

Parish of Cooley

Third Sunday of Advent – 16th December 2018

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Masses

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Boher

Sat Dec 15th 7.00pm Sophia Maguire M.M.
Pat Larkin
Peter, Mary & Peadar Callan
Tue Dec 18th 10.00am Special Intention
Thu Dec 20th 10.00am Special Intention
Sat Dec 22nd 7.00pm John, James, Annie & Brendan Murphy
Sean & Kathleen Murphy & dec'd family members

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sun Dec 16th 10.00am Leo McGuigan
Thu Dec 20th 8.00pm No Mass
Sun Dec 23rd 10.00am John H & Mary O'Reilly
Peter, Thomas & Catherine O'Reilly

Church of St. James, Grange

Sun Dec 16th 11.30am Mickey Rice
Tom Breen
Henry & Mary Margaret Maguire & dec'd family members
Mon Dec 17th 10.00am Stephen & Annie Rafferty
Wed Dec 19th 10.00am Packie Boyle & dec'd family members
Fri Dec 21st 10.00am John & Mary O'Connor & Pat & Una Shields
Sun Dec 23rd 11.30am Austin Lowth, Whitestown Shore

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Grange Church every Wednesday morning from after Mass till 11.00am



Advent Patrick Kavanagh

We have tested and tasted too much, lover –
Through a chink too wide there comes in no wonder.
But here in the Advent-darkened room
Where the dry black bread and the sugarless tea
Of penance will charm back the luxury
Of a child's soul, we'll return to Doom
The knowledge we stole but could not use.

And the newness that was in every stale thing
When we looked at it as children: the spirit-shocking
Wonder in a black slanting Ulster hill
Or the prophetic astonishment in the tedious talking
Of an old fool will awake for us and bring
You and me to the yard gate to watch the whins
And the bog-holes, cart-tracks, old stable where Time begins.

O after Christmas we'll have no need to go searching
For the difference that sets an old phrase burning –
We'll hear it in the whispered argument of a churning
Or in the streets where the village boys are lurching.
And we'll hear it among decent men too
Who barrow dung in gardens under trees,
Wherever life pours ordinary plenty.
Won't we be rich, my love and I, and
God we shall not ask for reason's payment,
The why of heart-breaking strangeness in dreeping hedges
Nor analyse God's breath in common statement.
We have thrown into the dust-bin the clay-minted wages
Of pleasure, knowledge and the conscious hour –
And Christ comes with a January flower.

Recently Deceased

Joe Quinn, Ballagan
Derek Clarke, Crossmaglen
Brian McKeivitt, Carlingford
Bridget McNamee, Killeen, Newry
Diarmuid MacArtain, Gyles Quay

Parish Dead List

*Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine on them. May they rest in peace.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen*

CHRISTMAS 2018

Christmas Penitential Service

Penitential Service in St. James' Church, Grange on Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve		Monday
Boher Church	-	7.00pm
Grange Church	-	9.00pm

Christmas Day		Tuesday
Mullaghbuoy Church	-	10.00am
Grange Church	-	11.30am

Do this in Memory

Do this in memory programme for the children of our Parish receiving their First Holy Communion next year Saturday 15th December in Boher Church at 7.00pm

First Holy Communion 2019

Boher	Saturday 11 th May
Mullaghbuoy	Sunday 12 th May
Grange & Rathcor	Saturday 25 th May

Confirmation 2019

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 12th March

Ministers of the Word Next Weekend

Boher Vigil	Sat	7.00pm	Bronach Murphy
Mullaghbuoy	Sun	10.00am	Orla Traynor
Grange	Sun	11.30am	Phelim Rice

Ministers of the Eucharist Next Weekend

Boher Vigil	Sat	7.00pm	Group A
Mullaghbuoy	Sun	10.00am	Group C
Grange	Sun	11.30am	Group C

Baptisms (by arrangement)

Baptisms will be celebrated every Saturday at 5.00pm. We welcome Casey May Clarke, Ardtullybeg into our Christian community

Grange Altar Society – Month of December - **Group 6**
Boher Altar Society – Month of December - **Group 6**

Benimerenti Medal for Michael McGlynn

Congratulations to our parishioner Michael McGlynn on being awarded with Benimerenti Medal by Pope Francis in recognition of his contribution to our parish over the years

Cooley Parochial Hall

BINGO Every Wednesday at 8.00pm. Note change of time
Book €6; Flyers €2; Prizes to be won €1150

Parish Tax Relief Scheme - Thanks

The Parish recently received €20,322.83 from the Revenue Commissioners as tax relief on Envelope Contributions made to various parish collections during the Tax Year ending 31.12.2017.

This is a very significant contribution to Parish Finances and your willingness to participate in the scheme is very much appreciated. Sincere thanks to all who participated

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 Environmental worker – Cooley	closing date 05.01.19
1 Café worker – Cooley	closing date 05.01.19
1 Community Worker – Cooley	closing date 05.01.19
2 Administration Workers – Cooley	closing date 05.01.19
1 Tourist Administration – Omeath	closing date 05.01.19
2 Environmental Workers – Omeath	closing date 05.01.19

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Presentation to Simon Community

All who participated, and all parishioners are invited to be present at Rathabbey Community House on Tuesday evening 18th December at 8.30pm when the proceeds of our recent "Sleep Out" at Bush will be presented.

Thanks for the huge support and please come along

St. Vincent de Paul – Food Parcel Appeal

Collection of food parcels in support of St. Vincent de Paul taken up until this weekend Sunday 16th December.

Please leave non-perishable foods in any of the Parish Churches and they will be collected by members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Your generosity is much appreciated

Christmas Charity Country Market - Thank You

The organisers of the market sincerely thank all who baked, donated goods, bought raffle tickets, supported and helped on the day. It was a huge success and raised €13,030. Proceeds in aid of The Birches Alzheimer Service

Cooley Credit Union Limited – A.G.M.

Cooley Credit Union AGM will take place in St. Mary's Parochial Hall on Monday 17th December at 8.30pm. Free draw for cash prizes for members in attendance

Cooley Kickhams G.F.C. – Lotto – Tickets €2

Winning Nos. 10; 20; 23; 26; - not won - Jackpot €10,400

Glenmore AC – Annual Goal Mile Walk

Walk, jog or run on St. Stephen's Day – 26th December at 11am at Bush – bring your family and friends along