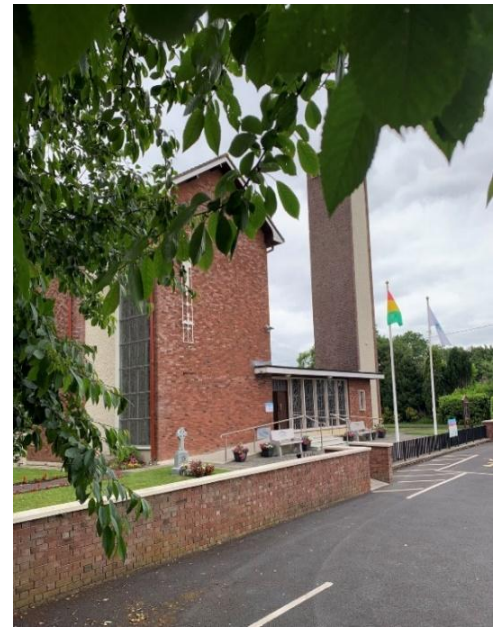




# Parish Newsletter Cooleragh- Staplestown

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



**Envelopes & Offertory Collection**  
Total €1229

**Weekday Masses** 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 this weekend**

**6.30pm. Christ the King**

Bridget Lane Gilltown

Patricia (Pat) Carter Upper Hodgestown

**8.30am Christ the King**

Peter Connelly Ballateague

**11.15am. St Benignus Staplestown**

Kathleen Maguire Derryvarogue also remembering her husband Paddy and daughter Mary also Paddy Roche Derrycrib and remembering his mother and father Maura and Jack

Andrew and Ellen Fox Timahoe

Donie Byrne Ballagh

Patricia (Pat) Carter Upper Hodgestown

**Recently Deceased** remember in your prayers the family of the late Gerry Kelly Timahoe whose funeral took place this week.

### **Anniversaries for next weekend**

**6.30pm Christ the King**

MM Tadhg Butler Coill Dubh Peter

Gordon Blackwood 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary also remembering the deceased members of the Gordon Family.

**8.30am Christ the King**

Gretta Moran Ballateague

**11.15am. St Benignus Staplestown**

Mai Noone Staplestown and her daughter Eileen

Mick Houlihan Kilnamoragh



**28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March 2026****Ministers of the Word***Christ the King,  
Cooleragh***Vigil Mass 6.30pm Palm  
Sunday**Laura Cullen, Ann Mooney &  
Michael Ward**Sunday 8.30am. Palm  
Sunday**Jade Abela, Laurence Cummins  
& Eilis Cox*St Benignus,  
Staplestown***Sunday 11.15am**Breda Walsh, Ger McKeown &  
Louis Dockery**Ministers of the Eucharist***Christ the King,  
Cooleragh***Saturday 6.30pm**

James Kenna

**Sunday 8.30am**

Catherine Harney

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

Maggie Kennedy

**Easter Mass Bouquets** are  
available at the Parish  
Office or Sacristies of our  
Churches**Congratulations** to the 5<sup>th</sup>  
and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils from  
our 3 schools, their  
teachers and parents who  
were confirmed by Bishop  
Denis on Thursday last.**Pope's Intentions for  
March****For disarmament and  
peace**

Let us pray that

nations move toward  
effective disarmament,  
particularly nuclear  
disarmament, and that  
world leaders choose  
the path of dialogue  
and diplomacy instead  
of violence.

**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.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes.**

We would travel out on  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October for 4  
nights returning Friday  
9<sup>th</sup> (Hotel Eliseo).**

**Cost is €795 pp sharing  
(Halfboard Breakfast  
and Dinner).**

**€825 pp sharing**

**(fullboard Breakfast,  
Lunch and Dinner).**

**Single room supplement  
€45 per night.**

If you are considering  
coming on this  
pilgrimage, we would be  
delighted to hear from  
you .

**Sunday 22 March –  
5th Sunday of Lent****Digging Deeper – Living  
Lent: Some suggestions  
for the week**

+ Reflect on  
next  
Sunday's  
Gospel using  
the material  
from

'Baptised and Sent in Lent'  
Resources on  
[www.syond.ie](http://www.syond.ie)

+ Persevere in your chosen  
resolutions for Lent and  
remember their purpose is  
to bring you closer to God  
+ Pray for adults preparing  
for baptism at Easter  
+ Plant new life in a  
container or garden bed!  
Pollinator friendly herbs  
include chives, lavender,  
rosemary, oregano and  
thyme  
+ Remember to 'Share  
with the hungry' and set  
aside some of your weekly  
shop for a food bank or  
donate the cost  
+ Take some quiet time to  
do an examination of  
conscience ahead of going  
to confession. See  
[kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) for examples of  
examinations