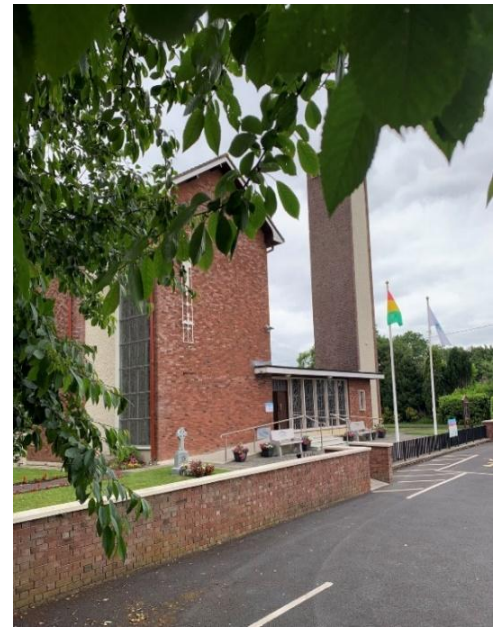




# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh- Staplestown

24<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Pentecost Sunday



**Envelopes & Offertory Collection**  
Total €1339

**Weekday Masses Mon, Wed-Fri 9am**  
Christ the King Cooleragh

**Wednesday Morning** Mass. Remembering those who are enduring the burden of injury or illness.

**Thursday Morning** Mass. Remembering especially those who have gone before us.

**Parish Account**  
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**Anniversary this weekend**  
6.30pm Christ the King Cooleragh  
MM. Seamus Heffernan Coill Dubh

Philomena Brosnan  
John Byrne Coolcarrigan, also remembering the Landridge Family London

8.30am Christ the King Cooleragh  
Shane O'Sullivan

11.15am St Benignus Staplestown  
Elsie Hickey Blackwood  
Gretta, Pat and Kitty Smyth  
Hodgesdtown

## Retired Priest's of the Diocese

The annual collection for the fund to support the numeration of our retired priests is at this time envelopes available on the tables at the back of our churches

## **Exam Students**

We will remember and include students sitting forthcoming exams on next Sunday 31st May in St. Benignus Staplestown at 11.15am



**30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May 2026****Ministers of the Word***Christ the King, Cooleragh*  
**Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm**

Fiona Murphy

**Sunday 8.30am**

Blathnaid Tennyson

*St Benignus, Staplestown***Sunday 11.15am**

Ger McKeown

**Ministers of the Eucharist***Christ the King, Cooleragh***Saturday 6.30pm**

Mary Aspell

**Sunday 8.30am**

Catherine Harney

*St Benignus, Staplestown***Sunday 11.15am**

Mary Fallon

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** We would travel out on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October for 4 nights returning Friday 9<sup>th</sup> (Hotel Eliseo).****Cost is €795 pp sharing (Halfboard Breakfast and Dinner).****€825 pp sharing (fullboard Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner). Single room supplement €45 per night.**

If you are considering coming on this pilgrimage, we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Congratulations** to the Maguire Family on matching 3 in last weeks Lotto Promoter was Ber Conlon.**Diocesan/Parish Lotto.** Next week's lotto is €19,000**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**, ceremonies

begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Bus leaving outside St Coca 's Church Kilcock at 8.45am.

**Seats available Adults €20 under 18 €15 Contact the Parish Office 01 6287406 Tue, Thur, Fri 9.30am -11.45am****St. Mochua's Historical Society.** Next Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May at 8 pm. The Life and Times of Dell Weld, born in Blackwood 1921 and was a member of St. Mochua's Historical Group. A Talk by Joan Weld-Moore on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Raffle, Tea, Coffee and fancies as always! All are welcome.**The Dublin Welsh Male Choir** Will perform in the Church of our Lady and St Joseph, Prosperous on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets are €25 and available from Prosperous Parish Office or Prosperous Dramatic Society Eventbrite page.**41<sup>st</sup> All Ireland Rosary Rally** Takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June in Knock Shrine. Visit [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com) for details.**WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION: AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS**

'Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass,

we experience a life-giving encounter and **communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

***What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?***

See

<https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturg-y-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material.