Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday February 14th at 6.30pm

Kathleen & Patrick Carney
Martin & Mary McTigue
Paddy Hession, The Farm, Ballinrobe

Thursday February 19th at 7.30am

Special Intention

Saturday February 21st at 6.30pm

Peter Egan (6th Anniv) & his wife Bríd

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday February 15th at 9.30am

John Coyne, Inishmaine & dec of the Coyne Family
Paddy & Bridie Walsh, Creevagh, The Neale
Pat & Bridgie Ryan
Ellen & Timothy O'Brien

Ash Wednesday February 18th at 7.30am

Intentions of the People of the Parish
Blessing and distribution of Ashes at this Mass

Sunday February 22nd at 9.30am

Conor O'Malley (4th Anniv)
Teresa & Paddy Hennelly
Seamus McGovern, his parents Michael & Delia & sister Frances
Michael & Kitty Lynagh
Willie & Eileen Carney
Ellen Burnley & her husband Alfie

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 February 15th at 11am

Patsy Huddy (1st Anniv)
Kathleen & Edward Fox & dec family members
Robert & Nellie Foy & John Kavanagh
Jack & Rita Cunningham, Drogheda

Tuesday February 17th

No Mass in Cong Church

Friday February 20th at 7.30am

Special Intention

Sunday February 22nd at 11am

Winifred McVeigh (Anniv)
Sean, Mae & Micheál Ryan
Henry Byrne & Sean McDaid

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Weekly Church Collection

The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was €2,085 .
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 €117 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota;

Copies of the new Eucharistic Ministers Rota for Cross Church are available in the Church Porch this weekend.

Parish Notice Board

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday **February 18th** is Ash Wednesday
There will be a morning Mass in The Neale at 7.30am , with the Blessing and distribution of the Ashes . **Blessed Ashes will also be available to collect in Cong and Cross Churches.**

Daily Mass for Lent

We are having our Lenten Challenge again this year. **However this year on Monday and Tuesday evenings in the Neale & Cong respectively there will be a Lenten Prayer and Eucharistic Service at 7pm.**
Then on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings we will have the early morning Mass at 7.30am. We will have our get together at the end of Lent for Tea & Scones to celebrate our Lenten Journey together. Why not take up the challenge!

Cong N.S. Enrolment Day

Cong NS; is hosting an enrolment open day for the parents / guardians of Junior Infants starting in September 2026. **The open day will be on Monday, next February 16th from 1:30-3:30pm.**

"Mayo Cancer Support - Thank You"

Mayo Cancer Support, at Rock Rose House, wishes to thank all those who supported and facilitated its recent Church Gate Collection at Cross and The Neale on the weekend of 7th & 8th of February last. Special thanks to the volunteer collectors. A total of €409.90 was raised. These funds will support the ongoing provision of emotional support to local people affected by cancer"

Gaza Fundraising Concert

A Fundraising Concert for Gaza takes place in Claremorris Town Hall on Saturday February 28th at 7.30pm, featuring local musicians performing in support of humanitarian aid. This concert offers a simple act of solidarity & hope for families in Gaza today. Tickets available from Claremorris Town Hall Theatre Box Office (094 931 0999) www.townhall.ie. All proceeds from this concert will go to Medical Aid for Palestinians.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Tuam and Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Archbishop Francis; August 28th - September 3rd 2026; 6 nights; from Ireland West Airport. Contact 012410800.

Epilepsey Purple Day

"In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March."

Neale Heritage and Dev Association.

Neale Heritage and development Association will hold their AGM next Tue17th at 8pm in the hall. This is an opportunity to review the work carried out in 2025 and to plan for the coming year. In the tidy towns The Neale excelled and increased the overall marks. The judge's report was very encouraging and commended the committee on its selection of flowers and sustainability work. In the coming year we will see the commencement of the village enhancement scheme by Mayo County Council. The Neale forms part of the Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark which will get its UNESCO status later in 2026.

Charity Night

A Charity night will be held in Pat Cohan's in aid of Cong Parent's Assoc and Pancreatic Cancer Ireland on Saturday February 21st. Tickets €65 , 3 course meal and drink on arrival. Raffle and Spot prizes on the night. Tickets can be purchased in Pat Cohan's.

Scór na bPáistí champions.

Congratulations to Rowan & Maddie Lynskey and Leon & Adam Fahy who are all through to the Mayo finals of Scór na bPáistí in the 'School Trad Band' section following their win in the South Mayo heats, held in Claremorris Town Hall on Wednesday night, Feb.11th. Double success for Maddie, who was chosen to represent South Mayo in the ' Sean-Nós Dancing' section following her outstanding performance. Wishing continued success in the county finals to all four who are students of The Neale NS.

Neale GAA Weekly Lotto Results

The winning numbers drawn were; . 4, 13, 32 & 35
There was no Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot is €4,800, and the draw takes place in Danagher's on Tuesday next 17th February at 9.30pm.
Two Gold members winners; Gerry Walsh & David Ryan each winning €30**.** Offline winner of €25 was David McKenzie & the online winner of €25 was Pat McGrath. Thank You to everyone who continue 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

Cong Moytura Heritage Society Spring Talks

The second in the Spring Series Talk on Thursday 26 February in the Crossroads Community Centre, Cong, F31 PY97 at 8pm. Paul Waldron is presenting on Ordnance Survey and Local History. If you love old maps this will be a very interesting talk. This is a Free talk and refreshments will be served afterwards.

FREE Electrical Recycling Event in Cong on Saturday, 28th February, 2026 at The Council Car Park from 10am – 4pm. Any household waste electrical items which are operated by a plug or a battery (large or small) and are at the end of their useful life will be accepted for recycling free of charge. Also, all types of batteries and energy saving lightbulbs will be accepted for recycling.