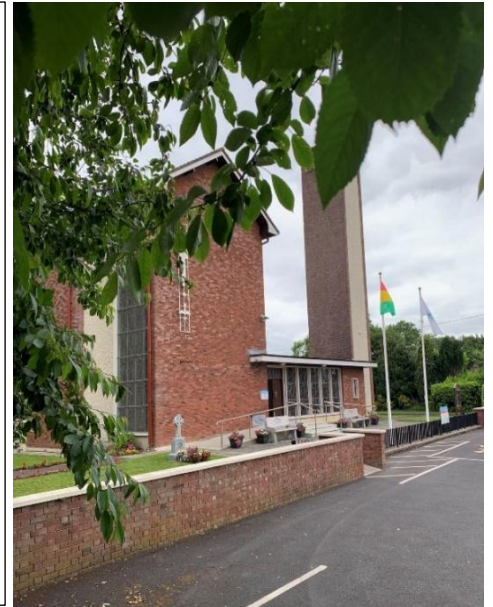




# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Envelopes & Offertory Collection

Total €1,175

Mass in Christ the King Church, Cooleragh,  
Mon -Fri 9am

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

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

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### Anniversaries for the weekend *Christ the King Church, Cooleragh*

**Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**

Christopher & Elizabeth Kelly Coill Dubh

***St Benignus Staplestown 11.15am***

John Dempsey Gilltown also remembering his wife Maureen Diane Brown Dunmurraghill Maureen Casey Staplestown

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember in your prayers the family of Helen Crowe Preston Hights Kilmeague & late of Staplestown.

### Anniversaries for the next weekend *Christ the King Church, Cooleragh*

**Sunday 8.30am**

Johnny Wright Cooleragh

***St Benignus Staplestown 11.15am***

James Heneghan Gilltown Denis & Kathleen Dowd Staplestown

**Children's Grief Space,** Parish Centre, Main St. Clane. Please ring 089 2465747 and leave a message. One of our team of support workers will call you back to make a first appointment. Children's Grief Space making a difference in lives of children and young people affected by loss.

1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**Ministers of the Word***Christ the King, Cooleragh*

Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Michael Ward

Sunday 8.30am.

Caroline Ennis

*St Benignus, Staplestown*

Sunday 11.15am

Liam Holton

**Ministers of the Eucharist***Christ the King, Cooleragh*

Saturday 6.30pm

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am

Catherine Harney

*St Benignus, Staplestown*

Sunday 11.15am

Joe Doran/Geraldine Brennan

**Diocesan -Parish Lotto** The Jackpot for next week's draw is €13,000. Thank you for your support. Tickets can be purchased in Daybreak Supermarkets Coill Dubh, Wards Shop Cooleragh, Styles & Smilzes Staplestown, Parish office during office hours or after weekend masses in our churches.

**Feast Day for the week**

Thursday: St. Gregory of Narek

Saturday: St David



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**Annual Church Gate Collection** in aid of Clane St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place this coming weekend Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March. Your support is very much appreciated. This year is our 20th.

**Pope's audience catechesis: Let us learn from Magi's faith and hope in Child Jesus**

Pope Francis releases the catechesis prepared for his Wednesday General Audience, as he remains in the hospital to receive treatment for double pneumonia, and reflects on the visit of the Three Kings to the Child Jesus.

**By Deborah Castellano Lubov**

As Pope Francis receives ongoing medical care at Rome's Gemelli Hospital for double pneumonia, he has called on the faithful to embrace the irrepressible joy of the Child Jesus, following the Three Kings' example.

Since his medical team has ordered complete rest, the Pope asked the Holy See Press Office to publish the text that had been prepared for his Wednesday General Audience.

In his catechesis, the Pope focused on the visit of the Three Kings to the newborn Jesus, as he continued to explore the Gospel narratives which recount the infancy of the Lord.

Filled with irrepressible joy The Pope examined their journey and visit to the Christ Child,

underscoring that when the Magi depart, the star reappears and leads them to Jesus.

This, he observed, is a sign that creation and the prophetic word "are the alphabet" by which God speaks and allows Himself to be found.

"The sight of the star," he wrote, "inspires an irrepressible joy in those men, because the Holy Spirit, who stirs the heart of whoever sincerely seeks God, also fills it with joy."

*"The sight of the star brings forth in those men an irrepressible joy."*

In fact, upon entering the house, the Magi, the Holy Father noted, prostrate themselves, worship Jesus, and offer Him precious gifts, "worthy of a king, worthy of God." Worshipping God in infant child "Why? What do they see?" he asked, adding, "An ancient author writes: they see 'a humble little body that the Word has assumed; but the glory of divinity is not hidden from them. They see an infant child; but they worship God.'"

Thus, he acknowledged, the Magi become "the first believers" among all the pagans, an image of the Church gathered from every language and nation.

*"Let us also follow in the footsteps of the Magi, these 'pilgrims of hope' who, with great courage, turned their steps, their hearts, and their goods toward Him."*

"Let us follow" he wrote, "in the footsteps of the Magi, these 'pilgrims of hope' who, with great courage, turned their steps, hearts and goods towards the One who is the hope not only of Israel but of all peoples."

Pope Francis concluded his address by inviting all the faithful to likewise offer the Christ Child the most beautiful gifts, in order to express to Him our faith and our love.