



# Galway Cathedral Newsletter

4 January 2026  
Second Sunday of Christmas

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**Mass for World Peace** — The annual Peace Mass is celebrated by Bishop Duignan at today's 12:30pm.

**Guided Holy Hour** — The Monday guided Holy Hour resumes tomorrow evening, 5 January, at 8:00pm.

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday amounted to €2,851.90 — sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral in this way.

**Youth 2000 Gathering** resumes on Wednesday 14 January at 7:00pm.

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

**Celebrations This Week** — Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (6 January); optional memorials of St Charles of St Andrew, priest (5 January), and St Raymond of Penyafort, priest (7 January).



### Feast of the Epiphany

*Tuesday 6 January — Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass on Monday at 6:00pm, and on Tuesday at 11:00am & 6:00pm.

## OTHER NEWS

**Anam Cara**, an organisation supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly parent support evening on Wednesday 7 January at 7:30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.

### 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).



### Book of the Month:

*Be Healed*, by Bob Schuchts

Available in the Cathedral Bookshop



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat	6:00	Thomas Dalton; Dalton family	6:00	Jack Lee	
Sun	9:00	Golden Book of Remembrance	Thur	6:00	Brian McKenna
	10:30	Kathleen & Frank Maher	Fri	11:00	Mary Lynch
	6:00	Nora Hansberry; Hansberry family		6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
Mon	6:00	Joseph & Mary Macken; Macken family	Sat	11:00	Mary Carey
Wed	11:00	John & Biddy Ward and family; Ward & McDonagh families		6:00	Breda Cullen
			Sun	10:30	Esther & Peter Gilligan

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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!

Oíche Nollaig (arr. O'Donnell)

With the angels' candles the sky outside is dotted; the tooth of the frost is in the wind from the hill. Bank the fire and go to bed; the Son of God will lie in this house tonight. Leave the door open for her, the Maiden who comes and her infant at her breast. Be willing to take your rest, Mary; let the Son of God lie in this house tonight. There were lights lit in that guest house, preparation without scarcity, food and drink for wool merchants, for silk merchants; but the Son of God will lie in this house tonight.

Organ postlude: Prelude (Buxtehude)