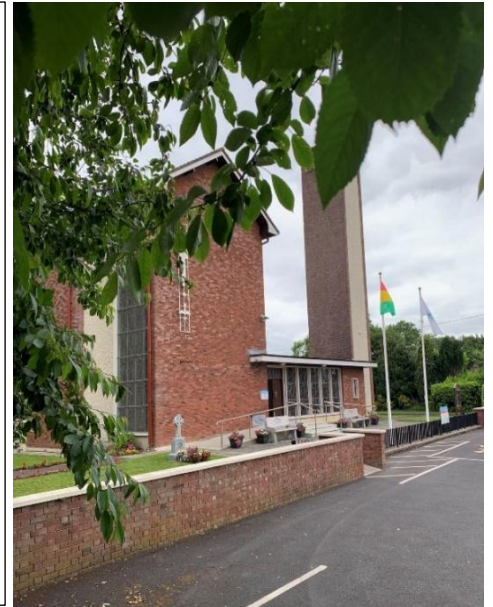




Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

1st – 2nd March 2025



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Envelopes & Offertory Collection

Total €1,084

Mass in Christ the King Church, Cooleragh,
Mon to 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.

A GENTLE REMINDER that the Spring Clergy Collection for the support of our clergy is next weekend

Anniversaries for the weekend
Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Marie Cluskey Coill Dubh

Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Sunday 8.30am
Johnny Wright Cooleragh

St Benignus Staplestown 11.15am
James Heneghan Gilltown
Dennis & Kathleen Dowd
Staplestown
Timothy Gill Staplestown also
Torry Gilly The Range
Catherine & John Murphy The Range
Monday 9am
Jimmy Mooney Blackwood

Anniversaries for the next weekend
Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Christy Fitzgerald Brockagh
Conor McManus Maynooth

St Benignus Staplestown 11.15am
MM Helen Crowe
Mary Coffey The Range.

Lent begins on Wednesday
*Masses in Christ the King
Cooleragh 9am and St. Benignus
Staplestown 11am*

The Stations of the Cross will be recited every Friday for the 5 Fridays in Lent instead of the Rosary

8th-9th March 2025

Ministers of the Word

Christ the King, Cooleragh

Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am.

Louis Dockery

St Benignus, Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Dominic Cogan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Christ the King, Cooleragh

Saturday 6.30pm

James Kenna

Sunday 8.30am

Catherine Harney

St Benignus, Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Kathleen Kelly/Bernie Doran

Diocesan -Parish Lotto

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, Styles & Smilzes Staplestown, Parish office during office hours or after weekend masses in our churches.

Feast Day for the week

Tuesday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash

Wednesday

Friday: St. Perpetua

Saturday: Ss. John of God & Senan

Annual Church Gate

Collection in aid of Clane

St. Patrick's Day Parade

will take place this

weekend Saturday 1st

and Sunday 2nd March.

Your support is very much appreciated. This year is our 20th year.

Pope Francis: Let us

imitate Simeon and

Anna, pilgrims of hope

By Christopher Wells

A witness of faith, hope,

and love Simeon, longing

for the fulfilment of God's

promises to Israel, is

inspired to take the Child

Jesus in his arms and is

consoled at seeing the

Saviour of Israel. He

expresses his feelings "in

a canticle full of heartfelt

gratitude, which in the

Church has become the

prayer at the end of the

day": the *Nunc dimittis*,

which begins, "Now, O

Lord, you let your servant

go in peace, according to

your word..."

Simeon, the Pope said, is

"a witness of faith

received as a gift and

communicated to others;

... a witness of the hope

that does not disappoint;

... a witness of God's love,

which fills the human

heart with joy and

peace".

Hope rekindled in our hearts

Alongside Simeon, Anna, a widow entirely dedicated to service and prayer, also sees salvation in the Child Jesus. At the sight of the Child, the Pope explained, "Anna celebrates the God of Israel, who has redeemed His people in that very Child, and tells others about Him, generously spreading the prophetic word".

Pope Francis continued, "The song of redemption of two elders thus emits the proclamation of the Jubilee for all the people and for the world. Hope is rekindled in hearts in the Temple of Jerusalem because Christ our hope has entered it".

Pilgrims of hope

Pope Francis concluded his reflection by inviting the faithful to imitate Simeon and Anna, "these pilgrims of hope", who are able to see beyond appearances "who know how to welcome God's visit with joy and rekindle hope in the hearts of brothers and sisters.