



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

2 November 2025

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Bereavement Support is available in the parish room of the Cathedral on the last Thursday of the month, between 7:00pm and 8:00pm.

Youth 2000 Gathering on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

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.

Celebrations This Week — Feast of All the Saints of Ireland (6 November); memorials of St Malachy, bishop (3 November; a feast in the Archdiocese of Armagh and the Diocese of Down & Connor), and St Charles Borromeo, bishop (4 November); optional memorials of St Martin de Porres, religious (5 November), and St Willibrord, bishop & missionary (7 November).

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls' Day falls on Sunday 2 November; mass is at 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 6:00pm.

Plenary Indulgences for the souls of the departed in Purgatory

- From 12.00 noon on 1 November until 12.00 midnight on 2 November, all who have confessed within the week preceding or following 1 November, received Holy Communion on any day between 1 and 8 November and prayed for the Pope's intentions may gain **one plenary indulgence** by visiting a church or oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.
- Those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence **once per day** between 1 and 8 November. The same conditions apply.

November Lists of the Dead — Please return your envelopes to be included in the November novena.

November Novena of Remembrance — Please see overleaf.

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Clergy

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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/liturgy

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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

Ms Aileen Cawley: 085-2288047

OTHER NEWS

Blessing of Graves in Forthill Cemetery today at 12:15pm.

Table Quiz in Support of Galway Hospice takes place in the Connacht Hotel at 7:45pm on Wednesday 5 November, and is hosted by Galway Flying Club. Entrance is €10 per person, with tables of four. Please contact pro@galwayflyingclub.org to register.

An **INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM** for those using hearing aids is available throughout the Cathedral – please set your hearing aid to the “T” position.



Cathedral Cleaning Team

The team of dedicated volunteers who clean the Cathedral every Thursday morning could use some new members. If you can give some time between 9:30am and 11:00am on a Thursday, please come along and grab a brush!

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat 6:00 Margaret Ridge

Music at today's 10:30am Mass

Missa pro defunctis (Anerio)

I heard a voice from heaven (Goss)
I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me: Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

The beatitudes (Glenstal)

Amen! Truly I say to you: this day you will be with me in paradise.

Organ postlude: Litanies (Alain)

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

November Novena of Remembrance

at Galway Cathedral

2 November — 10 November

*During each day of the novena our liturgy
will have a specific focus as follows:*



Sunday 2 November	For deceased parents, grandparents and family members, whose love and caring shaped our lives.
Monday 3 November	For refugees, migrants, and those displaced by conflict or disaster, who died seeking safety and hope.
Tuesday 4 November	For emigrants and those who died far from home, separated from loved ones but not from our prayers.
Wednesday 5 November	For deceased clergy and religious, who dedicated their lives to serving God and others.
Thursday 6 November	For babies, children and young people who died too soon, leaving us with unfilled dreams and deep sorrow.
Friday 7 November	For those who died by suicide, and for the healing of families and communities affected by this loss.
Saturday 8 November	For victims of tragic accidents, unexpected deaths, and those lost in sudden circumstances.
Sunday 9 November	For all who died in the last year, and for those who continue to grieve their absence.
Monday 10 November	For those killed in war, violence, and natural disasters, and for innocent lives lost in global turmoil.

Why Sunday Matters: Sunday Mass Creates and Celebrates Communion

Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is '...the way, the truth and the life' (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and communion with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised him in the breaking of bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church: the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope St John Paul II emphasised that '...none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and his Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.

— From *Why Sunday Matters* (Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, 2025)