Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday December 14th at 6.30pm
Annie & Tommy Ryan & dec members of their family.
Andrew O'Connor
Jim (Anniv) & Annie Foy
Mick & Peggy Varley

Thursday December 19th at 9.30am
Special Intention

Saturday December 21st at 6.30pm
Patrick Moran (7th Anniv)
Paddy Mullahy (8th Anniv) & his daughter Karen
Donal Lenihan (17th Anniv)

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday December 15th at 9.30am
Tommy O'Brien 1st Anniv & his son Tommy
Margaret & Martin Joyce & Sheila & Louise Joyce
Una & Tom Lynagh
Kevin Kennedy (17th Anniv) & Ellen Kennedy
Paddy & Phil Greaney
John & Mary Lynagh
Jack & Winnie Macken

Wednesday December 18th at 9.30am
Special Intention

Sunday December 22nd at 9.30am
Agnes, John & Tom Shaughnessy & dec family members
Annie & Patrick Biggins & their son Mattie (Anniv)

All Masses from The Neale Church are broadcast on Parish Radio 95FM.

Gluten Free Hosts are available in our three Churches at Mass times. People can come forward and consume the Host themselves from the Ciborium which is on a table on the right hand side as you approach the altar.

St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong

Sunday December 15th 11am
James Murphy (3rd Anniv)
Michael & Margaret McGrath & dec family members
Jenny & Tommy Tomlinson & dec family members
Edward Morrin
Tom Ryan (Anniv) & his wife Helen
Mary Ann & Dick Dunleavy, Drumshiel

Tuesday December 17th
No Mass in Cong

Rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Sunday December 22nd at 11am
Margaret & Mylie Molloy & dec family members
Kevin Kennedy (17th Anniv) & Luke and Cara Killeen
Justin Holian & Mike Lydon
Brian Morrin

Weekly Offertory Collection
Many thanks to all who donate so generously to the weekly offertory collections, which goes towards the upkeep of the three Churches in the parish. A total of €1,765 was lodged to the parish account this week.

Zambian Housing Project
A total of €65 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

Remember in your prayers;

Paddy Hardiman, Burren, Co. Clare and formerly of Castletown, Cross, brother of Mike Hardiman, Castletown, whose funeral Mass took place in Kinvara on Saturday with burial afterwards in Cross East Cemetery.
May his soul Rest in Peace.

Parish Notice Board

The Advent Wreath
On the third Sunday of Advent , Gaudete Sunday , we light the pink candle. "Gaudete" means "rejoice", this reminds us of the joy we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

Christmas Communion Calls
The Christmas Communion Calls will take place on Thursday next December 19th, if you would like Fr. Declan to call to your home, you can contact him or the Parish Office.

A Penitential Service will be held at all Masses in the Parish next weekend.

Glór na Roba Christmas Concert takes place this Sunday evening at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Ballinrobe. The chosen charity this year to benefit from the concert is Hugh's House. This is their first concert since 2019 and they're going to make it the most magical one yet!

Knock Shrine News
'The Longest Night' Service at Knock Shrine This is a service for those who feel isolated from the general feelings of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. This service seeks to bring comfort by reminding us that we are not alone and that there is always hope in Christ. It takes place in the Apparition Chapel on the 21st of December at 8:30pm. All are welcome.

Carols by Candlelight
Join us for an evening of Christmas Carols and festive favourites in the Candlelit surroundings of Knock Basilica on Sunday December 22nd at 8pm. The event is free of charge.

Christmas market and 'live crib' at Turlough Park There will be a Christmas market and live crib in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm this Sunday, 15 December. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists. The live crib display is with Kiltimagh Pet Farm. There is also some festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. Admission is free. See www.museum.ie for further details.

Stewards Rota for Cross
Copies of the new stewards rota for Cross Church are available in the Church porch in Cross.

St. Stephen's Day walk
The Annual Turkey Walk-off is taking place again this year from The Crossroads Community Centre. Registration from 11.30am, walk begins at 12 Noon from The Crossroads, a great way to meet up with friends or those who may be home for Christmas.

COI Carol Service
Carol Service in St Mary's COI, Cong, on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30 pm.
All very welcome to attend.

The Cong NS Parents Association 50/50 Draw for December will take place on Thursday next December 19th. The winner will receive half the jackpot and a Christmas Hamper. Please support to be in with a chance of winning. Enter online at lottoraiser.ie/CongNS

Young at Heart & Cong Social Club Christmas Party takes place on Thursday December 19th at 3.30pm in The Lodge at Ashford. Spot prizes welcome.

Glencorrib Christmas Card Game
Glencorrib/ Kilroe Community Sportsfield - Christmas Card Game takes place on Wednesday next 18th December at 8.30pm at Glencorrib Community Centre. Six generous hampers for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners plus raffle prizes, spot prizes, table prizes, etc. All are welcome. Thank you for your support.

We recently welcomed into the Christian Community;

Donnacha Carney, son of Donal & Annette Carney, Houndswood, Cross ,
Róise Buckley, daughter of Hazel McDermott & Patrick Buckley,

Carheens, Cross,
Valentino Sasso, son of Mauro & Roxana Sasso, Nealepark, The Neale,
Fiadh Purcell, daughter of James & Sarah Purcell, Houndswood, Cross,
Congratulations and every blessing to them and their families.