

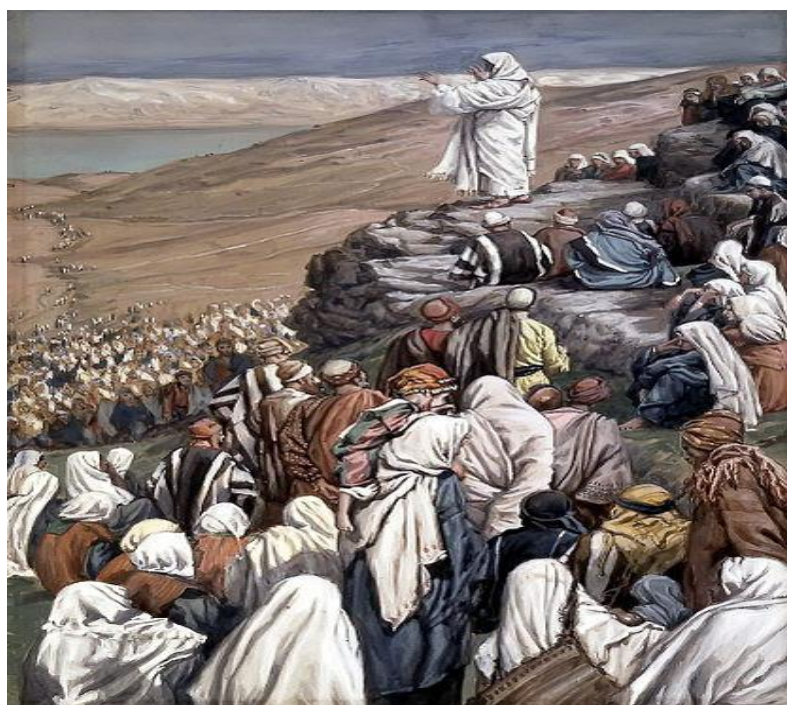


Parish Newsletter Cooleragh - Staplestown

3rd August 2025



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Envelopes & Offertory Collection
Total €1302

Weekday Masses There will be no 9am weekday Mass next week until Friday in Christ the King Cooleragh

Friday Morning 9am Mass. Remembering those who are enduring the burden of injury or illness.

There will be no Rosary for the month of August. .

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Anniversaries for the weekend
Christ the King Church, Cooleragh
Vigil Saturday 6.30pm
Eileen & John Moore, Blackwood
Norah Cosgrove, Staplestown

St Benignus Church Staplestown
11.15am
Margaret & William Fitzharris,
Giltown and their daughter
Jackie Corrigan
Cora Rose Tierney-Donaghue,
Ballinafagh

Anniversaries for next weekend
St Benignus Church Staplestown
11.15am
John & Yvonne Timmons,
Giltown Lane
Andy Noone, Staplestown also
remembering his daughter Eileen

The Parish Office will be closed until Thursday Morning.
Wishing everyone an enjoyable
Holiday Weekend.

Webcam: We have changed to
iTeck Media/Live Streaming
Platform the new address is
<https://churchmedia.tv/Cooleragh>

9th -10th August 2025**Ministers of the Word***Christ the King,
Cooleragh***Vigil Mass 6.30pm**

Ann Mooney

Sunday 8.30am.

Eilis Cox

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

Dominic Cogan

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

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am

James Kenna

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

Bernie Doran

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**Monday:** St. John Vianney**Tuesday:** St. Mary Major**Wednesday:** The

Transfiguration

Thursday: Ss Sixtus II &

Cajetan

Friday: St Dominic

Saturday: St. Teresa Beredicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Ss. Nathy, Bishop & Felim, Bishop

Men's Jubilee Camino: Men's hike - Sat Sept 13th 20kms, on

greenway, from Dominican Abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events/. €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

The Sermon on the Mount is the Charter of Christian Life: At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus proclaimed that his mission was the establishment of the reign of God in our lives. The Sermon on the Mount sets out the charter of Christian life. It begins with the eight beatitudes, the first being, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*"

A Church of the poor, for the poor: The late Pope Francis, while he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, spent whatever time he could afford visiting the people who lived in the surrounding shanty towns. He marvelled at the depth of faith in many of these poor people. In their difficulties they could identify with Christ as one of their own. Saint Paul reminded the people in Corinth of the poverty of Jesus Christ: "*Although he was rich, he became poor for your sake, so that you should become rich through his poverty*" (2 Cor:8-9). Pope Francis repeated Paul: "*Christ in his poverty is one with us and we are one with him.*" He urged us to embrace "*the mysterious wisdom*

which God wishes to share with us through them" (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 198). He called for a Church which is poor and for the poor.

Do we need all we want?: There is a difference between what we want and what we need. We need enough to pay the bills, have food on the table, a roof over our head, proper care of the family and sensible provision for the future. But many of the things we want go far beyond what we need. It often happens that once we get what we have wanted, another want takes over. The most valuable things in life are beyond the power of money.

Where do we stand today? We have more wealth than years ago but less contentment: more choices on our menu but less commitment: more options open to us but less fidelity: more opportunities for development of life, yet more searching for a reason to live. Bigger houses and smaller families, advanced means of communication but more lonely hearts. We surf the net but only net the surface, never reaching the depths of life.

Prayer O God, the giver of every good gift, I thank you for the gift of life and all that comes with it. Open my eyes to appreciate the ordinary gifts I take for granted. Cleanse my heart of all jealousy and avarice. Inspire me to be more generous for it is in giving that we receive.
Amen