



Galway Cathedral Newsletter

21 June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Meet & Greet — New volunteers are sought to join the team which greets visitors to the Cathedral over the summer. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact details in the office.

Summer Concerts — The Cathedral's annual international series of summer concerts begins on Thursday 2 July, and runs at 8:00pm each Thursday until 7 August. Full details are on the dedicated website at <https://recitals.galwaycathedral.ie>.

The Offertory Collection last Sunday came to €3,242.87: our sincere thanks to all who continue to support the Cathedral financially.

Peter's Pence — The traditional "Peter's Pence" collection, which goes to support Pope Leo's charitable work, will be taken after all Sunday Masses next weekend.

Lourdes Petition Envelopes are available at the doors, and will be brought to Lourdes by the diocesan pilgrimage when it departs on 29 June.

Celebrations This Week — Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24 June); optional memorials of St Paulinus of Nola, bishop (22 June), Ss John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs (22 June), and St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church (27 June). St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious (21 June), is not celebrated this year as the Sunday celebration takes precedence.

Day for Life — Today, Sunday 21 June, the Church celebrates Day for Life on the theme "The humanity of the unborn child", inviting us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as he was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until his birth.

— To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie.

OTHER NEWS

Church Gate Collection — The Order of Malta is holding its church gate collection after all Masses today, and will appreciate your support.

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock — To mark the 800th jubilee of St Francis, the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) has arranged a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 28 June, with a bus departing the Franciscan Abbey at 11:00am. Tickets cost €20 and are available from the Abbey office.

Vacancy: Diocesan Advisor for Primary Religious Education — The diocese invites applications for this position, in which role the successful candidate will support religious education in primary schools and assist parishes in supporting parents of primary-school children. See www.clonfertgalway.ie/jobs for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Sat	6:00	John Joe McDonagh	Wed	11:00	Bridie Connolly
Sun	9:00	Martin Scully		6:00	Noel Gahan
	10:30	Margaret & Ned Griffin; Griffin family	Thur	11:00	Joe Dowling
	12:30	Eileen Jennings	Fri	11:00	Mary Burke
	6:00	Michael, Bridie & Carmel Flaherty	Sat	11:00	Patrick Small
Mon	6:00	Magdalena Wilinska		6:00	Micheál Elwood
Tue	11:00	Sr Ellen Devine; James & Bridget Cafferty	Sun	10:30	Hugh, Ellie & Tom Rooney
	6:00	Mattie Killeen		12:30	Tony Farrell
				6:00	Mattie Mahon

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Clergy

Mgr Peter Rabbitte
Fr John Gerard Acton
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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

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)

If ye love me (Tallis)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

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: Prelude on "Christ be near at either hand" (Stanford)

Weekly music listings are available on the Cathedral website.