



# 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.

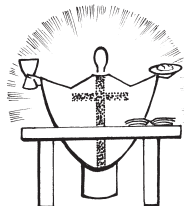
**Celebrations This Week** — Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (1 January); memorial of Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church (2 January); optional memorials of St Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr (29 December), the Holy Name of Jesus (3 January), and St Munchin (Mainchin), 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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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](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: Intrada (Ives)

Weekly music listings on the Cathedral website:  
[www.galwaycathedral.ie/music/listings](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/music/listings)