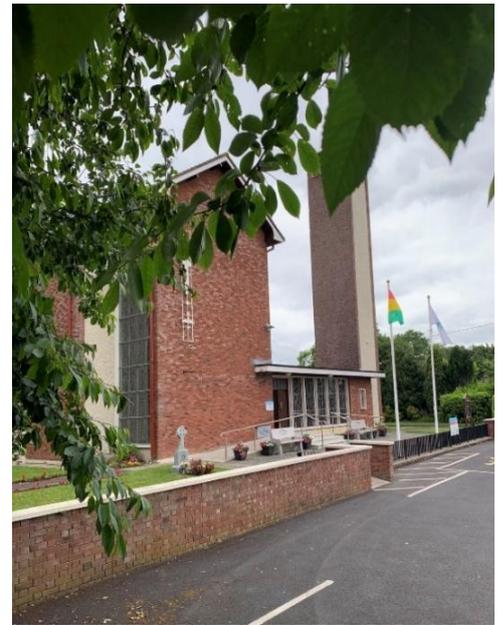




Parish Newsletter Cooleragh- Staplestown

1st February 2026
4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

St Brigid Feast Day



Envelopes & Offertory Collection
Total €1352

Monday Bank Holiday Mass 12noon

Weekday Masses Tue-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 this weekend

6.30pm. Christ the King

Mick Hanafey Coill Dubh

PJ Curtin Blackwood

Con Comerford Coill Dubh

Michael Kane Hodgestown

Dan Young

Rose Kenny Coill Dubh Birthday
Rememberance

11.15am. St Benignus Staplestown

Tony & Patty Kelly Timahoe and
remembering Patty's sister Carmel

Anniversaries for next weekend

6.30pm. Christ the King

MM Eamon Brannigan Coill Dubh

11.15am. St Benignus Staplestown

Nuala & Danny Houlihan Kilnamoragh

**The Pope's Intention for the month of
February**

For children with incurable diseases. Let
us pray that children suffering from
incurable diseases and their families
receive the necessary medical care and
support, never losing strength and hope.

7th – 8th February 2026

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

Kathy Tuite

Ministers of the Eucharist

*Christ the King,
Cooleragh*

Saturday 6.30pm

Ann Moore

Sunday 8.30am

Catherine Harney

*St Benignus,
Staplestown*

Sunday 11.15am

Geraldine Brennan/ Bernie
Doran

Congratulations to: Ger

McKeown Derrycrib who
matched 3 in last week's draw
the promoter being Ward's
Shop

Diocesan -Parish Lotto The

Jackpot for next week's draw is
€10,000. Thank you for your
support. Tickets at €2 can be
purchased in Daybreak
Supermarket Coill Dubh,
Ward's Shop Cooleragh, Styles
n Smilzes Staplestown, Parish
office during office hours or
after weekend masses in our
churches.

St Brigid's crosses will be on
sale at all masses this St
Brigid's weekend.

1 cross = €3

2 crosses = €5

The crosses have been made
by the pupils and parents of
Timahoe National School to
raise funds for the school.
Your support would be greatly
appreciated.

St Brigid is the female patron
saint of Ireland. Irish people
have prayed through her
intercession for many
hundreds of years. St. Brigid
was Abbess of the monastery
at Cill Dara (the Church of the
Oak) in the 6th century.

Tradition tells us that as Brigid
explained the passion and
death of Christ to the dying
pagan chieftain, she took some
rushes from the floor of the
bothán and fashioned a
cross.

The Old Irish custom of placing
a St. Brigid's cross over the
doors of dwelling houses and
animal shelters thus began.
People believed that in so
doing Brigid would look after
their households and stock and
that full and plenty would be
theirs in the year ahead. Later
the custom of sprinkling the
cross with holy water and
invoking the following blessing
began: "May the Father, Son,
The Holy Spirit and St. Brigid
bless this cross and all who look
upon it."

The Bishop's Conference has
launched a new on-line
platform called theway.ie, to
help people to discover, live
and pass on the Catholic faith.
Please 'like and subscribe' to
their content on Facebook,
Instagram, Spotify and
YouTube and pass on the word.
theway.ie-a new National
platform for our church
providing high quality content

about our Catholic faith for all
ages. Take a look and share it
with family and friends.

Visit theway.ie for inspiring
news articles and videos to
support your faith journey.

Prayer to St Brigid

Brigid of the Mantle,
encompass us,
Lady of the Lambs, protect us,
Keeper of the Hearth, kindle
us.

Beneath your mantle, gather
us,
And restore us to memory.
Mothers of our mother,
Foremothers strong.

Guide our hands in yours,
Remind us how to kindle the
hearth.
To keep it bright, to preserve
the flame.
Your hands upon ours,

Our hands within yours,
To kindle the light,
Both day and night.

The Mantle of Brigid about us,
The Memory of Brigid within
us,
The Protection of Brigid
keeping us
From harm, from ignorance,
from heartlessness.

This day and night,
From dawn till dark,
From dark till dawn.