Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday January 3rd at 6.30pm
Elaine Culleton (Anniv)
James Waldron, Cross East & dec family members

Thursday January 8th
No Mass in Cross

Saturday January 10th at 6.30pm
Nora (13th Anniv) & Tom Lydon & Granddaughter Niamh

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday January 4th at 9.30am
Richard Swords & dec family members
Fr. Luke Carney

Wednesday January 8th
No Mass in The Neale

Sunday January 11th 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. People can come forward and consume the Host themselves.
A Ciborium will be left on a table at the front of the sanctuary.

We welcome into the Christian Community;
Maggie Frances Farragher, *daughter of Gerard Farragher and Cáit Walsh of Ballyglass, The Neale. Congratulations to Maggie's family and every blessing in the years ahead.*

St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Cong

Sunday January 4th at 11am
Special Intention

Tuesday January 6th at 7pm
Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday January 11th at 11am
Maura (Anniv) Enda, Margaret & Mattie Hughes
Gabriel, Madge & Kathleen O'Malley & dec family members
Tom Costello (12th Anniv)
Anne Dwyer & Micheál Kelly
Mark & Mary Munroe

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Priest's Christmas Collection
"I wish to thank all of who who gave so generously to the Priest's Christmas Collection. Your ongoing generosity, friendship and support is greatly appreciated by me." Fr. Declan

Weekly Church Collection
The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was €1,850
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 €35 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

Parish Notice Board

New Year Reflection and Blessing for 2026

May this New Year 2026 bring you courage to chase your dreams and strength to overcome any obstacles that come your way. As the year unfolds, may you discover new paths, face new challenges and cherish new experiences. May your heart be light, your mind be sharp and your spirit be blessed in the coming year. Believe in yourself , for you hold the power to create your own destiny. In this New Year 2026, may you let go of the past and embrace the future with open arms. Each day is a blank canvas, paint it with your dreams and aspirations.
As you step into the New Year, may you be surrounded by love and support. Cherish the connections you have and build new ones that enrich your life.
Believe in your abilities and take each step with confidence, for greatness awaits you!
Health, happiness and many blessings to everyone for 2026.

Fr. Declan

Feast of the Epiphany
Tuesday next January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. Like the Magi following the star, we are on a journey, guided by faith and seeking Christ amidst life's challenges, distractions, and even darkness. Just as the Magi left to tell others, we are called to carry the light of Christ in our daily lives, making the world a brighter place through our actions.

First Friday Communion Calls
Fr. Declan will be doing the next Communion calls on **Friday February 6th.** If you would like Fr. Declan to call to your home, please contact him or the Parish Office before then .

We remember with a prayer all those who have passed away during the Christmas Season;
Jackie Watters (nee McLoughlin) Cregaree & Cross East,
Teresa Maye (nee Durkan), Ballinchalla, The Neale whose funeral took place on Tuesday last in The Neale ,
Evelyn Loftus & her Mother Bríd Loftus, sister and Mother of Pauline Waldron, Kildun, whose joint funeral took place in Tuam Cathedral on Wednesday last,
Sean McDaid, Cong, Knocknacarra & Massachusetts, U.S.A., Funeral Mass for Sean took place in Cong Church on Saturday.
Bridget Browne, Killour, The Neale, whose funeral took place in The Neale on Friday.
Margaret Conneran, Creggs, Co Galway sister to Breda Kennedy, Nealepark. May their souls Rest in Peace. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

New Boxes of Church Envelopes
The new boxes of Church envelopes for the coming year will take effect on the first weekend of February, if your household hasn't got a box of envelopes and would like one , please contact the Parish Office in the coming weeks. A sincere thank you to all those who faithfully contribute to the weekly collection. To all those who sign up to the CHY3 scheme a huge thank you. This provides extra vital funding for our three Churches which enables us to carry out the necessary works on the three churches.

Yoga & Self-Care — Tuesday mornings in Cong. 10-week term starting Tuesday 13th January. Gentle classes offering real support and simple self-care for every body, shape, size and level. Limited spaces left, booking essential. More info and bookings at **www.denisehogan.ie** or phone/text **087 6731199**.

Neale GAA Weekly Lotto Results
The winning numbers drawn were; 6,17,32 & 33. There was no Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot is €4,200, and the draw takes place in O'Malley's Bar, Cross on Tuesday next 6th January at 9.30pm.
Two Gold members winners; Paul Killeen & Joe Heskin each winning €30.Offline winner of €25 was Jarlath Toher & the online winner of €25 was Pat McGrath. 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