

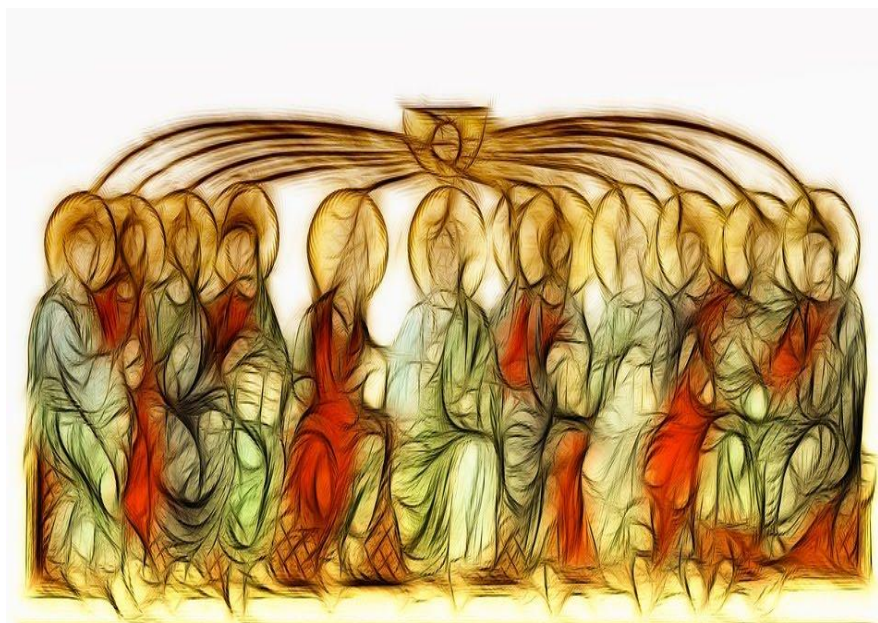


# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

8<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Pentecost Sunday



**Envelopes & Offertory Collection**  
Total €971

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*  
Vigil Saturday 6.30pm

**MM** Rosaleen O'Leary Coill Dubh

**MM** Tommy Hurley Coill Dubh

**MM** Judy Coyne Coill Dubh  
Helena MacNamara (nee Byrne)

Celebridge remembering her  
parents Patrick & Margaret.

Chris Brereton Moods

Kit Dunne Corduff

Tom & Judy Gallen Coill Dubh

Richie Power Coill Dubh

*St Benignus Church Staplestown*  
**11.15am**

Funeral Mass for Christy Kenny,  
Clane

**Anniversaries for next weekend**  
*Christ the King Church, Cooleragh*  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Catherine Karney (Brosnan)

Kathleen Harris Coill Dubh

**Recently Deceased:** Please  
remember in your prayers the  
family of Christy Kenny

**NEXT SUNDAY IS  
CEMETERY SUNDAY  
MASS IN  
ST. BENIGNUS CEMETERY  
AT 11.15AM**

7<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**Ministers of the Word***Christ the King, Cooleragh***Vigil Mass 9pm**

Michael Ward

**Sunday 8.30am.**

Caroline Ennis

*St Benignus, Staplestown***Sunday 11.15am**

Louis Dockery

**Ministers of the Eucharist***Christ the King, Cooleragh***Saturday 6.30pm**

James Kenna

**Sunday 8.30am**

Catherine Harney

*St Benignus, Staplestown***Sunday 11.15am****Diocesan -Parish Lotto** The

Jackpot for next week's draw is

€13,000. Thank you for your

support. Tickets can be purchased

in Daybreak Supermarket Coill

Dubh,

Ward's Shop Cooleragh, Styles &amp;

Smilzes Staplestown, Parish office

during office hours or after

weekend masses in our churches.

**Feast Days for the week****Monday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mother of the Church & St Columba  
(Colum Cille)**Tuesday:** St. Ephrem the Syrian**Wednesday:** St. Barnabas**Friday:** St. Anthony.**Saturday:** St. Davnet**An Exam Prayer**

God stay close to me today

Guide my study and light my way.

Ease my nerves and comfort me

With peace and love so tenderly

My I remember the things I need

And understand all I study and read

May I strive to do my best

And do myself justice in each test

May the topics I know and like

appear.

On the exam paper to lessen my

fear.

And during the moments I may feel  
stressed.I'll try to remember the way I'm  
blessed.**Pope at Audience: Looking for  
meaning in life? Turn to God**

"God never gives up on us; he is  
always ready to accept us and give  
meaning and hope to our lives,  
however hopeless our situation  
may seem and however  
insignificant our merits may  
appear. "

This week, the Pope recalled Jesus'  
Parable of the workers of the last  
hour, in the Gospel passage  
according to St. Matthew, in which  
the landowner who gives the same  
wage even to the workers of the  
eleventh hour, to those who arrived  
much later than the others,  
illustrating the Lord's immense  
mercy.

In his catechesis, Pope Leo recalled  
how the workers hired first are  
disappointed and unable of seeing  
the beauty of the landowner's  
gesture, but, the Pope explained,  
"He wasn't unfair—he was simply  
generous. He didn't look only at  
merit, but also at need."

**God wants to give everyone full****life** The Parable, the Pope

suggested, challenges us to

examine what is truly just.

For the owner of the vineyard, "that

is, for God," the Holy Father

expressed, justice means that

everyone receives what they need

in order to live, while likewise

observing that He called the

workers personally, knows their

dignity, and wants to pay them

according to that dignity.

God, Pope Leo went on to marvel,

wants to give everyone His

Kingdom, with "a life that is full,

eternal, and

joyful."

"And that," he highlighted, "is

exactly what Jesus does with us: He

doesn't rank us." And "to anyone  
who opens their heart to Him,"  
Pope Leo insisted, "He gives all of  
Himself."

In light of this Parable, Pope Leo  
acknowledged that a Christian  
nowadays might be tempted to  
think, "Why start working right  
away? If the reward is the same,  
why work more?," observing that  
St. Augustine responded to these  
doubt, saying: "Why then do you  
delay to follow the one who calls  
you, when you are sure of the  
reward but uncertain of the day?  
Be careful not to deprive yourself,  
through your delay, of what He will  
give you according to His promise."

**Roll up your sleeves, God won't  
disappoint you**

Before  
concluding, Pope Leo said he  
wished to say something to the  
faithful, and especially the young  
people.

"Don't wait, but respond with  
enthusiasm to the Lord who calls us  
to work in His vineyard," he  
underscored, adding, "Don't  
postpone—roll up your sleeves,  
because the Lord is generous and  
you won't be disappointed!"

**God will answer what is the  
meaning of your life**

By working  
in God's "vineyard," Pope Leo XIV  
underscored, "you will find an  
answer to that deep question you  
carry within you: what is the  
meaning of my life?"

Therefore, the Pope stressed, "let's  
not be discouraged! Even in the  
dark moments of life, when time  
passes without giving us the  
answers we seek, let us ask the  
Lord to come out again and find us  
where we are waiting for Him," for  
"He is generous, and He will come  
soon!"