Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday February 21st at 6.30pm
Peter Egan (6th Anniv) & his wife Bríd
Patrick Ryan, (Anniv) Houndswood & Chicago

Thursday February 26th at 7.30am
Special Intention

Saturday February 28th at 6.30pm
John O'Connor (10th Anniv) & his son
Andy (4th Anniv)

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday February 22nd at 9.30am
Conor O'Malley (4th Anniv)
Teresa (Anniv) & Paddy Hennelly
Seamus McGovern, his parents Michael & Delia & his sister Frances
Josephine O'Brien (Anniv)
Michael & Kitty Lynagh
Willie & Eileen Carney
Ellen Burnley (nee Warde) & her husband Alfie

Monday February 23rd at 7pm
Lenten Prayer Service with Communion

Wednesday February 25th at 7.30am
Special Intention

Sunday March 1st at 9.30am
Catherine Browne (2nd Anniv)
Maggie & Lily O'Brien

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 22nd at 11am
Winifred McVeigh (Anniv)
Sean, Mae & Micheál Ryan
Henry Byrne & Sean McDaid

Tuesday February 24th at 7pm
Lenten Prayer Service with Communion

Friday February 27th at 7.30am
Special Intention

Sunday March 1st at 11am
Special Intention

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Weekly Church Collection
The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was €1,350 .
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 €79.20 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

M.S. Church Gate Collection takes place in all three Churches in the Parish this weekend, all support would be greatly appreciated.

Remember in your prayers;

Paddy Killeen, Mayo Abbey, Claremorris, whose funeral took place during the week.
May his soul Rest in Peace.

Parish Notice Board

Our Lenten Challenge

Many thanks to all who have been coming out in such good numbers to our Lenten Masses.
We continue this week with our Mass & Prayer Services;
Monday at 7pm Neale Lenten Prayer Service
Tuesday at 7pm Cong Lenten Prayer Service
Wednesday at 7.30am Neale Mass
Thursday at 7.30am Cross Mass
Friday at 7.30am Cong Mass

The Neale Choir
The new Director of the Neale Choir is Emily Tunney, she will be accompanied on the organ by John Lane. We wish Emily and John the very best of luck in their roles. A meeting of existing choir members with Emily will take place on Wednesday evening next at 7pm in The Neale Church. New members to the Choir are always very welcome!

Confirmation Choir Practice
A Choir practice for the Confirmation will take place in Cong Church on Wednesday February 25th at 8pm

The Neale Community Childcare
Pyramid Pals, The Neale Community Childcare is now enrolling for free ECCE preschool places for September 26. Please email us on thenealechildcare@gmail.com or phone 0949545299 if you wish to have your child enrolled.

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.

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine, led by Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic Saturday March 7th & Sunday March 8th. **Venue:** St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

Cong, Cross, The Neale Community Bingo will take place on Saturday next 28th February at 8pm in The Crossroads Community Centre. Great night out for the whole community.

FREE Electrical Recycling Event
in Cong on Saturday next, 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.

Wilde River Drama Group present two one act comedies in The Neale Hall on Wednesday 4th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March. Tickets are available from Dee Biggins' Fashions Ballinrobe.

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.

Neale GAA Weekly Lotto Results
The winning numbers drawn were; . 12, 18, 24 & 32 There was no Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot is €4,900, and the draw takes place in Ryan's on Tuesday next 24th February at 9.30pm.
Two Gold members winners; Cathriona McTigue & Denny O'Sullivan each winning €30**.** Online lucky dip winner of €25 was Colleen McDonnell-Hoade & the offline lucky dip winner of €25 was Derek Murphy. 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

Training programme for New Business Development in the Geopark
Joyce Country & Western Lakes Geopark are now calling for expressions of interest for this comprehensive training programme to support new business development in the Geopark's communities. The training (subject to funding approval) is planned for 10 two-hour sessions, likely split between spring and autumn 2026. Applicants shoul email **info@jcwlgeopark.ie** for an Expression of Interest Form, which needs to be returned by 5pm, **Friday 6th March.** Requests for clarification prior to the deadline can be to the same email address.