Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday November 22nd at 6.30pm
Michael, Annie & Patrick Moran
Michael & Mary Molloy & dec of the Molloy Family
Colman & Kathleen Lombard

Thursday November 27th at 9.30am
Special Intention

Saturday November 29th at 6.30pm
Padraig Nally, 1st Anniv
Mary Agnes & Joe Varley & dec family members

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday November 23rd at 9.30am
Patrick Walsh 1st Anniv
Darragh Walsh (Anniv) & his Grandparents
Tommie & Phil Walsh
Patrick & Mary Grimes
Eamon Walsh (Anniv)
Paddy Joe & Margaret O'Connor
Patrick Feerick, Creevagh
John Heskin, his parents Mary & Michael & daughter Cathy

Wednesday November 26th at 9.30am
Special Intention

Sunday November 30th at 9.30am
Paddy Hennelly (Anniv) & his wife Teresa
Sarah Heskin & her daughter Mary Heskin-Moran
Patrick & Mary Farragher & son Thomas & their daughter-in-law Ann Farragher (Recently Dec)

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

Gluten Free Hosts are available in our three Churches. People can come forward and consume the Host themselves. A Ciborium will be left on a table at the front of the sanctuary.

St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong

Sunday November 23rd at 11am
Bernadette McIntyre 1st Anniv
Martin & Bridie Gorman & dec family members
Tom & Delia Farragher, Creevagh
John Wall, Ballyglass

Tuesday November 25th at 7pm
Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Michael Francis, Madeline & Bridie Monaghan

Sunday November 30th at 11.00am
Jerry Coakley Months Mind
Bernard Brown 1st Anniv & his daughters Noeleen & Marina
John Moriarity 2nd Anniv (Cong & London)
Tom Carroll (16th Anniv) & his wife Margaret
John McNally & his parents Mary & Pat
Molly & Con Barton
Mattie Jennings, Drumshiel

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Weekly Church Collection
The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was €1,740 Many thanks to all who contribute to the weekly collection, which goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of our three churches.

Zambian Housing Project
A total of €516 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project. **(This includes a donation of €500)**

Social Groups Annual Collections
Cong, Cross and The Neale Social Groups will have their Annual Church gate collections over the weekend November 29th/30th. All donations will go towards each groups Christmas Party. Your support is much appreciated.

Remember in your prayers;
Martin Noone, Knock South, Cross whose funeral took place during the week.
May he Rest in Peace.
We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Parish Notice Board

Ecumenical Carol Service

A carol service will be held on Sunday December 21st in St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong at 5pm. This brings together our two Church communities. Tea, Coffee and seasonal treats will be served on the night. Calling all singers to come along and join in ! **First rehearsal for the Carol Service is Monday December 8th at 8pm in Cong Church.**

Cancer Fund for Children -Twilight Concert
Join us on Thursday, December 4th at 7pm in St Mary of the Rosary Catholic Church, for a very special evening of music and community spirit in support of Cancer Fund for Children. The evening will open with the Cong N.S. Choir, followed by performances from Annette Griffin & John Staunton, James Kilbane & Coda with harpist Freda Hatton. Guests will also hear about the vital work of Cancer Fund for Children before enjoying light refreshments together. Tickets available on the Cancer Fund for Children website & in Cong P.O.

Annual Collection: St Vincent de Paul Ballinrobe and locality
Envelopes will be distributed at Masses on next weekend 29th /30th November for our Annual Collection. Fr. Declan has kindly agreed that the envelopes can be returned with the regular weekly church collection. There will also be a collection box in Ballinrobe P.O. & Credit Union. Thank you for your continued support. We assure you that all funds raised are spent locally.

Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in your School
The current Dept of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It's equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also. For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The closing date is 16th December 2025. The survey may be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

Gambling Support Service
Gambling Therapist supporting both the problem Gambler and their families is available in Tacú in Ballinrobe. It's a free support Service and open to anyone in need. Contact 087-7005811 or email gawarenesstacufrc@gmail.com

Choir Practice for Christmas-The Neale Choir 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Wednesdays in The Neale Church, in order for Practice to go ahead, all members are encouraged to attend.

Neale GAA Lotto Weekly Results
The winning numbers drawn were; 4,9,12 & 27. .There was no Jackpot winner.
Gold members winners; Mary & Hugh Hennelly & Eoin Hughes each winning €30.
The **Offline winner** of €25 was Michael Kyne & the **Online winner** of €25 was Mary Teresa McGrath. Congratulations to all the winners. Next week's Jackpot is €3,600, and the draw takes place in Danagher's on Tuesday next 25th November at 9.30pm. Thank You to everyone who continues to support our Lotto.

Cong Social Club/Young at Heart Christmas Party
Wednesday December 10th at 4pm in The Lodge. Those wishing to attend, please leave your name to Cong P.O. before Friday December 5th. Spot prizes also welcome.

An Post Restrictions on Sending Food to the USA If the value of the Package exceeds €85 then tax will have to be paid. Commonly posted Christmas Food items including chocolate, teabags & crisps are allowed provided they are factory sealed and are for personal consumption. Customers can find full details at **anpost.com/USA**

Dementia Café
Dementia cafe continues on the 1st Tuesday of every month, Tacu Resource Centre, Ballinrobe from 11am to 12.30 and the next cafe is on the 2nd of December All welcome and refreshments supplied. Contact Marie on 087 1708706 for further details.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Coast
For seven nights (4+3) from June 25th to July 2nd 2026. Special offer ceases on November 30th. Call 01-2410800 for further details.

25 Card Games
25 Card Game continues in **The Neale Hall** on Thursdays at 8.30pm. And in **Cross Community Centre** on Mondays at 8.30pm
Card Game starts on Tuesday 2nd December 8.30pm in **The Crossroads Community Centre**

Charity Night in Pat Cohan's

In aid of Cong Parent's Assoc & Pancreatic Cancer Ireland. Saturday 6th of December, Doors from 6.30pm, Tickets are €65 and are available to purchase from Pat Cohan's Bar. 3 course set menu & drinks on arrival. Raffle and Spot Prizes on the night.