

COOLEY PARISH

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER – 3rd May 2020

Fr Malachy Conlon 04293-76105

St James' Church 042-9397684

Parish email: cooleyparish@gmail.com

Parish website: www.cooleyparish.ie

Fr Stephen Duffy 042-9371327

Fr Oliver Stansfield 042-9375198

Follow us on Facebook

Daily Mass is celebrated privately in the Church of St James, Grange Monday – Friday at 10.00am, Sunday at 11.00am. The Rosary is prayed each evening at 9.00pm and both can be viewed on the parish webcam.

This is the link: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/st-james-church-grange>

Intentions for the week:

Recently deceased:

Michael Mc Garrity, Mucklagh

Tommy Mulholland, Kilkerry

Joan Kinney, Árd Easmuinn and late of Kilcurry

Brigid Quinn, Bundoran

Bridie Hannon nee Markey, died in England, late of Ballug

Bernard Wynne, Rockmarshall

Annie Mc Cann, Banbridge

Ronan O'Rahilly, London and Carlingford

Joan Kinney (nee Hughes) Ard Easmuinn and late of Kilcurry, Dundalk

Margaret Donnelly (nee Brannigan) Galbally and formerly Lower Rath

Anniversaries:

Fr Peter Mc Parland

James Carroll

Vincent and Seamus O'Hanlon

Pat Finnegan, Whitestown

Ambrose Kane

John, Lizzie and John White

John Martin

Brian Markey

Paddy and Betty Callan

Paddy Duffy

Brian and Hannah Fagan

Tommy and Annie Fagan

Margaret Fagan

Mary Margaret and Sarah Murphy

Theresa Thornton

PARISH BULLETIN – online

Anyone wishing to have a notice placed in the bulletin are asked to email the notice to: cooleyparish@gmail.com before 5.00pm on Wednesday

Coronavirus Emergency

The current life saving restrictions remain with us and it is important to continue to encourage people to make the sacrifices necessary to protect themselves and others, especially the most vulnerable. Archbishop Eamon having consulted widely confirms that First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation remain postponed until a safe time in the future – which is now likely to be in the new academic year. Similarly, Blessing of the graves ceremonies should not be held until a safe time, at least later in the summer or in the autumn.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

RTÉ TV to Broadcast Vocations Sunday Mass at 11.00am on 3 May

This Sunday, 3 May, is Vocations Sunday, the dedicated annual day for Catholics around the world to offer special prayers to encourage vocations from families and parishes to the priesthood and to religious life. On Sunday RTÉ One television will broadcast Mass for vocations at 11.00am and it will be celebrated by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan and concelebrated by Father Willie Purcell.

Ahead of the world day of prayer for vocations, the chair of the Bishops' Council for Vocations, Bishop Cullinan, said, "We join with Pope Francis in asking the Church to continue to promote vocations. The Holy Father asks us to find courage to say 'yes' to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ. My prayer is that all who are being called to diocesan priesthood will have that courage to say 'yes' to God's call!"

Father Purcell, National Diocesan Vocations Coordinator, said, "During these days of social distancing and isolation we have the opportunity to connect with the unfolding plan of God in our lives. For those who are discerning a vocation to diocesan priesthood and religious life it is a valuable time through prayer and reflection to listen more deeply to where God is calling you, and in generosity to say 'yes' to that call."

Radio Maria

Radio Maria will broadcast the 11.00am Mass on Sunday morning from St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, for the next number of weeks. Ways to watch or listen:

<https://www.radiomaria.ie/>

Radio Maria mobile phone app

SAORVIEW Channel 210

<http://armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam/>

RTÉ NewsNow Channel to broadcast Mass every Sunday during Pandemic Restrictions

Mass will be broadcast at 2.00pm on RTÉ NewsNow digital television channel each Sunday as long as the pandemic restrictions apply.

Prayer Requests Welcome

The Sisters of Mercy, "Bethany" House of Prayer, 34 Point Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, continue to welcome any person who may wish to request "A Prayer by Telephone", especially during these very difficult times. One of the Sisters will be happy to pray with you.

Telephone: 042-9331602 – 9.00am – 9.00pm daily

ACCORD - New Free Helpline

Accord's new helpline identifies problems and offers advice to couples during pandemic restrictions. Accord's free and confidential 'Relationships Support Phone Line' for marriages, families and relationships offers support to those experiencing extra pressure due to social restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The telephone numbers are:

- Accord CLG – 01 531 3331
- Accord NI – 028 9568 0151 or 00353 1 531 3331

Parish Pastoral Council

We are anxious to reach out to people in these difficult times and ask parishioners to be vigilant for those in any kind of need – support is available and no one should feel excluded.

Please contact Fr Malachy on 0429376105 or any member of the Pastoral Council – email: cooleyparish@gmail.com

If there are any concerns, ideas or suggestions in relation to the parish – we are happy to hear from you!