Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday December 7th at 6.30pm
Liam Tierney (Months Mind)
Carmel Walsh (2nd Anniv) & her husband John (30th Anniv)
Mary Harte (10th Anniv) dec family members & Joe Farragher
Delia & Luke O'Malley & their daughter Eithne Howley
Peter & Catherine Maye
Tommy Shaughnessy (21st Anniv) & his wife Nelly

Thursday December 12th at 9.30am
Special Intention

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

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

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

Wednesday December 11th at 9.30am
Special Intention

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

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 8th at 11am
Delia (Anniv) & Jim Dunleavy & dec family members
Andy Browne (Anniv)
Kitty Luskin (28th Anniv) & her husband John

Tuesday December 10th at 7pm
Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Sunday December 15th at 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

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Weekly Offertory Collection
A total of €1,360 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 €22 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

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

Remember in your prayers;

Padraig Nally, *Funshona, Cross whose funeral took place earlier this week in Cross, also*
Bernard Gillane, *Gort, Co. Galway, husband of Kathleen (nee Wall) of Creevagh, Cong.*
May their souls Rest in Peace . We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Parish Notice Board

The Advent Wreath
The second Sunday of Advent is when we light the candle of peace. This is a time of coming together , of building a community of faith open to all.

Christmas Communion Calls
The Christmas Communion calls will take place on Thursday December 19th. If you are unable to come out to Mass at the moment and would like Fr. Declan to call to your home, please make contact with him or the Parish Office.

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.

The Glencorrib Kilroe CFR Group are delighted to announce that we are now live!
We cover a 5km radius from the Community Centre in Glencorrib, which covers parts of Cross, Gortjordan etc. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped us by supporting our fundraisers etc., Follow us on Facebook (Glencorrib Kilroe CFR Group) for more info. Community First Responders (CFR) are volunteers who are trained to attend certain types of emergency calls in the area where they live or work. Their aim is to reach a potential life threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew arrives. They help to stabilise the patient and provide appropriate care including CPR and defibrillation, until the ambulance crew arrive on scene.

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday December 22nd at 8pm in Knock Basilica.

Christmas at The Crossroads
Christmas Market at The Crossroads Community Centre from 12pm - 4pm Sunday 8th December .
Bake Sale for Cong N.S.
taking place at the Christmas market 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!

Cong N.S. 50/50 Draw
The November winner of the Cong NS Parents Assoc 50/50 draw is Ciara Doherty and she won €235. The next draw is taking place on Thursday 19th Dec & the winner will receive half the jackpot & a Christmas hamper so please support to be in with a chance of winning. Enter online Lottoraiser.ie/CongNS

The Neale & Lough Mask Social Group will have their Annual Christmas party on Thursday next Dec 12th in the Restaurant in The Neale, meeting for dinner at 6.30pm. Looking forward to everyone getting together again and hope to see some new faces. Please contact Marie 0879974832, Helen 0877925299, Breege 08799536026, or any committee member, as we will need to know numbers in advance.

Young at Heart & Cong Social Club Christmas Party
Thursday December 19th at 3.30pm in The Lodge at Ashford. RSVP to Cong P.O. on or before December 14th. Spot prizes welcome.

Neale GAA Lotto Results
The Neale GAA Club Lotto was held in Mellotte's on Tuesday night. The numbers drawn were: 1, 12, 23 & 26. There was no Jackpot winner. In the Gold Members Draw, the lucky winners were David Cosgrove & James Waldron each winning €30 . The lucky dip off-line winner of €25 was Kieran Hughes. The online winner of €25 was Pat McGrath. Congratulations to all winners! Next week's draw will be held on Tuesday 10th December in Danagher's with a jackpot of €7,900 to be won. Go raibh mile maith agaibh for your support.

Glór na Roba Ballinrobe Choir
Glór na Roba will be holding their Annual Christmas Charity Concert in St. Mary's Church Ballinrobe on Sunday December 15th at 7pm. The chosen charity this year to benefit from the concert is Hugh's House. It's our first concert since 2019 and we're hoping to make it the most magical one yet.

Christmas market and 'live crib' at Turlough Parkin the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, ,from 1pm - 5pm on Sunday, 15th December. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists. There will also be a live crib display with Kiltimagh Pet Farm and festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. Admission is free.