



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

17 May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Sandessund Blamdakor, a choir from Tromsø in the far north of Norway, visits the Cathedral on Thursday 21 May and sings at the 6:00pm Mass. Some more information about the choir is on the Cathedral website.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday came to €3,095.11: our sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral financially.

Celebrations This Week — Optional memorials of St John I, pope & martyr (18 May), St Bernadine of Siena, priest (20 May), Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest, & companions, martyrs (21 May), and St Rita of Cascia, religious (22 May).

Charitable Donation Scheme — If you are an Irish taxpayer and have contributed more than €250 to the Cathedral within a calendar year, you can enhance the value of your donation – at no additional cost to yourself – by filling a CHY4 form (available from the Cathedral office or from the Revenue website) and returning it to the office. This allows us to avail of Revenue's Charitable Donation Scheme and reclaim a portion of the tax paid on the donation. Please contact the office for more details.

OTHER NEWS

Galway & Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place today, with stations of the cross at 2:00pm, anointing of the sick at 2:30pm and Mass at 3:00pm, followed by Eucharistic blessing and rosary. A bus leaves the Cathedral at 11:00am and Claregalway at 11:45am: for more information email knockgkk@gmail.com, or ring 087-7573944 or 087-2048497.

Galway Simon holds a church-gate collection after all Masses today, and will appreciate your support.

Rosary for the Month of May will be prayed at 7:00pm each evening of the month at the grotto in Greenfields: all are welcome.

Day Retreat for the Vigil of Pentecost takes place in Kylemore Abbey on Saturday 23 May, and is facilitated by Sr Genevieve Harrington OSB. For information and to register, please contact retreats@kylemoreabbey.ie or 095-52098.

Croagh Patrick Climb in aid of Galway Hospice on 20 June: to take part, register at www.galwayhospice.ie/climb, email fundraising@galwayhospice.ie or ring 091-770868.

Young Adult Camino Pilgrimage over the final 100km from Sarria to Santiago, led by Bishop Michael Duignan. The pilgrimage is open to persons aged 18–35, takes place between 11 and 20 July 2026, and includes flights and accommodation. More information from youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.ie.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat	6:00	Manus, Fr Gregory, Dill & Jack McManus	Fri	11:00	Bride McDonagh; McDonagh family
Sun	9:00	Bridget Sweeney		6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
	10:30	Margaret Murray	Sat	11:00	Micheál Mitchell; Ethna & Michael Mitchell
	6:00	Ivan & Thomas Canavan		6:00	Carmel Flaherty
Mon	6:00	Seán McDermott	Sun	9:00	Seosamh Ó hÓgartaigh
Tue	11:00	Bernie Carroll		10:30	Patrick Murray
	6:00	Alice Costello		6:00	Seán Hardiman
Thur	11:00	John, Bernadette & John (Jnr) Murphy			

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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

Mass for three voices (Byrd); Sanctus IV
Dixit Maria (Hassler)
Mary said to the angel: Behold the
handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me
according to thy word.

Most glorious Lord of life (Harris)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away
captivity thence captive, us to win. (...)

Organ postlude: Fugue sur le nom d'Alain
(Durufle)

*Weekly music listings are available on the
Cathedral website.*