

## **A SPECIAL APPEAL TO GIVE A DAY TO YOUR PARISH**

In times past, there was a tradition of families giving a day to the parish when work on building a church or parish building was in progress. A MEITHEAL from a village would gather with horses and carts to quarry stone or sand and deliver it to the site.

### **This is a special appeal to families to give the equivalent of “ A Day To Your Parish”**

The weekly envelope collection is just enough for the running costs of the parish. For the past six years the extra income from Tax Refunds, Weddings from outside the parish, Rental income for the Tourist Office and money from Bequests and Wills has provided the funds for capital works and maintenance on parish buildings.

### **WHY THIS APPEAL NOW?**

During 2015 a number of urgent and emergency works had to be carried out on parish property listed overleaf. In addition a safety audit has identified two substantial projects that require attention. There is also a serious problem with the heating system in Cong church. So this is a special appeal to every family in the parish to make a substantial contribution, according to their means, to the maintenance fund to meet the costs involved and to avoid the parish going into debt.

### **The contribution suggested is to give one day’s income, to divide the weekly income by five - A Day to Your Parish.**

### **HOW TO CONTRIBUTE**

1. You may use the envelope enclosed to pay by cheque. Cheques to be made out to ‘Cong church’ or ‘Cross church’ or ‘The Neale church’. and put into the enclosed envelope. Envelopes may be put into the collection basket or posted.
2. You may use the envelope enclosed to pay by cash and put the envelope into the collection basket in the church or leave it into the sacristy after Mass. Do not send cash in the post.
- 3 If you use electronic banking you may transfer money to AIB BALLINROBE  
CONG-CROSS-NEALE PARISH IBAN: IE26 AIBK 9370 5305 1460 39 BIC: AIBKIE2D

**Whether you pay by 1,2 or 3 above please complete the slip below, tear it off and return it in the enclosed envelope so there will be a record of your contribution. (Turn over)**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH AREA \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (If you use the box of envelopes)

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Maintenance Works 2015**

Painting Cong Church	€3,645
Painting Cross Church	€4,500
Painting Neale Church	€5,448
Replace Boiler in Neale (Priests House)	€2,060
Essential Maintenance on Tourist Office (Returns Annual Rent)	€16,684
Electrical Works in Neale Church – internal/external lighting (Including emergency lighting and fire alarm)	<u>€39,500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€71,837</b>

#### **Heating system in Cong Church (Further expense)**

As a result of the flooding water got into the air ducts of the heating system in Cong church and is causing serious condensation inside the church. Until the water levels recede it is not clear what remedial work will be required or how much it will cost.

**This appeal is made on behalf of the parish of Cong, Cross and The Neale by:**

**Fr. Paddy Gilligan P.P.**

**Finance Committee: James McGovern, Martin Munroe, Mary McGovern**

**Pastoral Council: Teresa Higgins (chairperson), Kathleen Conroy  
(Secretary)**