Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

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

Thursday December 4th at 9.30am
Special Intention

Saturday December 6th at 6.30pm
Carmel Walsh (3rd Anniv)
Eithne Howley & Luke & Delia O'Malley
Tommy Shaughnessy (22nd Anniv) & his wife Nellie
Peter & Catherine Maye

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

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)

Wednesday December 3rd at 9.30am
Special Intention

Sunday December 7th at 9.30am
James & Catherine Farragher
Margaret, Paddy & Michael Joyce

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.

First Sunday of Advent–
The first Purple Candle symbolizes Hope, reminding us of the prophets, especially Isiah who foretold Jesus' birth and God's promises to be

St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong

Sunday November 30th at 11am
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
Dick Gilbert (11th Anniv) & Jim & Liz Killeen

Tuesday December 2nd at 7pm
No Mass in Cong Church

Sunday December 7th at 11.
Jerry Coakley Months Mind
Paddy Hardiman 1st Anniv
Kitty Luskin (29th Anniv) & her husband John
Andy Brown (14th Anniv)
Martin & Bridie Summerville (Anniv) & dec family
Paddy, Tommy & Nora Keane, Killimor

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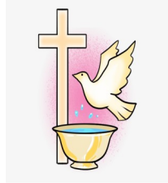
Weekly Church Collection
The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was €1,450 Many thanks to all who contribute to the weekly collection, which goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of our three churches.

Zambian Housing Project
A total of €25 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

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.

Recent Baptisms
Welcome into the Christian Community;
Isabel Amelia Keane, daughter of Jonathan & Anna Keane of Drimelly, Cross, also,
Reiltín Re Lydon, daughter of John & Shannon Lydon, Nymphsfield, Cong,
Congratulations to both families and every blessing in the years ahead.



Parish Notice Board

Relocation & Blessing of "Our Lady's Statue"
The statue of "Our Lady" which was in the Grotto at the back of St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong for many years has now been relocated for all Parishioners & visitors alike to admire again at the front of the Church. Older parishioners will remember that you passed the statue by in the Grotto as you entered the old Church before the construction of the present Church.
"I would like to thank Brendan & Sean Conroy for making this possible as a huge amount of restoration on the statue had to take place, over the last number of months. Sean carried out this work with Maura Morrin to bring it to its present pristine state. Thanks also to McGraths of Cong who assisted in placing Our Lady on her new plinth. This Sunday 30th November a blessing of the Statue will take place after the 11am Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend." Fr. Declan

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. Tickets available on the Cancer Fund for Children website & in Cong P.O.

Christmas Mass Bouquets from Our Parish
Christmas Mass Bouquets personalised from our parish will be available next week. They will be on sale in the Parish Office and in the three Churches

Christmas Communion Calls
Fr. Declan will be doing the Christmas Communion Calls on Friday December 19th, if you are unable to get our to Mass and would like a visit from Fr. Declan, contact the Parish Office or Fr. Declan himself before the 19th. **There will be No Communion calls on First Friday in December.**

Cong Social Club/Young at Heart Xmas 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.

The Neale/Lough Mask Social Grp will have their annual Christmas Party on Thursday Dec 11th, in Ryan's Hotel, Cong., at 6pm. Everyone is welcome, so come along and enjoy a festive evening out. Please contact Breege 087 7536026, Marie 0879974832 or any committee member, as we will need to know numbers in advance.

Neale GAA Lotto Weekly Results
The winning numbers drawn were; 13, 18, 25 & 30. There was no Jackpot winner.
Gold members winners; Michael Brennan & Pat Coen each winning €30. The **Offline winner** of €25 was Maura Heskin and the **Online winner** of €25 was Mary Nalty . Congratulations to all the winners. Next week's Jackpot is €3,700, and the draw takes place in Ryan's in Cong on Tuesday next 2nd December at 9.30pm. Thank You to everyone who continues to support our Lotto. Tickets can be purchased in Cong P.O. Ryan's Hotel, Lydon's Lodge, Danagher's, Melotte's, Midway Stores, and O'Malley's Cross.

Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Programme
Congratulations Laura Hoade and Fiachra Lynn! Laura Hoade, Fiachra Blake Lynn & Isobel Whelan who graduated from the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Programme at NUIG, earning a Level 6 Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action for their outstanding contributions. This programme is delivered through The Neale GAA Club.

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**

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**

A Space of Our Own Club has been selected as the community beneficiary of this year's Ballinrobe Christmas Tractor Parade. A Space of our Own Club is a voluntary, by-families-for-families club for children with additional needs. Together with the parade organisers we are excited to support the first ever sensory-friendly No-Beeping street (Bowgate street, from Biggins corner to the church gates) at the Ballinrobe Christmas Tractor Parade on Sunday 30th November 2025 at 5.30pm

Remembering those who died recently;
Donal O'Mahony, Party, Brother of Brendan O'Mahony of Cross,
Danny Dolan, Ballyglass, Brother of Mary McGrath of Ballywalter, The Neale,
Pat Carney, Long Island, U.S.A. & formerly of Milehill, Brother of Luke Carney
Lily Fuller (nee Browne) Edinburgh and late of Bunnadubber, The Neale,
Maureen Looney (nee Morrin) London & formerly of Castletown, Cross.
Mary Lenehan, Cappataggle, Galway, Mother of Denis Lenehan of Cong,
May their Souls Rest in Peace