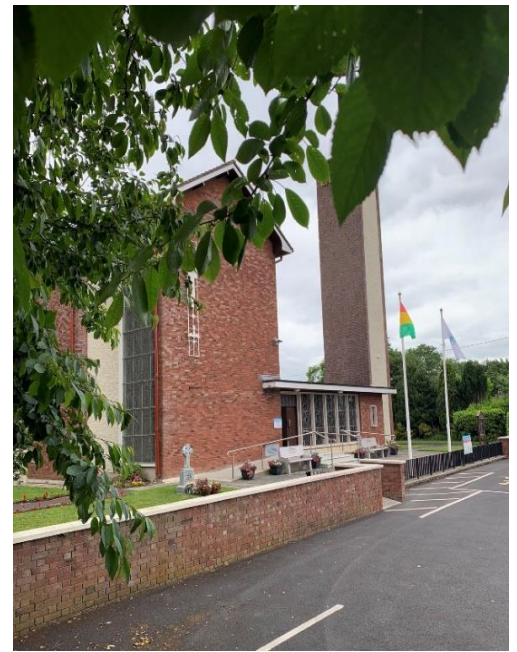


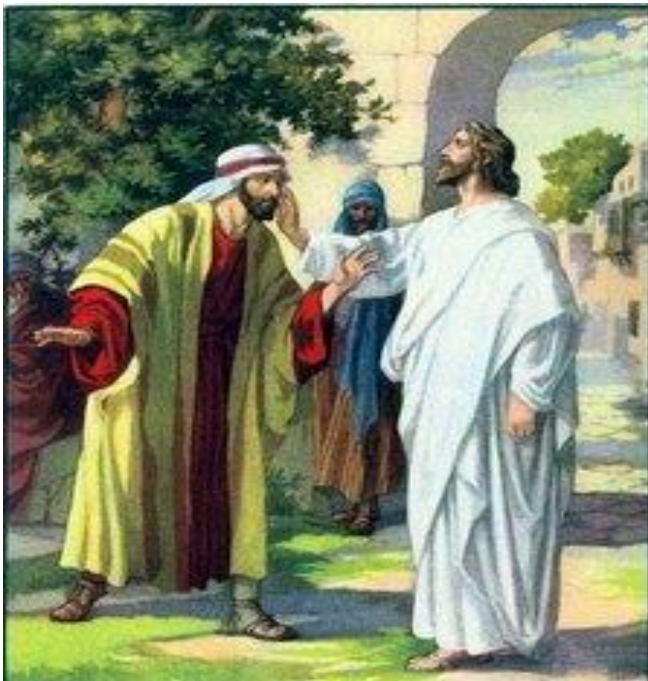


Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

7th -8th September 2024



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Anniversaries this week

6.30pm Catherine Bagnall
Coill Dubh & deceased
members of her family
Paddy Flynn Timahoe
Molly & Paddy Kelly
Hodgestown and their son
Liam

8.30am Fr. Pat Ramsbottom
PP

11.15am Des O'Leary
Derryvarogue
Mary Harrison (nee
McGuire)

Peter's Pence collection of
€623 has been forwarded
to Bishops House. We thank
you for your contribution to
this collection.

Envelopes & Offertory Collection

Parish Envelopes Total €559 Offertory Total €699

Tuesday Morning 9am Mass. Remembering those who
are enduring the burden of injury or illness

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

Parish Priest Fr John

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Anniversaries for next week

6.30pm Mary Cahill Church View & deceased members of the Cahill & Dunne families

Catheine Brosnan-Karney also remembering her brother Denny Mary (Mollie) Conlon Coill Dubh Kieran Collins Coill Dubh

8.30am Mary (Mollie) Conlon Coill Dubh

11.15am Johnny Kelly Staplestown also remembering his wife Alice

Ministers of the Word & Eucharist for next week

14th -15th September

Ministers of the Word

Christ the King

Cooleragh

Saturday 6.30pm

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am.

Caroline Ennis

St Benignus Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Kathy Tuite

Minister of the Eucharist

Christ the King Cooleragh

Saturday 6.30pm

James Kenna

Sunday 8.30am

Catherine Harney

St Benignus Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Bernie Doran & Maggie Kennedy

Diocesan -Parish Lotto Winners

Congratulations to Josie Byrne & Josie Doyle who matched 3 in the lotto on Wednesday.

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 Days this Week

Monday: St Ciaran

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver

Thursday: St Ailbe

Friday: St John Chrysostom

Saturday: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Visit of the relic of Carlos Acutis:

The relics of Carlos Acutis will visit the Church of St's Peter & Paul, Portlaoise on **11th and 12th September.** More details later.(Soon to be canonized the first Millennium Saint.) See Parish notice board for further details

Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette:

In September and October this year, the relics of Saint Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese. The relics of St Bernadette will visit Kildare and Leighlin this **October, on the 7th in Carlow Cathedral** and on the **8th in Portlaoise Parish**

Our Autumn Art Classes start from Mon 16th Sept. 10.30am-12.30pm evening 7-9pm & Wed 18th from 10.30am-12.30. All welcome to enjoy working at your own pace in a relaxed & friendly space. Why not try Watercolour, Acrylic, Oils, Charcoal or Sketching & find what best suits you. For further details contact 0858466020

What makes the world go round

Our editorial director, Andrea Tornielli, reflects on Pope Francis' remark that compassion "helps us to see things better" .**By Andrea Tornielli**

What makes the world go round?, Pope Francis pointed to what he believed is the "engine" that makes

the world turn. Speaking from the Cathedral in Jakarta, the Pope explained that it is "charity expressed through compassion" that makes the world go round. He said that compassion is not about offering help or alms to the needy "while looking down on them," but instead means bending down to truly connect with those on the ground, lifting them up and giving them hope. It also means embracing the dreams and desires for justice and redemption of the needy, becoming promoters and collaborators in their cause.

Some people fear compassion, the Bishop of Rome noted, "because they see it as a weakness." Instead, they praise cunning as if it were a virtue, the cunning of those who pursue their own interests while keeping their distance from everyone, refusing to be "touched" by anything or anyone, believing that this will make them freer to achieve their goals. But this, the Pope explained, is "a false way of viewing reality." Because "what drives the world forward is not calculations of self-interest—which generally end up destroying creation and dividing communities—but charity which gives itself."

"Compassion does not cloud a real vision of life; rather, it helps us see things more clearly, in the light of love." Compassion is what Jesus exemplifies on every page of the Gospel: He does not remain indifferent to reality, but is deeply moved, allowing Himself to be wounded by the stories and the needs of those He encounters. Indifference, on the other hand, which over time hardens into cynicism, leads us to believe we are freer. But in reality, it gradually makes us less human.