



Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

27th July 2025



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Envelopes & Offertory Collection
Total €1329

Weekday Masses Mon-Fri 9am Christ the King
Cooleragh

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.

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

Mairín Cusack, Cooleragh also
her husband Robin
Rita Lenenhan, Coill Dubh
Bridget Fox, Cooleragh
Tommy Byrne, Cois na Mona

Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Sunday 8.30am

John & Bridget Kenny, Coill
Dubh

St Benignus Church Staplestown
11.15am

Michael & Mary O'Brien,
(formerly) Corkeragh

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

Eileen & John Moore, Blackwood

St Benignus Church Staplestown
11.15am

Margaret & William Fitzharris,
Gilltown and their daughter
Jackie Corrigan
Cora Rose Tierney-Donaghue,
Ballinafagh

2nd -3rd August 2025

Ministers of the Word

*Christ the King,
Cooleragh*

Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am.

Blathnaid Tennyson

St Benignus, Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Cathal Cronin

Ministers of the Eucharist

Christ the King, Cooleragh

Saturday 6.30pm

Ann Moore

Sunday 8.30am

James Kenna

St Benignus, Staplestown

Sunday 11.15am

Liam Holton

Diocesan -Parish Lotto The Jackpot for next week's draw is €20,000. Thank you for your support. Tickets can be purchased in Daybreak Supermarket Coill Dubh, Ward's Shop Cooleragh, Styles & Smilzes Staplestown, Parish office during office hours or after weekend masses in our churches.

Feast Days for the week

Tuesday: Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Thursday: St Ignatius Layola

Friday: St Alphonsus Liguari

Saturday: Ss Eusebius of Vercelli, Peter Julian Eymard, The Indulgence of St Mary of the Portiuncula

Light The Fire – August

3rd 2025, Hill of Slane: Come and celebrate our Catholic faith on Slane - the hill where St Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD. This is a divine invitation to witness the Archbishop of

Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love, first kindled by our patron saint. Eurovision's Dana will sing her song for St Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering begins at noon and includes mass, Eucharistic healing, praise and worship and Rosary. More info at www.lightthefire.ie or email info@lightthefire.ie

Father and Kingdom

The two key words in the Lord's Prayer, are *Father* and *Kingdom*. The recognition of God as our Father is where the New Testament is an advance on the Old Testament in the revelation of God's relationship with us. In the new covenant, ratified in the blood of Jesus, we are offered the Spirit of adoption as children of God. In the Gospel of John we read, *"To all who did accept him, he gave the power to become the children of God."* Hence God is our Father in a way never previously recognised. If the name, *Father*, expresses the new revelation of God, the second key word, *Kingdom*, summarizes the mission of Jesus, which was to establish the kingdom of God on earth. He began his mission with the proclamation: *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"* (Mt. 4:17).

Perseverance in prayer

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." Yet all of us have had the experience of praying earnestly for some petition but we did not get what we wanted. God answers our petitions in any of three ways. First, God says "Yes" and we see our prayer answered. The second way God

answers is, *"Yes, but not for a while."* God's delay is an opportunity to persevere in prayer. If we get what we want at first time of asking we might not fully appreciate the gift. Perseverance in prayer helps to deepen our faith. The third way that God answers us is *"No, but I will give you something else."* It is like the parent who will not give anything harmful to a child but gives something safer. Every prayer is answered although we might not recognise it.

Let us pray in the light the Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, may your sacred name be held in such reverence that the very mention of your name will make us aware of your relationship with us. May your kingdom come in a world where justice, truth, and peace reign supreme in every country.

Provide for us each day the daily bread for all our needs. May the wealthy nations learn to share generously with people who lack food and homes.

Father, forgive us our sins, and may your Holy Spirit inspire us to share this forgiveness with all who have offended us.

Strengthen us to resist the temptation of the Evil One.

God, our Father in heaven, hear the prayers of your children united in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**