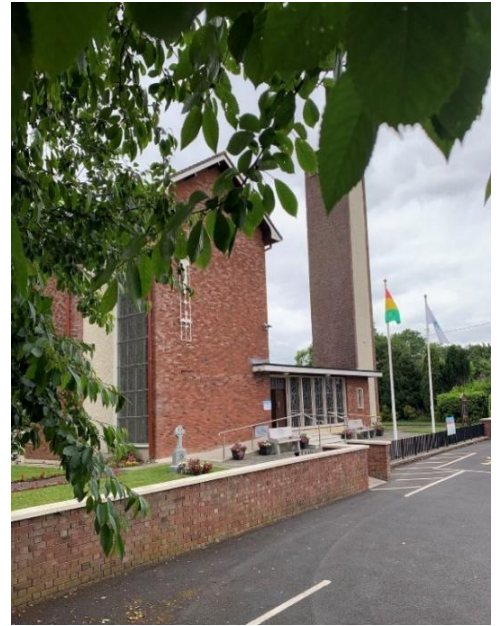




# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh- Staplestown

14<sup>th</sup> December '25  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Advent



Envelopes & Offertory Collection  
Total €1325

Mass in Christ the King, Mon -Fri 9am

Email:standco100@gmail.com  
Phone during office hours 045 860281

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## Christmas Schedule for 2025

### Penitential Service

Thursday Evening the 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christ the King Cooleragh 7pm

### Christmas Eve

Christ the King Cooleragh 6.30pm

St Benignus Staplestown 8pm

### Christmas Morning

Christ the King Cooleragh  
8.30am & 10am

St Benignus Staplestown 11.15am

### Anniversaries this weekend

#### **6.30pm. Christ the King Cooleragh**

Nancy Brereton Moods also her husband Christy and her sons Vincent & Chris. Vincent Brereton Corduff also Elsie and Paddy Millea and the deceased members of the Donovan and Millea families. Vincent Condon Coill Dubh. Mick Mc Cormack Coill Dubh. Christy Delaney Hodgestown and Paul Dwyer Prosperous.

#### **11.15am. St Benignus Staplestown**

Tom and Joan Dowd Staplestown.

### Anniversaries for next weekend

#### **6.30pm. Christ the King Cooleragh**

Imelda Murphy Coolcarrigan and her father Bill  
Mary McManus Coill Dubh and Bridget Smullen Kilmurray  
Mary Rowe Hodgestown and her sister Betty Dowling Robertstown.  
Patricia Collins Coill Dubh.  
Paddy and Nelly Kane, 155 Mylerstown their daughter Olive, late of Luton, also a birthday remembrance for their son-in-law Denis Moran.  
Pat Kane Corduff 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026 also his Granduncles Pat, Joe and Jack Kane Corduff

#### **11.15am. St Benignus Staplestown**

John Dempsey Gilltown and his wife Maureen

**Christmas Mass Bouquets** are available in the Parish Office and sacristy of both Churches

**20<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup> December 2025****Ministers of the Word***Christ the King,  
Cooleragh***Vigil Mass 6.30pm**

Michael Ward

**Sunday 8.30am.**

Laurence Cummins

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

Maggie Kennedy

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

Eilis Cox

**Sunday 8.30am**

Catherine Harney

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

Maggie Kennedy

**Congratulations** to Paddy Moore Clane who matched 3 in Wednesday lotto promoter being Ann Moore.

**Christmas Flowers** if you would like to make a donation to the cost of Christmas flowers for either of our churches it would be appreciated.

**Diocesan -Parish Lotto**

Wednesday is the last draw for 2025. The Jackpot for next week's draw is €19,000. Thank you for your support. Tickets at €2 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.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Staplestown Choir Christmas Concert this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
St Kevin's GAA

**The SVP Annual Appeal** will take place this weekend 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December. SVP envelopes will be at the back of both churches for anyone wishing to give a donation. Thanking you for your continued support.

**Message from Bishop Denis re Department of Education survey on school patronage:**

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a primary school student. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> **The survey**

**closes on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

**Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:**

Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

