 December). We greatly appreciate your support.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday came to €2,540.98, for which we are very grateful.

**Celebrations this Week** — Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (1 January); memorial of Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church (2 January); optional memorials of the Holy Name of Jesus (3 January), and St Munchin (Mainchin), bishop (3 January; a feast in the Diocese of Limerick). St Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr (29 December), is not celebrated this year as the Sunday takes precedence.

#### 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.

# **OTHER NEWS**

**Galway Alzheimer Café** — The next gathering is on Friday 3 January between 2:00pm and 4:00pm in the Menlo Part Hotel. Anyone affected by dementia is welcome.



#### 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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Sat 6:00 Thomas Dalton
- Sun 10:30 Kathleen & John Naughton 6:00 Scully family
- Mon 11:00 Gerry O'Riordan
- Tue 11:00 Anne, Thomas & PJ Heneghan
- Wed 6:00 Joe McDonagh
- Thur 11:00 John & Delia Heneghan

# Fri 11:00 Mary Carey

- 6:00 Golden Book of Remembrance Sat 11:00 Mary McHugh
  - 6:00 Oscar de Souza
- Sun 10:30 Frank & Kathleen Maher 12:30 Bernadette Cahill

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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

#### 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)

Torhces (Joubert) Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping; come and sing your song to him!

Oíche Nollaig (arr. O'Donnell) With the angels' candles the sky outside is dotted, the tooth of the frost is in the wind from the hill. Bank the fire and go to bed, the Son of God will lie in this house tonight.

Organ postlude: In dulci jubilo (Bach)

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