Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Tuesday 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

Tuesday December 24th Christmas Eve at 4.30pm
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Christmas Day at 9.30am
Intentions of the People of the Parish

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

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

There will be no Rosary this Wednesday

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 €1,770 was lodged to the parish account this week.

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes and 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.

Christmas Message 2024

Dear Parishioners, along with all who are visiting, as we celebrate the joy and peace of this special time of year, I want to wish each one of you a very happy and blessed Christmas, filled with health, happiness, and every blessing.
Welcome home to all who have travelled a distance to be with family and friends this Christmas. I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable time with those you love

Christmastime provides an opportunity to reflect on the many blessings we have shared as a parish community over the past year. I thank you most sincerely for your continued friendship, generosity, and support. Your kindness and support sustains me in my ministry, and I am deeply grateful for the spirit of love and generosity that defines our parish.

A heartfelt thank you to Marie Molloy, our wonderful Parish Secretary, and to everyone involved in the many ministries across our three churches. A huge thank you to our Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Stewards, Choirs, Organists, Musicians, Altar Servers, Cleaners, and those who arrange the beautiful flowers in each of our three churches.
A special note of gratitude to all who have worked so hard to make our churches looking beautiful and welcoming this Christmas. To those who erected cribs and decorated both the interiors and exteriors of our churches, you have helped us prepare them for the celebration of Christ's birth.

To all who find this Christmas difficult because of sickness or the loss of a loved one, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers in a special way this Christmas. The light of Christ, born on Christmas Day, offers hope and comfort even in the darkest moments. To the young people and children of our parish—this is an exciting and magical time for you.
May the gifts you receive from Santa, family, and friends remind you of the greatest gift of all: the love of Jesus, who came into the world to bring us joy. Have a wonderful Christmas, filled with laughter and the warmth of family and friends.
Remember to share that love and joy with everyone you meet over the Christmas.

Finally, I extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting our parish this Christmas, as we remember those unable to make it home this year. Please know that you are remembered as I pray for all your intentions in our Christmas Masses.
May this Christmas bring a sense of hope, peace, and joy into your hearts and homes, and may 2025 be a year of grace, good health and many blessings for all.

With every blessing,

Fr Declan Carroll

Christmas Giving

Christmas is for giving , and for showing that we care, for honouring the Christ Child, with the Loving gifts we share. The Wise Men gave of riches,
The Shepherds , Faith and love, each gift in it's own measure was smiled on from heaven above.
Let every gift be treasured, not always size or price, determines the extent of love and willing sacrifice. Handsome gifts with festive trim, bring smiles of sweet content, but modest gifts of humble means , are oft times heaven sent.
Whether it be large or small, each gift will share in part, The message of true Christmas joy, if given from the heart.