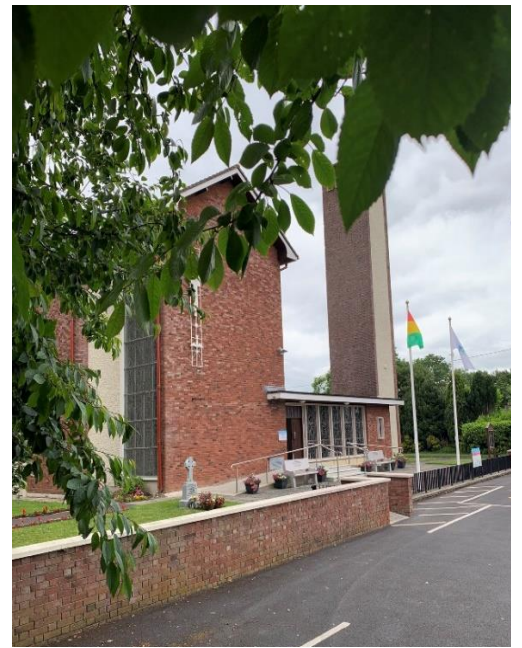




# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> March 2024



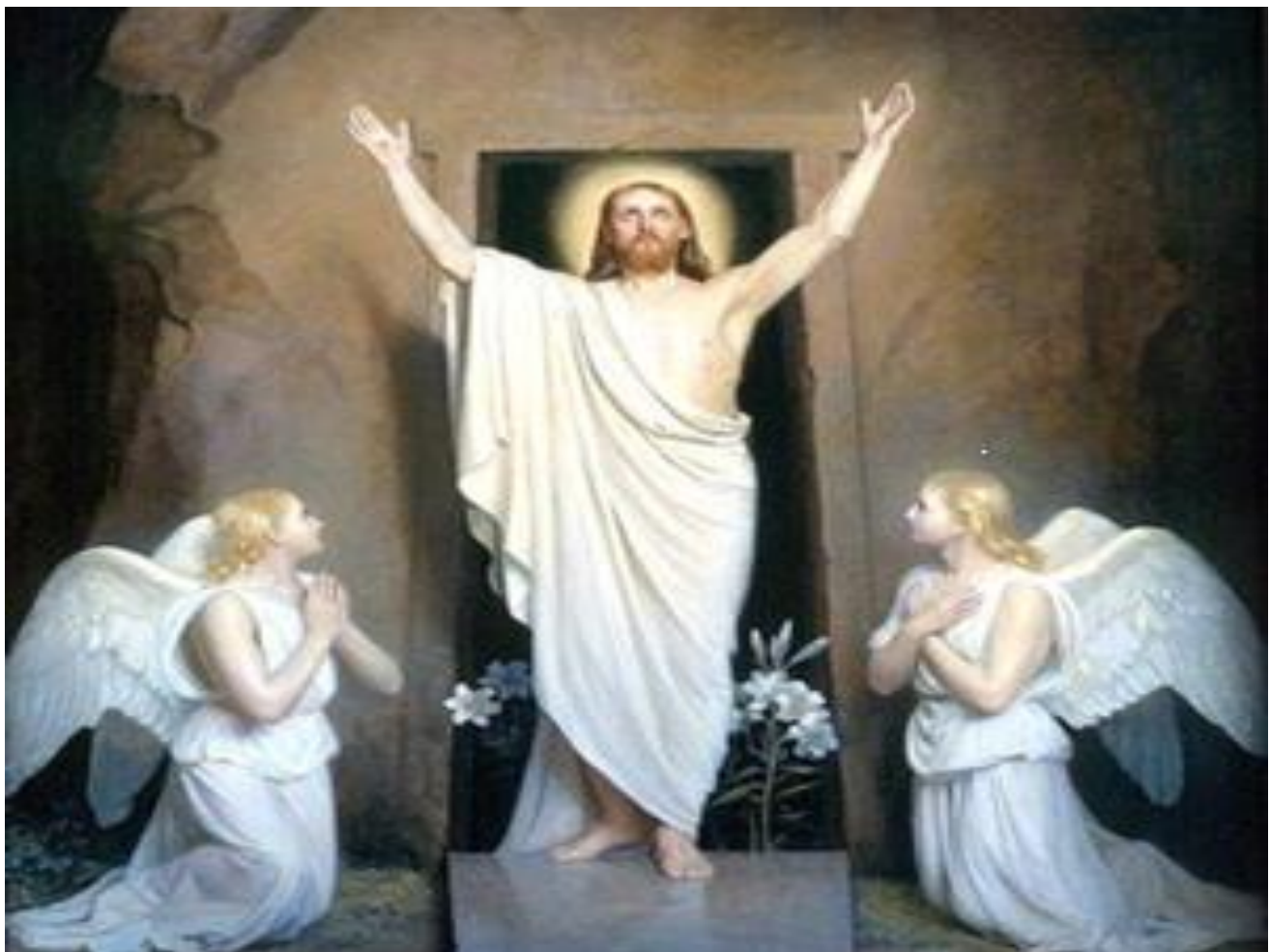
Easter Sunday



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Dawn Mass Easter Morning 6am Cappagh GAA Grounds Newtown

*Wishing everyone the joy and hope of Easter*

**Anniversaries for next week**

**6.30pm** Tom Hughes 'The Villa' Robertstown also Kathleen Dalton Robertstown (nee Herbert)  
Paddy & Elsie Millea, Vincent Brereton & deceased members of the Donovan & Millea families  
Bridge Lane Gilltown

**11.15am** Jim Casey Staplestown  
Mollie Delaney Hodgestown  
Philomena Casey Timahoe

**Ministers of the Word & Eucharist for next week**  
**6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Saturday 6.30pm**

Louis Dockery

**Sunday 8.30am.**

Eilis Cox

*St Benignus Staplestown*

**Sunday 11.15am**

Maggie Kennedy

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

**Saturday 6.30pm**

James Kenna

**Sunday 8.30am**

Catherine Harney

*St Benignus Staplestown*

**Sunday 11.15am**

Joe Doran & Geraldine

Brennan

**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 **€12,000.**

Thank you for your support. Tickets can be purchased in *Daybreak Supermarkets Coill Dubh, Wards Shop Cooleragh, Stylez & Smilzes Staplestown,* Parish office during office hours or after weekend masses in our churches.

**Feast Day this week**

**Monday:** St Ceallach (Celsus)

**Tuesday:** St Francis of Paola

**Thursday:** St Isidore.

**Friday:** St Vincent Ferrer

**Tir Na Mona 28<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Spring Clean Up** takes place

on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Skips are provided courtesy of Bord Na Móna. Please help by coming out and picking roadside litter in our Parish, which can be done in the week leading up to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. High Vis jackets and gloves should be worn. Be careful and observe the rules of the road by facing on coming traffic. Thank you in anticipation. Sean Flannery Co-Ordinator (087 2416646) PS. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

**25<sup>th</sup> National Pioneer Ball :**

Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25<sup>th</sup> Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/

tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626

**An Easter Message**

I love the refrain that carried us through these past Triduum days "Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross, but God raised him high". There was that sense of the refrain building up as each day of the Triduum passed. Everything is there in those few words and Easter is the greatest celebration in the cycle of our Church. We make a lot of Lent, I think, sometimes to the neglect of Easter.

The Sacred Triduum allowed us to walk with Jesus in his pain and desolation. It brought us many places, from a procession where palms were waving to an upper room to a garden and then to a hill, like no other hill. Yesterday we waited at the tomb, with that feeling that God was absent.

Then comes the great Easter Vigil as we read scripture, light candles, baptise new members of the church and celebrate the Eucharist. Easter lasts much longer than a vigil night, splendid as that celebration may be. Easter lasts for fifty days.

As we journey those days, may we hold in our prayers those who need most to hear that "God raised him high". God will be with us all and raise us with him; this is the hope of the new beginnings that Easter promises.

May the Risen One be with you this Easter

✠Denis