

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 6th December 2020

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Recently deceased:

Susie McGuigan nee Malone, Rathcor whose funeral takes place on Sunday at 11.30am in the Church of St James' Grange

Katie Kelly, nee Donnelly, Birmingham and formerly of Templetown

Angela McGivern, nee Rourke, Lancashire and formerly of Ballagan

Anna Bors, nee Rafferty, London and formerly of Mullaghhattina

Anniversaries:

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday 5 th Dec	7.00pm	Carmen Mc Grane John and Bridget O'Hanlon and deceased family
Tuesday 8 th Dec.	10.00am	Paddy, Anne and Gerard Treanor
Thursday 10 th Dec.	No Mass	
Saturday 12 th Dec.	7.00pm	Joe Quinn Hugh and Ellen Byrne and deceased family members

Church of St Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday 6 th Dec.	10.00am	The People of the Parish
Thursday 10 th Dec.	8.00pm	John H. and Mary O'Reilly
Sunday 13 th Dec.	10.00am	Breege O'Reilly

Church of St James, Grange

Sunday 6 th Dec	11.30am	Padraig Sheelan Mary McGrath Sean, Ina and Juanita Looney Deceased members of the Mackin Family, Willville Jim Ryan and deceased family members, Top Rath Joe Kane, Craigavon and Templetown
Monday 7 th Dec.	10.00am	Petie Hanlon and deceased family members
Tuesday 8 th Dec	8.00pm	Special Intention
Wednesday 9 th Dec	10.00am	Tom Magee and deceased family members
Friday 11 th Dec.	10.00am	Mattie and Mary Keenan
Sunday 13 th Dec	11.30am	Leo McGuigan

Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of obligation

Christmas Plans

With continued restrictions and a limit of 50 people attending Mass at Christmas, it has been very difficult to decide how best we might celebrate the sacred moment in which Christ was born. It is possible to experience the spiritual richness of Christmas in many ways. Our homes can become 'little churches' where we invite the Christ-child in. The age old tradition of having a Christmas crib in the home and gathering as a family to pray or to sing a carol will be especially meaningful this year. Families or 'household bubbles' are encouraged to pay a visit to your church at some time during the twelve days of Christmas to offer a Christmas prayer at the crib and pray together for their families and particularly for those impacted by the pandemic.

In conjunction with the Pastoral Council we have decided that Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day will be celebrated in private and streamed on the Parish Webcam. Archbishop Eamon has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass in Cill Mhuire which will be recorded and released at 7.30pm on Christmas Eve. These are unprecedented times and crucially important that we keep Christ at the heart of Christmas, and give thanks to a generous God who sent His Son among us. As we plan ahead it will clearly not be possible to have large congregations assemble for Mass on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. Families are encouraged to attend Mass at some point during the twelve days of Christmas.

Coupled with a genuine concern for the health and safety of parishioners and our reluctance to turn anyone away at Christmas, we feel that this is the best way forward and we hope that you will understand.

Advent and Christmas Banner

As already notified, pieces of the banner are in each of the churches. You are invited to come to any of the churches in the parish, say a prayer and with an intention in your heart, sign or mark the banner before Friday 11th December!

A representative of each townland in the parish will bring the pieces together, NEXT Saturday 12th December at 2.00pm when prayers will be said for the people of the Parish and Carlingford Pipe Band play some carols – it will be live on face-book! Together, let us welcome Christ this Christmas.

Covid 19 Restrictions- Level 3

We have now returned to the normal programme for Masses but are restricted to 50 people.

All Masses are streamed on the Parish webcam. Face covering is highly recommended in church.

Nightly Rosary

The Rosary is recited nightly at 9pm and can be viewed on the parish webcam

www.churchservices.tv

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Friday in Grange Church

Tuesday & Saturday in Boher Church

Thursday in Mullaghbuoy Church

Baptisms (by arrangement)

Baptisms will be celebrated every Saturday at 5pm. It is recommended that numbers attending the Baptism be kept to a maximum of 6 persons in order to protect one another

Parish Bulletin

Anyone who would like a copy of the bulletin sent to them by email each week should request this by emailing the Parish office at: cooleyparish@gmail.com

Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Boher – Cleaner required

Job type: Part-time Temporary Contract – 3hrs per evening Monday – Friday

Start date: 7th January 2021

Garda Vetting required for successful applicant, forms will be supplied

Must be available to work evenings

Duties to include but not exclusive to:

Cleaning of the school building; vacuuming carpeted areas and washing floors; sweeping uncarpeted areas; emptying and cleaning bins; spot cleaning of spillages; cleaning desks, seats and skirting boards; cleaning toilet areas and replenishing toiletries; cleaning doors and windows; checking stock levels of cleaning materials; reporting all defects/hazards immediately to the Principal/Secretary.

Please email the school, applications2020boherns@gmail.com with covering letter and C.V. on or before Monday 7th December 2020

Cake Sale on Facebook live!

A cake sale in aid of Parish Funds will be held on Facebook live from Cooley Complex on next Sunday, 13th December commencing at 10am. All sorts of confectionaries, cakes, tarts, buns, puddings, etc. welcome and should be brought to Cooley complex at 8.30am on Sunday. The host

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

2 Environmental workers - Cooley

1 Caretaker - Cooley

2 Environmental workers - Carlingford

1 Administration - Carlingford

1 Environmental worker – Omeath

Closing date 18/12/2020

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

SUPER CONNECTORS

Louth County Council, Louth Community Forum, Louth Age Friendly, Healthy Louth, and Louth Public Participation Network have joined forces to launch the Super Connectors Campaign. The campaign challenges young people to become super connectors and teach an older loved one technology this Christmas.

We are asking children and young people to encourage to gift or re-gift a device to an older relative or friend and we are challenging older people to become Super Connectors and overcome their fear of using technology and learn to use an app like Zoom to stay connected this festive season. For additional information, call Ann-Marie on 0872407306