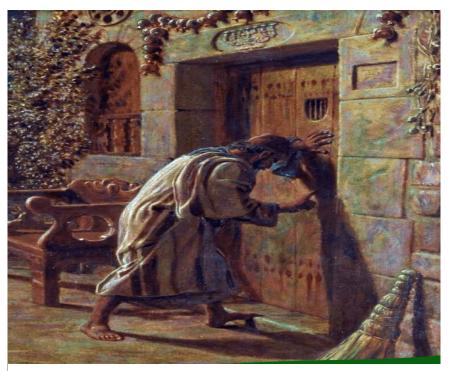


# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh Staplestown

27th July 2025



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Envelopes & Offertory Collection** Total €1329

<u>Weekday Masses</u> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6.3opm
Ann Moore
Sunday 8.3oam
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 Varcelli, Peter Julian Eymard, The Indulgence of St Mary of the Portiuncula

Light The Fire – August

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.lightthefire.ie">www.lightthefire.ie</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@lightthefire.ie">info@lightthefire.ie</a>

#### 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.