Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday March 28th at 6.30pm
Padraig Laffey (6th Anniv)
Phil Morrin (10th Anniv) & her husband Tommy
Castletown

Holy Saturday April 4th at 6.30pm
The Easter Vigil
Intentions of the People of the Parish
Blessing of Easter Candle and Easter Holy Water

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday March 29th at 9.30am
Margaret Burke 1st Anniv & her husband John
Thomas & Mary Warde & Mary Holleran & Margaret Walsh
Nora Warde (5th Anniv) her husband Patrick & daughter Marian Fulford

Monday March 30th at 7pm
Lenten Prayer Service with Communion

Wednesday April 1st at 7.30am
Special Intention

Good Friday at 7pm
Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

Easter Sunday April 5th at 9.30am
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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 March 29th at 11am
Michael V. Ryan
Margaret (16th Anniv) & Tom Carroll
Tom & Kathleen Lydon & Pauline Bonner
Tom & Nora Lydon
Anthony Fox (30th Anniv) & his wife Mary
(London & Gortacurra) & a Special Intention
Michael & Maureen Ryan

Tuesday March 31st at 7pm
Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Holy Thursday
Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7pm

Easter Sunday April 5th at 11am
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Weekly Church Collection
The amount lodged to the Parish account this week was € 1,930. 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 €16.45 was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

Turas na Croise / Stations of the Cross on Máméan on Good Friday, 3 April 2026 at 3pm.

Annual Chrism Mass
Archbishop Francis will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday, 1st April 2026 at 6.00 pm.

Tea, Coffee & Scones
For all who have been attending the Lenten Masses, a get-together for Tea & Scones as an appreciation from Fr. Declan will take place in Danagher's Hotel on Tuesday evening next after the 7pm Mass in Cong Church .

Parish Notice Board

Palm Sunday & Holy Week Ceremonies
This Sunday March 29th is Palm Sunday. Blessing of Palms will take place at all Masses on the weekend of March 28th/29th.
A Penitential Service will be held at all Masses in the Parish this week-end in preparation for Easter.

Easter Ceremonies
Holy Thursday; Mass of The Lord's Supper in Cong Church at 7pm followed by adoration.
Good Friday; Stations of the Cross & Ceremony at 7pm in the Neale Church
Holy Saturday; Vigil & Blessing of Easter Candle & Holy Water in Cross Church at 6.30
Easter Sunday; 9.30am The Neale Church
Blessing of Easter Candle & Holy Water
Intentions of the People of the Parish
Easter Sunday; 11am Cong Church
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Easter Communion Calls
Fr. Declan will be doing his Monthly Communion calls around the Parish on Friday next (Good Friday). If you would like Fr. Declan to call to you , please contact to the Parish Office.

Invitation to all Eucharistic Ministers
All those who serve as Eucharistic Ministers in the three Church areas are invited to attend the Holy Thursday Ceremony to renew their commitment to their ministry and to receive a blessing. Anyone wishing to become a Eucharistic Minster can touch base with Fr. Declan before Thursday, as any new Eucharistic Minister will be commissioned at the Ceremony on Holy Thursday.

ALONE are seeking volunteers
'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. If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.'

Dementia Cafe continues on Tuesday the 7th of April. of Ballinrobe from 11.30am to 1pm. The Guest Speaker on the day will be Joanne Hynes from Hynes Pharmacy in Ballinrobe. All welcome and refreshments supplied.

Knock Counselling Centre is running a 'Calming Your Anxiety' Programme to support participants better understand and manage their anxiety & move towards creating some ease in life. The programme commences on Tuesday 7th April 6 p.m. -8 p.m. and will run over 7 Tuesday evenings. For details & to register please phone **094 93-75032** or email: counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie

Cross N.S. Fundraising Card Game
25 Card Drive in aid of Cross National School Please join us at 7.30pm on **Sunday 29th March** for a 25 Card Drive in Cross Community Centre. €10 admission. All proceeds go towards Cross National School. Lots of prizes to be won. All support appreciated!

Cong N.S Parents Association Easter Bake Sale
Takes place on Sunday March 29th from 10.30am to 1.30pm in The Courthouse in Cong Enjoy a delicious selection of cakes, cookies, brownies, and treats. We hope you can all come and support our school at the Parents Association Bake Sale! All proceeds will go towards supporting school activities and resources for our students. Spread the word bring your friends and family and treat yourself to something sweet!

Neale GAA Weekly Lotto Results
The winning numbers drawn were; 5, 14, 17 & 24 .
There was no Jackpot winner.
Two Gold members winners; Michael McGrath Jr. & John Coleman each winning €30.
Online lucky dip winner of €25 was Seamus Kennedy
Offline lucky dip winner of €25 was Katie Flanagan.
Next week's Jackpot is €5,400, and the draw takes place in O'Malley's Cross on Tuesday next 21st of March 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

Fundraising Card Game for GAA & LGFA
Fundraising 25 Card Drive in aid of The Neale GAA & LGFA on **Friday April 3rd (Good Friday)** in The Neale Hall, at 8pm. Tickets available to purchase in O'Connors , Cong or on the night. All tickets sold are entered into a draw for dinner for two in The Lodge at Ashford. Prizes galore on the night!
All support is greatly appreciated.

Last Card Game
Card games have finished now for Summer. A total of €400 was raised on night of March 24th and will be sent to Western Alzheimer's. We would like to thank all who supported the card game during the year.

Ballinrobe Musical Society
Tickets for Ballinrobe Musical Society's production of Frozen: The Musical can be purchased online via their Facebook or Instagram pages or by phoning Tacú on 094 954 2907. Inspired by the hit Disney film, Frozen: The Musical takes place in Ballinrobe Community School from Easter Sunday, April 5, - Sat, April 11th.