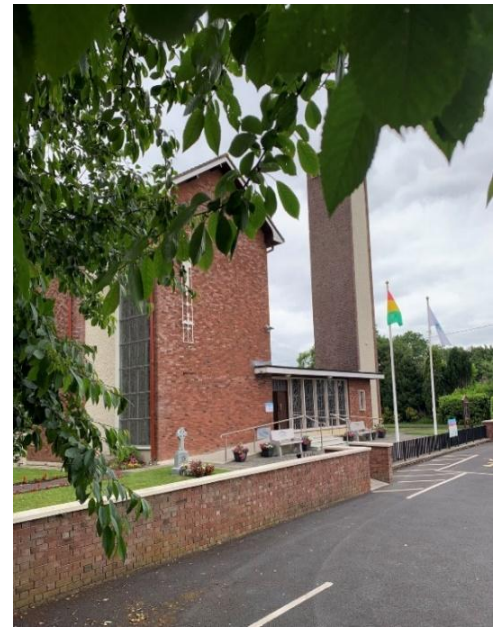




Parish Newsletter Cooleragh- Staplestown

17th May 2026
Ascension Sunday



Envelopes & Offertory Collection
Total €1303

Weekday Masses Mon, Wed-Fri 9am
Christ the King Cooleragh

Please Note there is no Mass on Tuesday
Adoration will be on Wednesday this week

Wednesday Morning Mass. Remembering
those who are enduring the burden of injury
or illness.

Thursday Morning Mass. Remembering
especially those who have gone before us.

Anniversary this weekend
6.30pm Christ the King Cooleragh
Michael Reilly Timahoe
Matthew and Seamus Keely Coill Dubh

11.15am St Benignus Staplestown
Carmel O'Brien Staplestown also
remembering her brother Matt whose
anniversary occurs at this time.

Monday 18th 9am
Josephine Treacy Blackwood

Anniversary for next weekend
6.30pm Christ the King Cooleragh
Philomena Brosnan

11.15am St Benignus Staplestown
Elsie Hickey Blackwood 1st Anniversary
Gretta, Pat and Kitty Smyth
Hodgesdtown

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

That everyone might have food
Let us pray that everyone, from
large producers to small
consumers, be committed to
avoid wasting food, and to
ensure that everyone has access
to quality food.



23rd -24th May 2026**Ministers of the Word***Christ the King, Cooleragh*
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Laura Cullen

Sunday 8.30am

Eilis Cox

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

Breda Walsh

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

James Kenna

Sunday 8.30am

Catherine Harney

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

Bernie Marron /Liam Holton

Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We would travel out on **Monday 5th October for 4 nights returning Friday 9th** (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.

Diocesan/Parish Lotto. Next week's lotto is €18,000**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on **Sunday 7th June 2026**, ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.**Diocesan/Parish Lotto** Next weeks Lotto stands at €17,000***Giving to Charity***

It would be nice if we all gave something back, More preferably to all those who do lack.

Like the homeless, the hungry, the depressed and the bereaved, When their situations are fully understood, it will all be believed.

It matters not if the amount is too big or too small, It will make a real difference to them all. If a single currency from each person was got. A massive amount would always help a lot.

Like a dollar from every Canadian you see, Perhaps one Yuan Renminbi from every Chinese. Please dig deep into your pockets so that we, Can get as much as we can for charity.

Remember that we're serving the needs of others, Like some young children and young mothers
By Liam Gleeson**St. Mochua's Historical Society** .Next Meeting 27th May at 8 pm. The Life and Times of Dell Weld, born in Blackwood 1921 and was a member of ST. Mochua's Historical Group. A Talk by Joan Weld-Moore on 27th May 2026. Raffle, Tea, Coffee and fancies as always! All are welcome.**WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US: AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS**

‘Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.’

What does Sunday and Sunday Mass mean to you?See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgypastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday