



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

14 December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas in the Cathedral

- Live Crib** Tuesday 16 December from 11:30am.
Carol Service Thursday 18 December at 7:30pm.
Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm & 10:00pm; carols sung by the Cathedral Choir from 9:40pm.
Christmas Day Mass at 9:00am (Gaeilge), 10:30am and 12:30pm; no evening mass.
After Christmas Friday 26 December: mass at 11:00am only.
Peace Mass Mass for world peace on Sunday 4 January at 11:00am.



Confessions

- Monday – Tuesday, 22–23 December: 5:00pm – 5:50pm
Wednesday 24 December: 11:30am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

The full programme of Christmas and post-Christmas arrangements is listed on the flyer available at the Cathedral entrances – please take one with you.

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.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday amounted to €2,725.61, and on the previous Sunday to €3,302.53 – sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral in this way.

Diocesan Family Services Collection — The collection on Sunday 30 November amounted to €632.55, from which we are very grateful.

Church Gate Collection — The Order of Malta is holding a collection after all masses today, and will appreciate your support.

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

Solemn Novena 2026 — Next year's Solemn Novena take place between 2 and 10 February 2026.

Celebrations This Week — Optional memorials of **St Flannan**, bishop (18 December; a feast in the Diocese of Killaloe), and **St Fachanan**, bishop (20 December; a feast in the Diocese of Kilfenora). St John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church, is not celebrated this year as the Sunday of Advent takes precedence.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat 6:00	Niall McGreevy	Wed 11:00	Christmas novena
Sun 9:00	Patsai, Sarah, Nancy, Pádraic, Sally, Barbara & Bridie Ó Finneadha	Thur 11:00	Christmas novena
10:30	Joe O'Slattery	6:00	Joseph Sweeney
12:30	Anne Bridget Tansey (Month's Mind)	Fri 11:00	Christmas novena
6:00	Kathleen & Tom Naughton	6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
Mon 6:00	Joe, Nellie & Terry Gurry	Sat 11:00	Christmas novena
Tue 11:00	Christmas novena	Sun 10:30	Christmas novena
6:00	Michael, Ethna & Micheál Mitchell	12:30	Peggy Casserly
		6:00	John & Anne Madden

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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

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

Ms Aileen Cawley: 085-2288047

Music at today's 10:30am Mass

Missa cum jubilo (plainchant)

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 the promise of the holy night. We lift our prayer and bend our knee to his great love and majesty.

Rorate cæli (Tye)

Drop dew, ye heavens, from above and let the clouds break forth in showers upon the righteous, in rain upon the just; and let the earth be opened and blossom forth with heavenly fruit, a Saviour.

Organ postlude: Nun kopmm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 (Bach)