



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

8 March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

CATHEDRAL NEWS

St Patrick's Day — Mass on Tuesday 17 March will be celebrated at 10:00am (not 11:00am) and 6:00pm.

Stations of the Cross are prayed after the 6:00pm Mass each Friday during lent.

Youth 2000 Gathering on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Trócaire Collection — There is a second collection after communion at all Sunday masses next weekend, in aid of Trócaire; this is to allow those not using family fast boxes to contribute to Trócaire's work.

Celebrations This Week — Optional memorials of St Frances of Rome, religious (9 March), and St Aengus, bishop & abbot (11 March). John of God, religious (8 March), and St Senan, bishop (8 March), are not celebrated this year as the Sunday takes precedence.

Ministry of Catechist & the Permanent Diaconate — *Application extended to 12 March*

Would you be interested in serving in the Ministry of Catechist or the Permanent Diaconate in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora?

As part of a dynamic and creative team, in union with priests, deacons, parish pastoral councils and others, catechists assist with the delivery of various faith development programmes and opportunities at both parish level and beyond.

Permanent Deacons are ordained to a life of service in charity to the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. They also provide a Ministry of the Word in preaching in church and officiating at certain liturgies, and Ministry of the Altar, in assisting the celebrant at Mass and preparing people for and officiating at baptisms and weddings.

Both the Ministry of Catechist and the Permanent Diaconate involve a sizeable period of discernment and formation. For further information please contact Fr Hugh Clifford (091-637154 or catechistsdeacons@clonfertgalway.ie) before 12 March 2026.

OTHER NEWS

Mothers' Prayers in St John's Rest, Knock Shine, 13-15 March, for those who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren.

Rise & Shine wishes to thank all who contributed to last weekend's church gate collection; a total of €1,016.66 was realised at the Cathedral.

Cathedral Cleaning Team

The team of dedicated volunteers who clean the Cathedral every Thursday morning could use some new members. If you can give some time between 9:30am and 11:00am on a Thursday, please come along and grab a brush!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat 6:00	Ronan Duignan	6:00	Kevin Keane
Sun 9:00	Richard de Buitléir	Thur 11:00	Gerry, Anthony & Brendan Loughlin
10:30	Tom & Louisa Gill	Fri 6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
6:00	Mary O'Connor	Sat 6:00	Brendan Collins
Mon 11:00	Noreen Daly; Longan family	Sun 9:00	Ellen & Patrick Morgan
6:00	Assumpta Creaven	10:30	Margaret Browne
Tue 11:00	Melissa Gough	6:00	Seán & Chrissie Scully
6:00	Msgr Seán O'Flaherty		
Wed 11:00	Ellen Keane		

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Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte
Fr John Gerard Acton
Fr Jijo Johney
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 Orbis Factor (plainchant)

Deus meus adiuvá me (arr. O'Donnell)

My God, help me. Give me love of thee, O Son of my God. Lord, give what I ask of thee, give, give speedily, O bright and gleaming sun. Love of thee, as thou wishest, give me in thy might (I will say it again). My Lord, hear me. May my soul, O God, be full of love for thee.

Like as the hart (Howells)

Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Organ postlude: Partita on Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig (Bach)

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The Creed – Standing in the Faith of the Church

After hearing the Word, we stand and profess the Creed, entering into communion with the universal Church. The Catechism teaches, “The profession of faith begins with God, for God is the First and the Last” (CCC 198). When we say “I believe,” we proclaim revealed truth, not personal preference.

Life often feels unstable. Illness raises questions. Financial strain creates fear. Cultural pressures make Catholic teaching costly. Yet the Creed remains firm.

When we profess faith in the Trinity, we reject the false gods of power and self-sufficiency. When we declare belief in the Resurrection, we proclaim hope stronger than death. When we affirm the Church as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, we unite ourselves to saints and martyrs who held this faith through persecution.

Saint Irenaeus described the Church as possessing “one soul and one heart” in preserving the apostolic faith. Speaking the Creed anchors our daily lives in eternal truth.

Prayer

*Lord God,
strengthen my faith when it feels fragile
and deepen it when it grows complacent.
As I profess the Creed, unite me more fully to your Church.
May the truths I proclaim with my lips
shape the way I live, love, and hope each day.
Amen.*