Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

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

December 24th Christmas Eve at 6.30pm
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Thursday December 26th
No Mass in Cross

Saturday December 28th at 6.30pm
Padraig Nally Months Mind & dec of the Nally & Coyne Families
Noel Maye (9th Anniv)
Breda Sweeney– O'Malley (Anniv)

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

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

December 24th Christmas Eve at 4,30pm
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Christmas Day at 9.30am
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Sunday December 29th at 9.30am
Special Intention

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

December 25th Christmas Day at 11am
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Sunday December 29th at 11am
Brendan Kelly (Anniv) & dec family members
Julia & John Collins
Annie, Daniel, Margaret, John & Danny O'Sullivan
Chris Wells & Catherine O'Hare
George Conroy & Liam Beirne
Tom & Kathleen Lydon & Pauline Bonner
Tom & Nora Lydon
Tom & Tess Fitzgerald

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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 €1,705 was lodged to the parish account this week.

Zambian Housing Project
A total of €35 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

Remember in your prayers;

James Bernard Brown,
Newtownbutler, Fermanagh,
Brother-in-law of Jane McNally,
Gortnaclossagh, Cong.
May his soul Rest in Peace.
We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Parish Notice Board

The Advent Wreath
On the fourth Sunday of Advent , we light the final purple candle which symbolizes Peace. It reminds us that Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world and to people's hearts.

Priest's Christmas Collection
The Priest's Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. " Many thanks for your ongoing support and generosity to me." Fr. Declan

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

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

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.

Heavenly Father
May our Christmas season be a time of reconciliation and peace. May the love of Christ be with us, May his peace surround us. May your spirit be with us as we share and care in Jesus' blessed birth. Amen

Cross Christmas Card Game
Cross Community Centre Christmas 25 card game on Monday night December 23rd at 8.30pm. Hampers and loads of spot prizes on the night.

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.

Cong N.S. Parent's Assoc
This months winners;
€405 & Hamper; Brian O'Connor
McHugh's Voucher and Wine; Roisín Dohery
Prosecco Gift Set; Frank Murphy
Next Month's Draw will take place on January 29th 2025. Thanks to all who support the draw and Merry Christmas!

Neale GAA Lotto Results
The Neale GAA Club Lotto was held in Ryans on Tuesday night. The numbers drawn were: 02, 20, 31, 34. There was no Jackpot winner. In the Gold Members Draw, the lucky winners were: Eugene & Breege Kearney and Áine Casey each winning €30 each. The lucky dip off-line winner of €25 was Ross Philibin and the online winner of €25 was Tom Killeen. Next week's draw will be held on Sunday 22nd of December in Lydon's Lodge with a jackpot of €8,100 to be won. Our Gold Members Christmas Draw will also be held on the night. Many thanks for your continued support.

The Neale GAA Healthy Club
are delighted to announce the return of Ireland lights up and Irish Life's Every Step Counts Challenge commencing on Wednesday, 8th of January at 7pm at The Neale GAA Club. Everyone Welcome.

Choirs at Turlough Park
Enjoy some Christmas carols and other choral pieces at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on Sunday, 22nd December. The Cill Aodain Choral Society will perform at 2.15pm and the Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform at 3pm. There is also a 'live crib' display in the Courtyard with Kiltimagh Pet Farm. Admission free. No booking required. See museum.ie for further details.

We recently welcomed into the Christian Community

Shay Oliver Warde, *son of Shane Warde and Annette O'Malley of Aghalard, Cong. Wishing Shay and his family every blessing in the future.*