

# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh -Staplestown

9th -10th December '23

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent



Envelope & Offertory Collections

Parish Envelopes Total €540 Offertory €906 THANK YOU

Prayers & Communion Service Monday & Tuesday

Wednesday Morning 9am Mass. Remembering those who are enduring the burden of injury or illness followed by adoration till 11am.

Thursday Morning 9am Mass. Remembering especially those who have gone before us.

*Christmas Mass Bouquets*: are available at the Parish Office They will be included in all Masses Christmas Eve / Day.

Parish Priest; Fr. John

### Anniversaries this Weekend

**6.30pm:** Paddy Mangan Timahoe & hia wife Nancy & all the deceased members of the Mangan & Daly families.

Imelda Murphy Coolcarrigan Michael McCormack Coill Dubh

8.30am Lorcan Harney Newtown Great also remembering his wife Mai

#### 11.15am

Tom & Joan Dowd Staplestown
Ciss & Ned Murphy Staplestown
Nancy & Sean Murphy Staplestown &
their son Sonny
Patrick & Mary Moore Hodgestown
James & Nellie Browne Ballinafagh
Tommy Hosey The Range
Deceased members of the Flannery &
Gubbins families

Please remember in your prayers the family of Ann Duggan Coill Dubh whose funeral is at 9.30am Sunday **Anniversaries next week-end 6.3opm** Patricia Collins Coill
Dubh,

Todd & Eithna Herbert "The Villa" Robertstown & their family friend Tom Hughes

Vincent Brereton Corduff also remembering his mother Nancy & the deceased members of the Millea & Donovan families. Christy Delaney Hodgestown & Paul Dwyer Prosperous

**8.30am** Edward Ennis Ballinafagh also remembering his parents John & Peg Ennis

Ministers of the Word & Eucharist for next week 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> December

Ministers of the Word Christ the King Cooleragh 6.30pm Michael Ward 8.30am. Eilis Cox

St Benígnus Staplestown
11.15am Maggie Kennedy

Minister of the Eucharist Christ the King Cooleragh 6.30pm James Kenna 8.30am Catherine Harney

# St Benignus Staplestown 11.15am Bernie Marron & Geraldine Brennan

Envelopes: everyone should have got their envelope box by now. I would like to thank everyone who distributed the boxes it was agreat help and much appreciated. Anyone who hasn't got a box there are boxes at the end of the churches please take one and put your

name & box number on the sheet provided. *Thank You* 

Congratulations to Ian, Ber & Alex Conlon & Ian Conlon who matched 3 in the Diocesan Lotto last week

### Diocesan - Parish Lotto :.

The results are on the notice board at the back of the church also Wards Shop, Daybreak Supermarket. The Jackpot for next week's draw is €11,000. Thank you for your support. Tickets can be purchased in Daybreak Supermaket Coill Dubh, Wards Shop Cooleragh, Stylez & Smilzes Staplestown Betty Dolan Staplestown, Parish Office during office hours or in our Churches after weekend Masses.

Feast days for the week
Monday: St Damasus 1
Tuesday: Our Lady of
Guadalupe & St. Finnian
Wednesday: St Lucy
Thursday: St. John of the Cross
Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

<u>Christmas Concert Staplestown</u>

Save the Date! The annual Christmas Concert hosted by Staplestown Choir will take place on Sunday 17th December at 7.3 opm. The concert will feature traditional carols such as O Holy Night and The Drummer Boy, as well as festive classics like Winter Wonderland and Driving Home for Christmas. With solo performances, and roof raising choir favourites, the evening will have everyone in the Christmas spirit. Arriving early for seating is

recommended. We hope to see you there!

### **St Mochua Hostirical Society:**

Will meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> December in The Hall in Staplestown at 8pm. The meeting will consist of storytelling & 'yarns' and a video of 'The Bog Day' by Tommy Keogh & Sham Hogan.

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on o86 8760058.

Families are invited to say the following prayer together when they put up the Christmas tree in their home

## A Blessing Prayer

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we gather around this tree.
May its light and the cheer
it gives us be a sign of the joy
that fills our hearts.
As we delight in this tree
may we come to the knowledge
and joy of the Christmas gift
of salvation and peace.
We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Come, Lord Jesus.
AMEN