

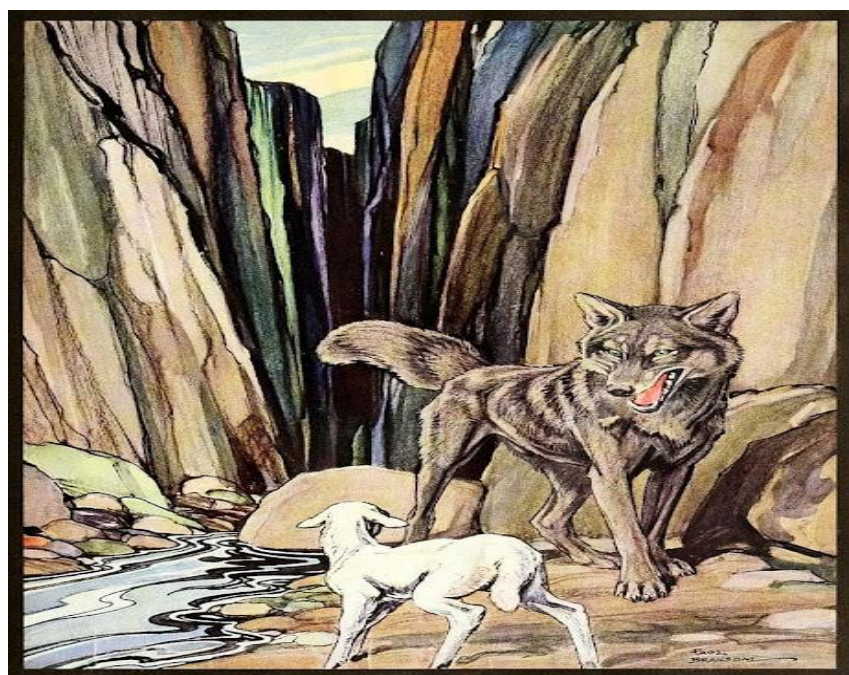


Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

6th July 2025



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Envelopes & Offertory Collection
Total €1186

Weekday Masses Mon-Fri 9am Christ the King
Cooleragh **NB. NO MASS THIS MONDAY**

Thank You for your support of the Summer Collection for our Clergy Fund. Contributions are still welcome, envelopes available on the tables at the back of our churches.

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Anniversaries for the weekend
Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Vigil Saturday 6.30pm
Mary Cronly, Coill Dubh also her son Mark

Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Sunday 8.30am
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St Benignus Church Staplestown
11.15am
MM Christy Kenny, Clane
Alice Kelly and remembering her husband Johnny.

Anniversaries for next weekend
Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Vigil Saturday 6.30pm
MM. Kathleen Cullen, Derrycrib
Sean Mooney, Killina
Thomas Rowe, Edenderry

St Benignus Church Staplestown
11.15am
MM. Kathleen Cullen Derrycrib

Retired Priest's Collection:
the sum of €1013.80, has been forwarded in your name to Bishop's House for the above collection. Thank you all for your generosity.

12th-13th July 2025**Ministers of the Word***Christ the King, Cooleragh***Vigil Mass 9pm**

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am.

Laurence Cummins

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

Kathy Tuite

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

We would like to acknowledge and thank **The Men's Shed** for their kind donation to our Parish last weekend. Much appreciated.

Diocesan -Parish Lotto The

Jackpot for next week's draw is €17,000. 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**Monday:** St Maelruain**Tuesday:** St Killian**Wednesday:** Ss. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions**Friday:** St Benedict**Saturday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria**24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza:**

From 12 noon Saturday 19th July to 12 noon Sunday 20th

July at Clane Church Plaza space. Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza. More details from our Suaimhneas Centre, Clane.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK on the 23rd August

Join with Bishop Denis and others from across the Diocese as together we climb Croagh Patrick and celebrate Mass at the summit. Buses from Carlow, Nass and Portlaoise. Please contact Christine in FDS to book a place on one of the buses. 059 9164084 Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

Justice in a wounded world:

Echoing the prophetic words of Isaiah, Pope Leo invites the global community to envision a transformation of today's "arid and parched desert" into "a fruitful field." This biblical vision, he explains, is not a poetic metaphor but an urgent call to action in the face of alarming ecological and human crises.

Quoting extensively from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* in the year of its 10th anniversary, he writes, "Injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities, and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution, and

the loss of biodiversity." Linking environmental destruction to the exploitation of the poor and marginalized, he highlights the disproportionate suffering of indigenous communities and the widening gap between rich and poor as hallmarks of a system that treats nature as a commodity rather than a common home.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

We welcome you today, O Holy Spirit, into our hearts. We pray that you dwell in our hearts forever to guide our steps, our thoughts, minds, and our attitudes to the will of God. Enable us to do His will all the days of our life. With your presence in our life, may we please God in all we say and do. **AMEN.**

Prayer inspired by Saint

Francis Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow your love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen**