



# Galway Cathedral Newsletter

31 May 2026  
The Most Holy Trinity

## CATHEDRAL NEWS

**Visiting Choir** — We welcome the Chapel Choir of the University of Aberdeen to sing at the Saturday 6:00pm Mass this weekend. The choir is directed by Stuart Muir, and accompanied by Andrew Forbes, organist and Director of Music at Glasgow Cathedral.

**Confirmations** — We extend our congratulations to all the young people making their confirmation at the 12:30pm Mass today.

**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.

**Corpus Christi Procession** — The annual procession to mark the feast of Corpus Christi takes place next Sunday, 7 June. It begins with Mass at 3:00pm in the Franciscan Abbey, and from there proceeds to the Poor Clare Monastery, Nuns' Island.

**The Offertory Collection** last Sunday came to €2,578.11: our sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral financially.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** — There is a second collection at all Sunday Masses next weekend in aid of the upcoming pilgrimage.

**Celebrations This Week** — Memorials of St Justin, martyr (1 June), St Kevin, abbot (3 June; a feast in the Archdiocese of Dublin), Ss Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs (4 June), and St Boniface, bishop & martyr (5 June); optional memorials of Ss Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs (2 June), St Norbert, bishop (6 June), and St Jarlath, bishop (6 June; a feast in the Archdiocese of Tuam).

Friday marked Br Ian's last day with us at the Cathedral, as his diaconate placement came to an end. It is right that we give thanks for all that he has been among us during his time here. We thank God for his service, and his generous sharing of his gifts. Many of us have been especially nourished by his homilies: by the care with which he has opened the Word of God for us, and by the encouragement he has offered to help us receive that Word more deeply in our lives.



Brother Ian will be ordained priest today, and we hold him very much in our prayers as he takes this next step in his vocation. We pray that the Lord will bless him abundantly and make his priestly ministry fruitful for the people he will be called to serve. We also look forward to welcoming him back in the days ahead for his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at the Cathedral. The details of that celebration will be announced in June. This weekend, we simply say thank you, Brother Ian, and assure you of our gratitude and our prayers.

— Msgr Peter Rabbitte & Fr John Gerard Acton

## OTHER NEWS

**Rosary for the Month of May** concludes this evening, Sunday 31 May, with Mass at 7:30pm at the grotto in Greenfields. Seating will be available.

**Galway Choral Association** summer concert on Saturday 6 June at 8:00pm in the Augustinian Church, Middle Street; tickets from members, Eventbrite or at the door.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat 6:00	Hubert & Mary Heavey; Heavey & Burke families	Wed 11:00	Anna & Tommy Moore
Sun 10:30	Eleanor Loughlin	Thur 6:00	Winifred Skehill
6:00	Deceased residents of Newcastle Park	Fri 6:00	Golden Book of Remembrance
Mon 11:00	November Lists of the Dead	Sat 11:00	Justin Toper
6:00	Kathleen Higgins	6:00	Martin & Mary Lydon; Patrick Lydon
Tue 11:00	Joan O'Donnell (Month's Mind)	Sun 10:30	Laurence & Eileen Donohue
6:00	Tommy Walsh	12:30	Orla Casserly
		6:00	Tom & Kay Naughton

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#### Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte  
Fr John Gerard Acton  
Fr Jijo Johney

#### 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/liturg](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/liturg)

#### 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

Alta Trinità beata (anon.)

Blessed Trinity in the highest, we always adore you. Glorious Trinity, marvellous unity: you are manna, savoured and most longed for.

Magnificat (Stanford)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (...)

Organ postlude: Prelude & fugue in E flat, BWV 552 (Bach)

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

# Dear Exam Students of 2026,

- I hope that you are well as you enter into this final time of preparation for your upcoming exams.

No exam, no matter how important, can ever define you. You are much more than any exam and much more important in God's eyes than any grade you might receive.

I know that exam time can be a stressful time. This is all the more so when the exams we are sitting might influence our future path in life. I just wanted to let all the young people involved in this year's state examination processes know that you are very much in my thoughts and prayers at this significant time in your lives. I am also thinking of the parents, guardians, families, teachers and friends of those sitting examinations. It can also be an anxious time for you.

One of the great things about living in the age in which we live is that your future does not have to be defined by these exams. Although they are an important step in gaining access to the course or career you have dreamed of, don't forget that there are many other ways and a variety of other paths that can lead you to where you should be in life. It is not "what you are in life" or "what degree you have" but rather the "kind of person you are" that makes all the difference.

Try to get rest, eat well, take time off, relax as best you can. Find a reasonable study schedule. Do your best and then let God do the rest. He will be there with you to calm those nerves, to help you in ways you might not expect and most of all to give you the gift of perspective. No exam, no matter how important, can ever define you. You are much more than any exam and much more important in God's eyes than any grade you might receive.

Remembering you all in my prayers at this time and indeed throughout the summer and always.

*Michael G. Duignan*

Bishop of Clonfert  
Bishop of Galway and Kilmacduagh  
Apostolic Administrator of Kilfenora



# A dhaltai scrúduithe 2026,

- Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go maith agus sibh anois ag déanamh na réiteach deireanach do na scrúduithe atá romhaibh.

Ní shaineoidh scrúdú ar bith sibh, is cuma cé chomh tábhachtach is atá sé. Tá sibh i bhfad níos mó ná scrúdú ar bith, agus i bhfad níos luachmhaire i súile Dé ná grád ar bith a gheobhaidh sibh.

Tá a fhios agam gur am brúidiúil go maith é am na scrúduithe. Bíonn sé sin níos measa arís nuair a cheapann muid go bhféadfadh na scrúduithe seo tionchar a bheith acu ar an mbealach a rachaidh muid inár saol amach anseo. Ba mhaith liom a rá leis na daoine óga ar fad atá ag déanamh na scrúduithe stáit i mbliana go bhfuil sibh go mór i mo chuid smaointe agus paidreacha ag an am tábhachtach seo in bhur saol. Táim ag cuimhneamh freisin ar bhur dtuismitheoirí, ar bhur gcaomhnóirí, ar bhur muintir, ar bhur múinteoirí agus ar bhur gcairde. Is féidir leis a bheith ina am inni dóibhsean chomh maith.

Ceann de na rudaí maithe faoin saol atá againn inniu ná nach gá go mbeadh bhur dtodhchaí socraithe ag na scrúduithe seo. Is céim thábhachtach iad, cinnte, i dtreo an chúrsa nó na gairme a bhfuil sibh ag brínglóideach fúithi, ach ná déan dearmad go bhfuil bealaí eile ann, agus cosáin eile, a thabharfaidh sibh go dtí an áit a bhfuil sibh le bheith sa saol. Sa deireadh thiar, ní hé "céard a dhéanann tú sa saol" ná "cén chéim atá agat" an rud is tábhachtaí, ach "cén cineál duine thú".

Déanaigí iarracht codladh maith a fháil, ithe go maith, sosanna a thógáil, agus bhur n-intinn a ligean ar a suaimhneas chomh maith agus is féidir. Cuirigí plean staidéir ciallmhar le chéile. Déanaigí bhur ndícheall, agus fág an chuid eile faoi Dhia. Beidh Sé in bhur dteannta: ag suaimhniú na néaróg, ag cabhrú libh ar bhealaí nach mbeifeá ag súil leo, agus thar an rud eile, ag tabhairt peirspictíochta daoibh. Ní shaineoidh scrúdú ar bith sibh. Tá sibh i bhfad níos mó ná scrúdú ar bith, agus i bhfad níos luachmhaire i súile Dé ná grád ar bith a gheobhaidh sibh.

Beidh mé ag cuimhneamh oraibh ar fad i mo chuid paidreacha ag an am seo, i rith an tsamhraidh, agus i gcónaí.

*Michael G. Duignan*

Easpag Chluain Fearta  
Easpag na Gaillimhe agus Chill Mhich Dhuach  
Riarthóir Aspalda Chill Fhionnúrach

