Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday December 20th at 6.30pm
Patrick Moran (8th Anniv)
Donal Lenehan (18th Anniv)
Paddy Mullaghy (9th Anniv) & his daughter Karen
Jim (Anniv) & Annie Foy

Christmas Eve Wednesday December 24th
Mass at 6.30pm in Cross
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Saturday December 27th at 6.30pm
Noel Maye (Anniv)
The McTigue Family, Dowagh

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday December 21st at 9.30am
Annie & Patrick Biggins & their son Mattie.
Margaret & Martin Joyce
Sheila & Louise Joyce
Alan Morley
Tom & Una Lynagh

Christmas Eve Wednesday December 24th
Mass at 4.30pm in The Neale
Intentions of the People of the Parish

Sunday December 28th at 9.30am
Dympna Mullins (nee Varley)
Breda O'Malley (Anniv)

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 December 21st at 11am
James Murphy (Anniv)
Brian Morrin
Ecumenical Carol Service at 5pm on Sunday December 21st at 5pm

Tuesday December 23rd at 7pm
No Mass

Christmas Day Thursday December 25th
Mass at 11am in Cong

Sunday December 28th at 11am.
Kevin Kennedy (18th Anniv) & Cara & Luke Killeen
Julia & John Collins
Chris Wells & Catherine O'Hare
Annie & Daniel O'Sullivan & dec family members
George Conroy & Liam Beirne

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Weekly Church Collection
The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was €1,735
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 €45 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

Remember in your prayers;
Kathleen May (nee Doherty) of Lackafinna, Cong, Kathlleen's funeral took place on Friday in Cong Church. May she Rest in Peace. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Kathleen.

Parish Notice Board

Fouth Sunday of Advent
The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us**.

Christmas Arrangements
This weekend there will be a **Penitential Service** at all Masses in the Parish.
Christmas Eve Mass times;
The Neale Church at 4.30pm and Cross Church at 6.30pm
Christmas Day; Mass in Cong Church at 11am

Ecumenical Carol Service
A carol service will be held this Sunday evening 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 !

Christmas Mass Bouquets from Our Parish
Christmas Mass Bouquets personalised from our parish are available in the Parish Office. and in the three Churches.

"ALONE" seeking Volunteers in our area-
Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie or for further information please contact us on volunteer@alone.ie or call 0818 222 024.

Give hope this Christmas with Double the Love Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities .The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. To donate go to www.marysmeals.ie or call 01-8535163.
Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Living Well Programme
Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme commences on Tuesday the 20th of January at 10.30am in the Ballinrobe Primary Care Centre.

A Missing Coat!
A black mohair coat with a plad collar was taken in error at the Cong Social Club party which was held in The Lodge last week. Another black coat was left in the cloakroom so a mix up occurred. If you have this coat could you please contact 087-6411310 so it can be returned to it's owner!

St.Stephen's Day Walk
Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk from the Crossroads Community Centre on Friday 26th . Registration from 11.30am , walk begins at 12 Noon. A lovely way to walk off the turkey and meet up with friends home for Christmas!

Cunga Magazine
The 2025 edition of the Cunga magazine is now on sale, priced at €10.
Available in all the local shops.

Neale GAA Lotto Weekly Results
The winning numbers drawn were;05, 23, 31, 35 . There was no Jackpot winner.
Gold members winners; A.J. Deane and Vincent Campbell each winning €30.• **Offline Winner:** €25 – Paul Kelleghan **Online winner;** Mary Mahon. Congratulations to all the winners. Next week's Jackpot is €4,000 and the draw takes place in Danagher's in Cong on Tuesday next December 23rd 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.
Online tickets available at: www.smartlotto.ie/theneale

Cross Community Centre News
25 Card Game continues in **Cross Community Centre** on Mondays at 8.30pm
Christmas Card Game this Monday Dec 22nd. Hampers & lots of Spot prizes on the night.
Senior Citizens Party will take place on Sunday February 1st 2026

25 Card Games
25 Card Game continues in **The Neale Hall** on Thursdays at 8.30pm and on Tuesdays in **The Crossroads Community Centre at 8.30pm**

Christmas carols at the Museum
Join two of the region's leading choral groups for an atmospheric afternoon of Christmas carols in the exhibition galleries at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar. These performances take place at 2pm and 3pm on Sunday 21 December with the Mayo Male Voice Choir and the Cill Aoidain Choral Society. All are welcome. No booking required. See museum.ie for further details.