



# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent



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**Envelope & Offertory Collections**  
**Parish Envelopes Total €654 Offertory €744** *THANK YOU*  
**Mass Monday -Friday in Christ the King, Cooleragh**

**Tuesday 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.

**Parish Priest; Fr. John**

**Anniversaries this weekend.**

**6.30pm** Sheila Flemming  
 Blackwood  
 Angela Denny Corduff

**11.15am**

**MM** John Dowd Staplestown,  
 also his parents Denis & Kathleen  
 whose anniversaries occur at this  
 time

Mikie Reilly Staplestown  
 Joe Gibbin Celbridge

**The Next Sunday Bingo** will take  
 place on **3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm** in the  
 Community Centre Coill Dubh



**Anniversaries for next week**

**6.30pm** Rena Power & her daughter Anne Power-Green

**11.15am**

Jack O'Brien Staplestown.  
Dianne Brown Dunmurraghill  
Timothy Gill Staplestown

Ministers of the Word & Eucharist for next week  
24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Ministers of the Word*****Christ the King Cooleragh***

**6.30pm** Fiona Murphy

**8.30am.** Caroline Ennis

***St Benignus Staplestown***

**11.15am** Maeve Caldwell

**Minister of the Eucharist*****Christ the King Cooleragh***

**6.30pm** James Kenna

**8.30am** Catherine Harney

***St Benignus Staplestown***

**11.15am** Joe & Bernie Doran

**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 Supermarkets Coill Dubh, Wards Shop Cooleragh, Stylez & Smilzes Staplestown, Betty Dolan Staplestown* Parish office during office hours or after weekend masses in our churches.

**Feast Day this week**

**Wednesday:-** St Peter Damian

**Thursday:** The Chair of Peter

**Friday:-** St Polycarp

**St Mochua's Historical Society.**

The next meeting of St Mochua's Historical Society will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February at 8p.m. in the Old School Hall, Staplestown. Based on the 'Save Our Stories Series', Kevin Murphy from Kildare County Library will present an interview with Mr. Johnny Hillis Rip. Cooleragh, which was previously recorded by Mr. Sean Flannery. All are welcome & bring a friend.

**Congratulations** to Charlotte Wilson Dunmurraghill, Donadea on being awarded a 4-year full scholarship to Loyola Private College in Chicago.

Congratulation to her parents Trish & Dave. Charlotte is a granddaughter of Noreen Wilson Cooleragh & Peter Fitzsimmons Ballagh.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend:**

The Marriage Enrichment program has been transforming marriages in Ireland for over 50 years and in 94 countries around the world. The programme involves a Weekend experience that transforms the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other.

The experience allows you to create a dialogue with each other and with God, to create a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. This is taking place in Prosperous, Co Kildare 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. .

Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare  
Online booking only:  
[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Divine Mercy Conference**The conference will take place in the

RDS this year on the 23rd, 24th and 25th February, 2024. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. The conference will be broadcast online through our website [www.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.com) free of charge and on [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). It will also be available (audio only) on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie) and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277 and also on [www.ShalomWorld.org](http://www.ShalomWorld.org). The theme of this year's Conference is: "Jesus I Trust In You.". This is a call to trust in God. Trust is the opposite of fear. Our speakers for this year are: Bishop Alphonsus Cullinane D.D., Fr Pat Collins C.M, Fr. Eunan Mc Donnell SDB, Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC, Fr Jaimie Twohig SAC, Sr. Mary Claire Kenneally OLM and Sr. Donata Farbaniec OLM. Tickets: €40 weekend, Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available through PayPal on our website; from 22 Castle Grove, Clondalkin, Dublin D22Y2W9; or at the RDS door.

Suggested as ways to fulfilling Friday penance for Lent

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer.
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- Making the Stations of the Cross
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely