



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

9 February 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Pre-Novena Cleaning — In advance of the upcoming Solemn Novena, the Cathedral will be given a good once-over on Tuesday next, 11 February, after the 6:00pm mass. If you are in a position to help, please come along then.

Solemn Novena 2025 takes place between Monday 17 and Tuesday 25 February. Flyers with full details are available at the doors.

Youth 2000 Gathering on Wednesday next at 7:00pm.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday came to €2,565.55. We are very grateful to all who continue to support the Cathedral in this way.

Celebrations this Week — Feast of Ss Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop, patrons of Europe (14 February); memorial of St Scholastica, virgin (10 February); optional memorials of Our Lady of Lourdes (11 February), and St Gobnait, virgin (11 February).

Together Towards Tomorrow in Hope 2025 – A Report

On 28 and 29 January, the priests of the Diocese of Clonfert and the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora along with lay staff from both dioceses met in Co. Clare. This was the first time the priests of both dioceses had come together for a time of friendship, prayer together and hope-filled reflection on the future.

Discussions were had on the journey to date in forming viable vibrant groupings of parishes or faith communities where priests and laity would work together to respond to the pastoral needs of the people. It was acknowledged that the future was going to be very different from the past, and that we had to move gradually towards a radical rationalisation of our current pastoral provisions and infrastructure. The need to involve and form lay people to take up various roles in parishes was discussed.

In the context of input on the recent universal synod on synodality in Rome, the importance of Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees was affirmed along with a need to focus on reaching out to people and inviting them to become active members of our local faith communities. The gathering also spent time on the strains and stresses of priestly ministry today and on how we might work out what might be a sustainable workload for priests where numbers of priests are decreasing and the demands on those who are in ministry increasing.

During the gathering it was announced that an inter-diocesan conference for members of Parish Pastoral Councils would take place in May, while in August Bishop Michael will lead a pilgrimage for young people to the Jubilee events for youth in Rome.

Please continue to keep these deliberations in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Masses for the living are not listed here, though are celebrated as usual.

Sat	6:00	Michael, Mary & John Burke; Burke & Holland families	Fri	6:00	Kathleen Sweeney
Sun	10:30	Brendan & Isabelle Ó Foíghill	Fri	11:00	Catherine Prior
	12:30	Msgr Seán O'Flaherty (Month's Mind)	Sat	6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
	6:00	Margaret Molloy	Sat	11:00	Tom, Tommy & Michael McDonagh
Mon	11:00	Paddy Fahy	Sun	6:00	Andy Telfer
	6:00	Thomas & Sarah Hogan	Sun	9:00	Seán & Eileen McGreal
Tue	6:00	Kitty Dowling		10:30	Fr Conor Maguire & parents
Wed	11:00	Pakie & Bridget Costello		12:30	Patrick R. Mullan; Mairéad Mullan
	6:00	Margaret Canavan		6:00	Susan McNally-Leonard
Thur	11:00	Julia & Alfie Hornbrook			

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Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte
Fr John Gerard Acton

Mass on Sunday

Sat. 6:00pm; Sun. 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday–Saturday, 5:30pm–5:50pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday–Friday, 11:30am–6:00pm
Sunday, 1:30pm–6:00pm

Marriage & Baptism

For details & requirements see www.galwaycathedral.ie/liturg

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

Safeguarding

Diocesan Pastoral Centre: 091- 575051

Music at today's 10:30am Mass

Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria)

Hail true body (Dykes Bower)

Hail true body, born of Mary by a wondrous virgin birth. You who on the cross were offered to redeem us all on earth. You whose side became a fountain pouring forth your precious blood, give us now and at our dying your own self to be our food. O kindest Jesu, O gracious Jesu, O Jesu, blessed Marys son.

Be still my soul (Sibelius)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is always near thee; bear patiently the cross of grief and pain. (...)

Organ postlude: Toccata in B minor (Gigout)

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