



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

7 December 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Live Crib — The annual live crib takes place in the Cathedral grounds on Tuesday 16 December, between 11:30am and 4:00pm.

Carol Service — The Cathedral carol service takes place on Thursday 18 December, at 7:30pm, with Bishop Duignan presiding.

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the Cathedral doors — please return them before Monday 22 December.

Youth 2000 Gathering on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Celebrations This Week — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 December); memorial of St Lucy, virgin & martyr (13 December); optional memorials of St Juan Diago Cuauhtlatoazin (9 December), Our Lady of Loreto (10 December), St Damasus I, pope (11 December), Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 December), and St Finnian, bishop (12 December; a feast in the Diocese of Meath). St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church (7 December), is not celebrated this year as the Sunday of Advent takes precedence.

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OTHER NEWS

Advent Talks — The annual series of advent talks takes place over three Wednesdays starting on 3 December in Árus Naofa, St Oliver Plunkett Church, Renmore, at 8:00pm each evening. More details on the posters at the Cathedral doors.

Survey on Primary School Patronage — The Department of Education & Youth is holding a survey on the future of primary school patronage. All interested people are invited to take part, before 16 December: <https://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey>.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat, for people aged 18–35 years, takes place in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare, between 12 and 14 December. More information and registration at www.youth2000.ie or email office@youth2000.ie.

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.

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| Sat 6:00 | Julia Mahon | | |
| Sun 10:30 | Jack Cunningham | | |
| | 12:30 Della Forde (Month's Mind) | Sat 11:00 | Finnegan |
| | 6:00 Michael & Maureen Greaney | | Golden Book of Remembrance |
| Mon 11:00 | Anthony Folan | | Mary Kate Slattery |
| Tue 6:00 | John & Delia Heneghan | | 6:00 Niall McGreevy |
| Wed 11:00 | John & Ellen McLoughlin | Sun 9:00 | Patsaí, Sarah, Nancy, Pádraic, Sally, Barbara & Bridie Ó Finneadh |
| | 6:00 James & Mary Doherty | | 10:30 Joe O'Slattery |
| Thur 11:00 | Nora & Thomas Mullane | | 12:30 Anne Bridget Tansey (Month's Mind) |
| | 6:00 Ann Martin | | 6:00 Kathleen & Tom Naughton |
| Fri 11:00 | Jack Collins; Tom & Mary | | |

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Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte
Fr John Gerard Acton
Fr Jijo Johnney
Br Ian Cunningham OFM

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 cum jubilo (plainchant)

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.

Behold a virgin bearing him (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.

Organ postlude: Prelude in E minor
(Bruhns)

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