



# Galway Cathedral Newsletter

21 December 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



## Christmas in the Cathedral

- 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 12:30am.

## 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

**Christmas Eve** — There is no 11:00am mass on Wednesday 24 December.

**After Christmas** — There is no 6:00pm mass on Friday 26 December; the normal mass schedule resumes on Saturday 27 December.

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday amounted to €2,853.34, and on 8 December was €971.92 – sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral in this way.

**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** — Feasts of St Stephen, first martyr (26 December), and St John, apostle & evangelist (27 December); optional memorial of St John of Kenty, priest (23 December). St Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church, is not celebrated this year as the Sunday of Advent takes precedence.

## OTHER NEWS

**Breakthrough Cancer Research** is taking on the final 100km of the Camino de Santiago between 13 and 20 April 2026, and is inviting people to take part: for more information, contact Edel at [edel@breakcancer.ie](mailto:edel@breakcancer.ie) or 021–4226655.

**Ability West** is recruiting a maintenance assistant and a job coach for its Community Employment Scheme. Applicants must be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for at least 12 months. More information from Breda Kerans at 087–6751415

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sun 10:30	Christmas novena	6:00	Christmas novena
12:30	Peggy Casserly	Fri 11:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
6:00	John & Anne Madden	Sat 6:00	Annie, Thomas & PJ Heneghan
Mon 11:00	Christmas novena	Sun 10:30	All Cathedral volunteers
6:00	Teresa, Peter & Tom Hussey	12:30	Teresa Diviney
Tue 11:00	Christmas novena	6:00	Austin O'Boyle

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### Clergy

- Mgr Peter Rabbitte  
Fr John Gerard Acton  
Fr Jijo Johny  
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](http://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 de angelis (plainchant)

Gaudete (anon.)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary: rejoice!

### Torches (Joubert)

Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping; come and sing your song to him! Ah Roro, Roro my baby, ah Roro, my love, Roro; sleep you well, my heart's own darling, while we sing you our Roro. Sing my friends, and make you merry, joy and mirth and joy again; lo, he lives, the King of heaven, now and evermore, Amen.

Organ postlude: Passacaglia in D minor (Buxtehude)