



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

28 December 2025
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Guided Holy Hour — The Monday guided Holy Hour does not take place tomorrow evening, 29 December; it resumes the following Monday, 5 January.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes today after the 12:30pm mass.

Mass for Vocations on Wednesday 31 December at 6:00pm.

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.

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the Cathedral doors – please return them before 29 December.

Mass for World Peace — The annual Peace Mass is celebrated by Bishop Duignan on Sunday next, 4 January, at 12:30pm.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday amounted to €3,558.09 – sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral in this way.

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

Celebrations This Week — Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (1 January); memorial of Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzem, bishops & doctors of the Church (2 January); optional memorials of St Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr (29 December), the Holy Name of Jesus (3 January), and St Munchin (Mainchin), bishop (3 January; a feast in the Diocese of Limerick). The Holy Innocents, martyrs (28 December), are not celebrated this year.

Would you like join a choir?

Galway Cathedral Choir always welcomes new members.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm, and the choir sings at the Sunday 10:30am mass.

If you are interested, please contact the director, Ray O'Donnell, at music@galwaycathedral.ie.



VOCATIONS

If you think you may have a vocation to the priesthood, or if you are interested in the religious life and would like to discuss it with someone, please contact Fr Ian O'Neill at galwaypriesthood@gmail.com or 087-2048497.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat	6:00	Annie, Thomas & PJ Heneghan	Thur	11:00	PJ Veldon
Sun	10:30	All Cathedral volunteers		6:00	Martin & Helen Cummins
	12:30	Teresa Diviney	Fri	11:00	Teresa Lydon
	6:00	Austin O'Boyle	Sat	6:00	Thomas Dalton; Dalton family
Mon	11:00	Artie Mitchell; Mitchell family	Sun	9:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
	6:00	Peter, Elizabeth & Thomas Lawless; Macken family		10:30	Kathleen & Frank Maher
Tue	11:00	Leo Hernan		12:30	Msgr Seán O'Flaherty
Wed	11:00	Gerry O'Riordan		6:00	Nora Hansberry; Hansberry family

Galway Cathedral • Galway, H91 A780

t 091-563577
e info@galwaycathedral.ie
w www.galwaycathedral.ie

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

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: Intrada (Ives)

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