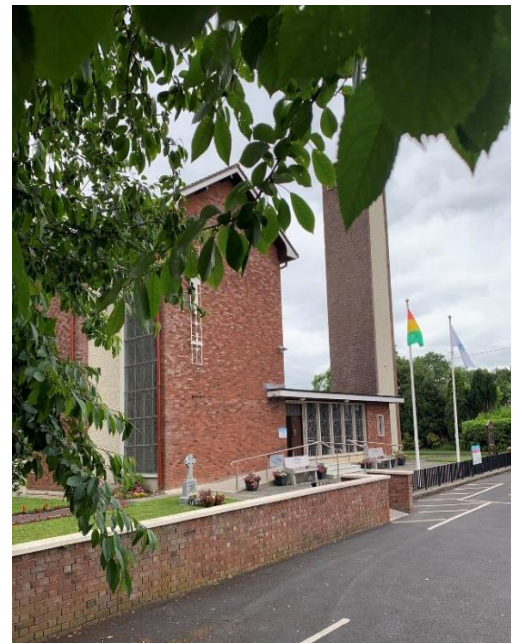




Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

13th -14th April 2024



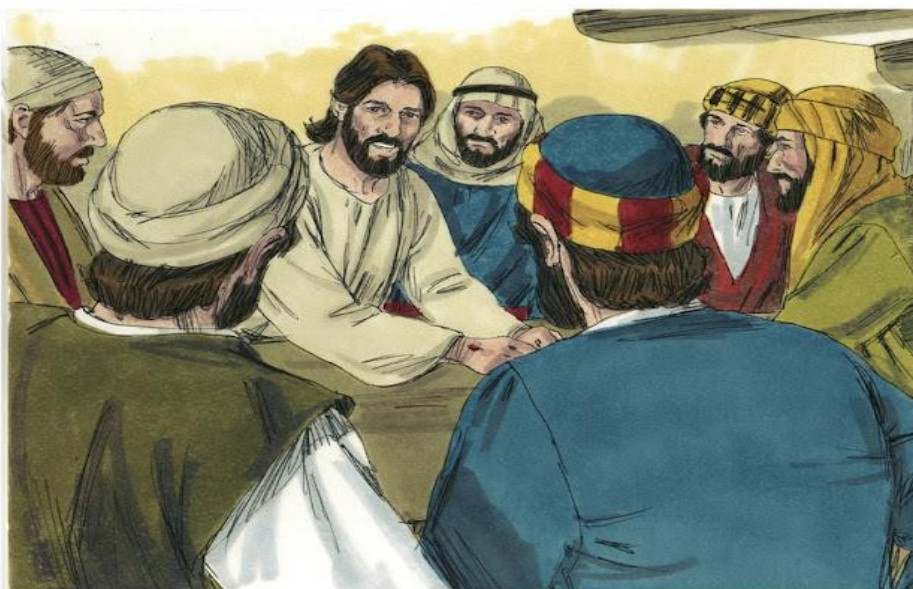
3rd Sunday of Easter



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Parish Priest Fr John.

Anniversaries this week

6.30pm MM Christy Fitzgerald
Brockagh
Chris (Broz) Brosnan

11.15am Kevin Kirk Derryvarogue
Paddy Downey Hodgestown,
Ann Hosey The Range
Michael Casey also remembering
his wife Winnie daughter-in-law
Bernie and deceased family
members
Kathleen Kelly Staplestown

If there are any Trócaire boxes that haven't been handed back, if you could at your earliest convenience would be a great help. THANK YOU

Envelopes & Offertory Collection

Parish Envelopes Total €698 Offertory Total €680
Trócaire last week €456.59

Mass every morning 9am

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.

**Next Sunday Bingo in
Community Centre Coill
Dubh Sunday 12th May
2024 2pm. Hope to see you
there.**

Anniversaries for next week

6.30pm Angela Ward Gilltown
John & Mary Caden Coill Dubh
Bridie Staunton Coill Dubh

11.15am

Ministers of the Word &
Eucharist for next week
20th -21st April

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

Saturday 6.30pm

Ann Mooney

Sunday 8.30am.

Laurence Cummins

St Benignus Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Liam Holton

Minister of the Eucharist

Christ the King Cooleragh

Saturday 6.30pm

Ann Moore

Sunday 8.30am

Catherine Harney

St Benignus Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Bernie Marron & Liam Holton

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 **€14,000**. 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

Thursday: St. Laserian

Prosperous Dramatic Society are delighted to welcome back their All Ireland 1-Act Drama Winners with their production of *The Same* written by Enda Walsh for one night only on Friday 19th April at 8pm. Why not join us to celebrate this wonderful achievement with the Director Daniel Clarke and his cast.

Their 2024 All Ireland 3-Act qualifying production of *A View From the Bridge* by Arthur Miller and directed by Connie Broderick will be back in Prosperous Theatre the 26th and 27th April at 8pm ahead of their performance at the RTE All Ireland Drama finals in May.

Tickets for all shows can be purchased at <http://prosperousdrama.eventbrite.com>

Burren Outdoor Retreat: Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora, and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. This retreat takes place Saturday 4th May 2024 to Monday 6th May 2024.

Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Noirin 087 447 911

The Memorare

Remember me O most gracious Virgin Mary that never wasn't known, That anyone would fled to thy protection, Implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee O Virgin of Virgins my mother, to thee do I come before you I stand sinful & sorrowful O Morthor of the Word Incarnate despise not my petitions, but graciously hear and answer me Amen.

**Fr. Faltas: Christians enduring war in Holy Land in faith and hope
The West Bank and Israel**

"In the West Bank, Christians...do not have jobs due to the lack of pilgrimages," he said. "They see no future for their families and many would like to leave the Holy Land." Fr. Faltas went on to address the difficulties communities in the West Bank have in contacting those in Gaza. "Unfortunately, the Christian communities of the Holy Land cannot have contact with each other, despite the physical proximity of these places," he said, noting that "thank God, technology has made it possible for us to hear from each other and to sustain each other in prayer."

Devastating toll on human life

Turning to address the political dimensions of the conflict, Fr. Faltas refrained from analysis, saying, "I am not a political analyst," though he noted that after decades of serving in the country he knows the situation well.

"For years I have believed that the international community has to intervene to try to bring peace to this part of the world so in need of peace," he noted, emphasising the huge loss of lives, particularly those of innocent children.

"Children, like all children in the world, are the first victims of these atrocities," he said, wondering, "Who will erase the psychological traumas of children, of all children, regardless of their nationality or religious belief?"

Pope Francis: ally of peace

Fr. Faltas concluded by commending Pope Francis for his endless advocacy for peace.

"Pope Francis' appeals support and give strength to the Christians of the Holy Land and, believe me, not only to Christians," he said, noting that he was "the first and, for a long time, the only one to call for a ceasefire."

Source: Fides News Agency

**Parish Priest of Gaza*