



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

9 November 2025
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Poinsettias for Christmas — This Christmas, honour a loved one by dedicating a poinsettia; your loved one will also be remembered in the Christmas novena masses (16–24 December). Envelopes are available at the entrance to the mortuary chapel.

Visiting Choir — We welcome Castlecomer Male Voice Choir to sing at the 6:00pm mass on Saturday next, 15 November.

Mass for deceased members of the legal profession on Wednesday next, 12 November, at 1:05pm.

Youth 2000 Gathering on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday amounted to €3,057.51, and on Saturday 1 November came to €694.37 – sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral in this way.

Heat & Light Collection — There is a second collection at all Sunday masses next weekend, in aid of the ongoing upkeep of the Cathedral.

Celebrations This Week — Memorials of St Leo the Great, pope & doctor of the Church (10 November), St Martin of Tours, bishop (11 November), and St Josaphat, bishop & martyr (12 November); optional memorials of St Laurence O'Toole, bishop (14 November; a feast in the Archdiocese of Dublin), and St Albert the Great, bishop & doctor of the Church (15 November).

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OTHER NEWS

Emmaus Scripture School offers an evening class on the first letter of St John, on Tuesdays between 6:00pm and 7:00pm beginning on 11 November: details and registration at <https://1john.eventbrite.ie>.

Youth 2000 Connaught Retreat takes place in Summerhill College, Sligo, between 21 and 23 November. Register online at www.youth2000.ie.

Catholic Medical Association of Ireland holds its annual conference in the St Charles Centre, Mount Argus, Dublin, on Saturday 22 November; contact icdln@eircom.net for more information.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Tue 11:00	Donal Bell	6:00	Anne Niland
6:00	Sr Pierre	Sun 9:00	Josephine & Tom Kelly
Wed 11:00	Deceased bishops & priests of the diocese	10:30	Deceased members of Galway Cathedral Choir
6:00	Frank Duff	12:30	Larry, Evan & Conor Connolly; Wade, Lee & Barbour families
Thur 11:00	Owen & Ronan Power	6:00	James & Mary O'Malley; Anita Krutz
Fri 11:00	Gerard Mullin		
Sat 11:00	Tony & Breda Hollingsworth		

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Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte
Fr John Gerard Acton
Fr Jijo Johnney

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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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

Ms Aileen Cawley: 085-2288047

Music at today's 10:30am Mass

Missa pro defunctis (plainchant)

The beatitudes (Glenstal)

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

O strength and stay (Bourgeois/Harris)

O strength and stay upholding all creation,
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide, yet
day by day the light in due gradation from
hour to hour through all its changes guide:
grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
an eve untouched by shadows of decay. (...)

Organ postlude: Choral in B minor
(Franck)

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: an Invitation to Participate

The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among younger people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the church.

However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith.

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