Cong Cross The Neale Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions for the week

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cross

Saturday May 23rd at 6.30pm
Larry O'Dea (2nd Anniv)
Tom Nally

Thursday May 28th
No Mass in Cross

Saturday May 30th at 6.30pm
Pat, Mary & Paraic Nally

St. John the Baptist Church, The Neale

Sunday May 24th at 9.30am
Sean Higgins (2nd Anniv)
Gerard O' Halloran, The Neale (Anniv)

Wednesday May 27th
No Mass in The Neale

Sunday May 31st at 9.30am
Padraic Feerick (5th Anniv)
Roger Keane & his parents Michael & Margaret
Jack Farragher, Killour & Bridget Farragher, Chicago
Rita & Michael O'Halloran , their son Gerard & dec family members

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 May 24th at 11am
Mary Mulholland (nee Clarke) her husband Owen, her daughter Gay Fitzpatrick & her two Grand-daughters Daire (Rescue 116) & Anna
Paddy & Mary Ellen Coen & their daughter Bridie Quirke & dec family members
Michael & Annie Moran their son Patrick & dec family members.
Bernice Harrington
Brendan & Sal Kelly (Anniv)

Tuesday May 26th
No Mass in Cong

Sunday May 31st at 11am
Special Intention

Weekly Offetory Collection
Many thanks to all who donate so generously to the weekly offertory collection, which goes towards the upkeep of the three Churches in the Parish.
A total of €2,455 was lodged to the Parish account this week, this total included €1,260 for the Family Life Centre Collection.

Zambian Housing Project
A total of €35.70. was lodged to the account this week. Many thanks for your continued support to the project.

Living Well Programme
An online programme for adults living with any long term or chronic health condition begins on Wednesday May 27th for 6 weeks online , 6 2 and a half hour sessions. To book your place , please contact Martha McTigue, on 086-0142688 or email; mmctigue@southmayo.com

Recent Baptism;
We welcome into the Christian Community;
Levi Stan Moran, son of Michael Moran & Grace O'Hare of Ballymagibbon, Cross. Wishing Levi and his family every blessing in the years ahead.

Parish Notice Board

Change of Mass Times
Recently the six Priests of the Ballinrobe Deanery ; **Fr. Denis Carney, Fr. Gerry Burns, Fr. Michael Murphy, Fr. Jarlath Heraty, Fr. Kieran Burke & Fr. Declan Carroll** met to plan a strategy that five priests could cover the six parish weekend Masses in the event of one priest becoming ill or was away for sometime because of health issues. This would also help regarding cover for Summertime when a priest is on holiday. Each of the six of us priests would concur that it has become more difficult to get a priest to cover when something suddenly arises, or we want to plan a week or two off. As a result we decided to stagger Mass times in each of the six parishes to allow us to cover each other and make sure that each parish would have their Saturday evening and Sunday Masses From the weekend of 4th/5th of July the following change will take place;
Saturday Evening—Cross moves from 6.30pm to 5pm
Sunday Morning –The Neale 9.30am no change
Sunday Morning-Cong moves from 11am to 11.30am
Our neighbouring parishes;
Ballinrobe - Saturday Evening at 6.30pm and Sunday Morning at 11.30am
Kilmaine—Sunday Morning at 10am
Gortjordan—1st Friday at 7.30pm
Cornamona—Saturday Evening at 6pm
Clonbur—Sunday Morning at 10.30am
" All six parishes have make changes so that each of us Priests can cover for each other at short notice.
I understand some people will find these changes a challenge to adjust to, however I am confident that you will support me as you always have done in adapting to these changes to both our Masses in Cross as well as Cong. I thank you for your continued support & friendship." Fr. Declan

Friends of Darragh– 7 a –side
The Friends of Darragh committee has decided that the 7 a-side Tournament **will not take place this year.** In making the decision they took into consideration the pressure on clubs to field teams and player welfare. The Walsh family would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped make this tournament a success over the past 10 years. All funds raised went directly to the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. The KBRT is a volunteer led charity that provides vital financial assistance and support to bereaved families in bringing loved ones home to Ireland following a tragic passing abroad.

Family Carers Event June 8th
Family carers are invited to join us for a gentle & restorative Summer Saunter in the beautiful grounds of Turlough House on Monday June 8th. Beginning at 11:00am the morning offers time for connection, fresh air, and quiet reflection. At 12:00pm, we will enjoy tea, coffee, and light refreshments in the café, followed at 1:00pm by a supportive workshop, Recognising and Responding to Carer Burnout, in the workshop space at the café area. A lovely opportunity to pause, connect, and focus on your wellbeing. For more information or to book your spot, email: mayocs@familycarers.ie or call 0949041148

Funeral Ministry— A CALL TO SUPPORT

Funeral Ministry, especially, has been seen as a ministry reserved to priests only. The priest attends those near death, is called to administer the Sacrament of the Sick and is on hand at the time of a funeral to offer support to families and to organise and celebrate the different moments of the funeral liturgy. This ministry is being introduced so that there will be trained people in our Christian Communities, with the necessary skills and awareness, to take up some of these ministries in a time when there are fewer priests covering wide areas. This ministry is not about taking over the role of the priest. There are aspects of Funeral Ministry, especially the Sacramental aspect, that can only be carried out by a priest, who will serve as a mentor and guide. Eventually, having become familiar with the rites and competent in their celebration, they will be ready to carry out their role on behalf of the community when required. Funeral Ministry is open to any adult member of the Parish Community, with a sensitive and caring disposition, who has the time and pastoral skills needed to support the bereaved.
Information leaflets, which include a nomination form are available in the porches of the three Churches, please detatch and complete the nomination form and return it in the offertory basket or it can be dropped into the Parish Office before June 14th .

Cong N.S. Part-time Caretaker Required
Cong National School is looking to hire a School Caretaker on a limited part-time basis. The role will include minor repairs, painting, general maintenance and upkeep of school. If you are interested, please contact Michael at deputyprincipal@congns.ie or call the school on 094 9546725.

Wildlife Exhibition & Book Launch in Cong

Local wildlife photographer Shay Doran will be having a photographic exhibition and a Book Launch in The Crossroads Community Centre on Saturday & Sunday May 30-31st from 6pm to 9pm. Free entry for all ages. Shay.doran@me.com 083-8923419

Neale GAA Weekly Lotto Results
The winning numbers drawn were; 3, 5, 20 & 21. There was no Jackpot winner.
Two Gold members winners; Oliver Browne & Joseph Heskin each winning €30.
Online lucky dip winner of €25 was Louise McGrath . **Offline lucky dip winner** of €25 was Evelyn O' Dowd . Next week's Jackpot is €6,200, the draw takes place in Danagher's Cong on Tuesday next May 26th 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