Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday December 13th at 6.30pm
Martin Noone Months Mind
Bosco Morrin Months Mind
Mick & Peggy Varley
Mike & Tess Byrnes

Thursday December 18th
No Mass in Cross

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

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday December 14th at 9.30am
Tom O'Brien & his son Tommy (Anniv)
Paddy & Phil Greaney
Agnes, John, Tom Shaughnessy & dec family members (Nealepark)
Michael O'Connor & dec family members, Caherobert
Ellen Kennedy & Grandson Kevin Kennedy (18th Anniv)
Paraic Nally

Wednesday December 17th at 9.30am
Special Intention

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

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 14th at 11am
Mylie, Margaret & dec of the Molloy Family
Delia, Jim & dec of the Dunleavy Family
Justin Holian & Mike Lydon

Tuesday December 16th at 7pm
Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sunday December 21st at 11am.
James Murphy (Anniv)
Brian Morrin
Christmas Carol Service at 5pm. All are welcome

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Weekly Church Collection
The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was €1,765
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 €66.30 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.

Penitential Service Next Weekend
Next weekend we will have a Penitential Service at all Masses. It will be an opportunity for all of us to pause and reflect on our actions and identify our faults and failings, a time to focus on God's mercy as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time.

Parish Notice Board

Third Sunday of Advent On the third Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday" we light the Pink Candle. "Gaudete means "Rejoice", this reminds us of the joy we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

Christmas Arrangements
On the weekend of December 20th & 21st 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 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 !

Next rehearsal for the Carol Service is Monday December 15th at 8pm in Cong Church.

Christmas Mass Bouquets from Our Parish
Christmas Mass Bouquets personalised from our parish are available 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 out to Mass and would like a visit from Fr. Declan, contact the Parish Office or Fr. Declan himself before the 19th.

Cong N.S.50/50 Draw;
Our next draw is Thursday 18th Dec and you can win the jackpot & a Christmas hamper enter at lottoraiser.ie/CongNS or buy at the local post office. Thank you for your continued support!

Mayo/Roscommon Hospice
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mayo Roscommon collection. The amount raised was €170.

Christmas at Turlough Park
The National Museum of Ireland invites everyone along to the Christmas programme at Turlough Park which continues this Sunday 14 December from 1pm to 5pm. There is a wonderful live crib display in the Courtyard, a Christmas market, some festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling and craft workshops. Admission is free and all are welcome.
See museum.ie for further details.

St. Stephen's Day Walk
Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk from the Crossroads Community Center 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.

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Neale GAA Lotto Weekly Results
The winning numbers drawn were; 12, 15, 17, 21. There was no Jackpot winner. **Gold members winners;** Maeve Geraghty & Conor O'Mahony each winning €30.• **Offline Winner:** €25 – Cathal Harte **Online winner;** Liam Munroe. Congratulations to all the winners. Next week's Jackpot is €3,900, and the draw takes place in Mellotte's, The Neale on Tuesday next 16th 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.
Online tickets available at: www.smartlotto.ie/theneale

Congrats to The Neale U-21 Champions
"Congratulations to The Neale U-21 lads who beat Laherdane- McHales in the County Final on Saturday last in McHale Park .Congrats to their Management Team (Pat Casey, Cathal Kearney, Niall O'Brien & Michael Varley) along with their parents & families. Everyone in the Parish is very proud of your success. We look forward to the addition of more Silverware in the future! " Fr. Declan

Yoga & Self-Care Tuesday mornings in Cong.
A 10-week term begins 13th January.
Gentle classes offering real support and simple self-care for every body, shape, size and level. Places are limited so booking is essential. Gift vouchers available. More info and bookings at www.denisehogan.ie or phone/text **087 6731199**.

Cross Community Centre News
25 Card Game continues in **Cross Community Centre** on Mondays at 8.30pm
Christmas Card Game on 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**