# Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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## Mass Intentions for the week

### Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

**Saturday November 30th at 6.30pm**
Margaret & Edmund Jennings
John & Margaret McDermott and their son John, Castlebar

**Thursday December 5th at 9.30am**
Special Intention

**Saturday December 7th at 6.30pm**
**Liam Tierney (Months Mind)**
Mary Harte (10th Anniv) her son –in– law
Joe Farragher & dec family members
Delia & Luke O'Malley & their daughter Eithne Howley
Peter & Catherine Maye
Tommy Shaughnessy (21st Anniv) & his wife Nelly

### St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

**Sunday December 1st at 9.30am**
Special Intention

**Wednesday December 4th at 9.30am**
Special Intention

**Sunday December 8th at 9.30am**
Paddy & Teresa Hennelly
Michael O'Connor & dec family members
Catherine & James Farragher, Barna

**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.**

***Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in the Parish Office and in the sacristy of the three Churches.***

### St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong

**Sunday December 1st at 11am**
**John Moriarity 1st Anniv (London & Cong)**
Katie & Kathleen Gibbons (Anniv)
Michael & Annie Moran, their son Patrick & dec family members
Paddy & Mary Ellen Coen, their daughter Bridie Quirke & dec family members
John McNally (Anniv) & his parents Mary & Pat

**Tuesday December 3rd at 7pm**
**Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**Rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7pm**

**Sunday December 8th at 11am**
Delia (Anniv) & Jim Dunleavy & dec family members
Andy Browne (Anniv)
Tom & Delia Farragher
John Wall, Ballyglass

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**Weekly Offertory Collection**
A total of €1,655 was lodged to the parish account this week. Many thanks to all who contribute so generously to the upkeep of the three Churches in our parish.

**Zambian Housing Project**
A total of €26. was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

***Remember in your prayers:***

***Bernie McIntyre (nee Fahy),*** *Main St. Cong, Bernie's funeral Mass took place on Wednesday last in Cong Church,* ***Maureen Murphy,*** *Dublin & Alberta, Canada, (sister of Brid Regan) who died during the week, and* ***Cian Long,*** *Killarney, son of Bríd (nee Hughes, Caherduff) whose funeral took place during the week.*
*May their souls Rest in Peace.*
*We extend sympathy to the family & friends of the deceased.*

# Parish Notice Board

**The Advent Wreath**
As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs — light and green branches — and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.

**Christmas Arrangements 2024**
There will be **No Communion Calls on Friday next December 6th,** The Christmas Communion calls will take place on Thursday December 19th.
**A Penitential Service** will be held at all Masses in the Parish on the weekend of December 21st/22nd.

**Christmas Mass Times**
**Christmas Eve;** The Neale Church at 4.30pm,
*** Note earlier time of Mass in The Neale.**
Cross Church at 6.30pm.
**Christmas Day:** The Neale Church at 9.30am & Cong Church at 11am

**Cong, Cross, The Neale Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Biarritz**
29th April –6th May 2025, Accompanied by Fr. Declan, **Cost;** €1225 pps.
**Included;** Direct flights from Dublin/Tarbes & Biarritz to Dublin. Coach transfers to/from French airports.
4 nights in the 4* Hotel Rossiy, Lourdes,
3 nights in the 4* Hotel Plaza Biarritz,
Breakfast. Lunch & dinner each day in Lourdes,
Breakfast in Biarritz,
Services of a Marian Pilgrimages Guide throughout, Posters & flyers are in the porches of the three Churches with further details.
**Booking is done directly with** Marian Pilgrimages on 01-8788159 or email **info@marian.ie** or scan the QR Code on the poster or flyer.

**Church Gate Collection**
A Church Gate collection this weekend the three Churches in aid of the Senior Citizens Parties. All support would be greatly appreciated.

**Free Computer Course**
A number of places will become available on the training course at the South Mayo Family Research Centre in Ballinrobe at the start of January. Subjects will include word processing, spreadsheets, database, graphic and web design. The course is open to adults of all ages and leads to QQI and ICDL certification. A training allowance may be payable to those in receipt of social welfare. For further details phone (094) 9541214 or drop in to the South Mayo Family Research Centre, Main Street, Ballinrobe.

**The Neale & Lough Mask Social Group** will have their Annual Christmas Party on Thursday Dec 12th. So save the date - more details to follow. Anyone joining us can contact Breege 087 7536026, Marie 087 9974832 or any committee member.

**Santa Grotto Experience,**
the Old Courthouse Cong, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December, 11am to 5pm.
Proceeds go to Cong N.S.
To make a booking please email Mairead on: maireadgeehan1@gmail.com.
The closing date for bookings is Tuesday 3rd December.

**Cong NS Parents Association** Bake Sale taking place at the Christmas markets in the Crossroads on Sunday 8th December at 11.30am. Bring along your homemade delights or simply purchase some delicious treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Mayo/Roscommon Hospice Bric-a-Brac Table**
Mayo/Roscommon Hospice are having a bric-a-brac table at this year's Christmas Market in the Crossroads Community Centre, on Sunday 8th December. Any donations suitable for selling would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into Cong P.O. before December 7th, **No clothing, shoes or bed linen please.** Donations cannot be accepted on the day.

**Turn on the Christmas Lights with Santa**
In Cross village on Saturday 30th November at 7pm. Santa will be in attendance, there will be refreshments and surprises on the night.

**Cong-Moytura Heritage Society** will hold their AGM on **Thursday night December 5th** in The Crossroads Community Centre , Cong at 8pm.The Society's Executive Committee is made up of a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and up to seven other members. If you are interested in being on our committee please come along to help us progress the Society's work or just join us for the AGM. Following the AGM we will have a Committee Meeting.

**St.Vincent De Paul** We will be giving out envelopes **this weekend at all Masses** for our annual collection. The envelopes can be returned with the regular weekly church collection or they can be dropped into the collection box in the Credit Union. Thank you for your continued support. We assure you that all funds raised are spent locally.

**Neale GAA Lotto Results**
The Neale GAA Club Lotto was held in Ryan's on Tuesday night. The numbers drawn were: 05, 16, 30, 34. There was no Jackpot winner. In the Gold Members Draw, the lucky winners were Deirdre Blake & James Waldron each winning €30 . The lucky dip off-line winner of €25 was John Duffy. The online winner of €25 was Sean O'Grady. Congratulations to all winners! Next week's draw will be held on Tuesday 3rd December in Mellotte's with a jackpot of €7,800 to be won. Go raibh mile maith agaibh for your continued support.