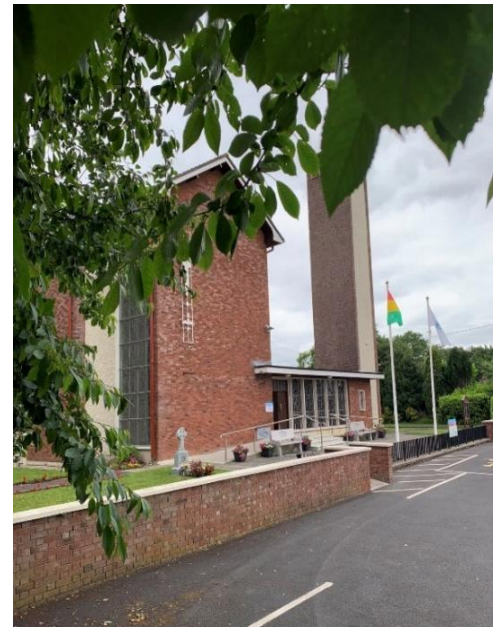




Parish Newsletter Cooleragh- Staplestown

20th September 2026
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Envelopes & Offertory Collection
Total €1259

Weekday Masses Mon- Fri 9am
Christ the King Cooleragh

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

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

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Anniversaries this weekend

6.30pm Christ the King Cooleragh
Iggy and Kathleen Kane Coill Dubh
Mary (Mollie) Condon Coill Dubh
James (Jimmy) Carter Hodgestown

11.15am St Benignus Staplestown
Richard Hosey The Range
James (Jimmy) Carter Hodgestown

Anniversaries next weekend

6.30pm Christ the King Cooleragh
Sheila Bagnall Coill Dubh 6th Anniv

11.15am St Benignus Staplestown
The deceased members of the Costello,
Walsh, Callen and Carroll families
Donadea
Mary Kilmurray Blackwood
remembering her husband Bernard
and son James.

Recently Deceased please remember
in your prayers the family of the late
Adrienne Gaffney, Blackwood whose
funeral took place during the week.

**Autum Collection for the
Support of our Clergy Fund** is
being held this weekend.
Envelopes available on church
tables. Your generosity and
support is always appreciated.



26th-27th September 2026**Ministers of the Word***Christ the King, Cooleragh***Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm**

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am

Blathnaid Tennyson

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

Kathy Tuite

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

Fiona Murphy

Sunday 8.30am

Catherine Harney

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

Mary Fallon

Diocesan/Parish Lotto. Next week's lotto is **€13,000**

Congratulations to Geraldine McDonald, James O'Donnell and Paddy Kennedy on matching 3 in last weeks Lotto promoters being Ann Moore, Barney Fox and Catherine respectively.

Pastoral Group.

Our Parish Pastoral Group has ten members:

Louis Dockery (chair)

Michael Ward (secretary)

John Brickley

Denise Cox

Ann Heffernan

Liam Holton

Teresa Noone

Pádraig Ó Ruairic

Kathy Tuite

Breda Walsh

The Year Ahead

How can I step into the future with confidence?

The future is unknown to you but fully known to God. He has already been there. He knows

every twist, every turn, every surprise- and he is not worried about any of them. When he steps into the unknown with God, you are not stepping blindly. You are stepping with the One who sees the end from the beginning. Whatever the future holds, it holds God. And that is the only guarantee you need. Step forward with confidence, beloved. (*excerpts from one minute with God*)

Feast Days for the week

Monday: St Matthew, also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He worked as a tax collector for the Romans, a despised profession, where he was called by the Lord at Capernaum. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ called him to be an Apostle. After the Ascension he may have travelled to Persia or to Ethiopia, wherever it was, he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel stands first in the New Testament, and his name appears among the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.

Wednesday: St Eunan (c627-704) was born at Drumhome in Co. Donegal and was related to St. Columba. He joined the monastery at Iona and became the 9th Abbot in 679. He visited Northumberland several times, prooted Roman customs and wrote several works, including the Life of St. Columba.

Friday: St. Finbarr (c 560-610) may have been born in Lisnacaheeragh Co. Cork. After a period of preaching in Ireland and living as a hermit on Lough Erne, he founded a monastery at Etargabail. His greatest foundation was the monastery at Cork-he is venerated as the city's founder, patron and first bishop. According to legend, when he died the sun did not set for a fortnight.

Saturday: Ss Cosmas & Damian. According to tradition, , they were twins who worked as doctors did not charge for their services. They many of their patients to Christ but were finally condemned to death under Diocletian around the year 300 and suffered at Cyrrhus (Syria). Their basilica in Rome, not

far from the Colosseum, was built in the sixth century by Felix IV and their names appear in the Roman Canon.

Kildare Carmelites to celebrate St Thérèse with Triduum and relic veneration

The Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town, will celebrate a Triduum in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux from September 28–30, followed by her feast day on Thursday, October 1, 2026. The celebrations mark the 25th anniversary of the visit of her relics to Ireland in 2001. Each evening of the Triduum, the Third Order Carmelites will lead the Rosary at 5pm, followed by Mass.

The relics will be available for veneration on September 29, from the 10am Mass until noon, and on September 30, from the 8am Mass until 10am. The September 30 Mass will include a blessing of roses for the Knit/Crochet a Rose Campaign.

Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a special feast-day Mass on October 1 at 7pm, with veneration continuing until 9.30pm. Blessed roses will be available.

The Carmelite community warmly invites everyone to join these days of prayer, inspired by St Thérèse's "Little Way" of trust in God and love in everyday life.

For further information, contact the Friary Shop on 083 090 4124.