

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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**A New Year Blessing!**

Together with Fr Tommy I want to express my deeply felt gratitude to the parishioners of Cooley Parish for your kindness and generous support especially in these fraught times. I pray that together we can honour the Christ whose birth we have just celebrated and that His light and love may continue to touch all of our lives in the New Year; that our parish community may grow in faith and never fail to reach out with hope to one and all.

**The Work of Christmas Begins**

When the carols have been stilled,  
When the star-topped tree is taken down,  
When family and friends are gone home,  
When we are back to our schedules  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To welcome the refugee,  
To heal a broken planet,  
To feed the hungry,  
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,  
To share our gifts,  
To seek justice and peace for all people,  
To bring Christ's light to the world.

**Recently deceased:**

Brian Boyle, Rathcor

Gerard Kieran, Castletowncooley

Mai Bruen, Omeath

Susie McGuigan, Rathcor

Alex Millar, Belfast and Whitestown

Kate Lecane, nee Grant, Monkstown, Dublin

**Anniversaries**

Margaret Carroll

Thomas and Bridie Carroll and deceased family members

Stephen McGrath

Nancy Murphy

John and Minnie O'Connor

Pat and Una Shields

Bernard Murnaghan

Katie Kelly MM

### **Friday is the First Friday of 2021**

Due to Government Restrictions, unfortunately, Fr. Malachy **WILL NOT** be making his First Friday visits to the housebound.

### **COVID-19 Government Restrictions**

As and from **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020**, in keeping with Government Restrictions, **all Masses** will be celebrated **IN PRIVATE** and will be streamed on the parish webcam

**Weekend Mass:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am – Church of St. James, Grange

**Weekly Daily Masses:** No Masses during this week

### **Face Covering in Church**

It is highly recommended for the safety of yourself and others to wear face covering while attending Church. Children under 13yrs are exempt from this

### **Nightly Rosary**

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

[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Friday in Grange Church

Tuesday & Saturday in Boher Church and 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 minimum 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](mailto:cooleyparish@gmail.com)

### **Parish Tax Relief Scheme – Sincere thanks**

The total tax relief received by the Parish from the Revenue Commissioners on Envelope Contributions made to various collections during the Tax year ending 31.12.2019 has now reached €23,526.46. 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!

### **Collection for Charities – St. Vincent de Paul, Women's Aid and the Simon Community**

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated cash (value €3555) and vouchers (value €1805) to the collection for the Charities on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Cooley Credit Union Limited – Christmas and New Year Opening Hours**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec - ALL OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carlingford and Omeath Offices open from 10.00am – 1pm

Cooley Office open from 10.00am – 5pm

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – ALL OFFICES CLOSED

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 – Cooley Office open from 10.00am – 12noon

### **Operation Bush4mation 2021**

Outdoor and Virtual classes starting 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Registration online [glenmoreac.com](http://glenmoreac.com)

### **Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies**

2 Environmental workers - Cooley closing date 15/01/2021  
1 Caretaker - Cooley closing date 15/01/2021  
2 Environmental workers - Carlingford closing date 15/01/2021  
1 Administration - Carlingford closing date 15/01/2021  
1 Environmental worker – Omeath closing date 15/01/2021  
Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or [cooleyceltd@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyceltd@gmail.com)

### **Covid-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818-222024

### **Prayer by Telephone**

The Sisters of Mercy at “Bethany” House of Prayer, 34, Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times to phone 042-9331602 – all requests are confidential. *One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you.*

### **Bereavement Support Line - Pastoral Centre, Dundalk**

A telephone listening service is now in place. Members of the Bereavement Team will be available at the following numbers to support adults who are grieving the

loss of a loved one.	Monday	6.30pm – 8.30pm	089-4677721
	Tuesday	6.30pm – 8.30pm	089-4682919
	Thursday	6.30pm – 8.30pm	089-4677734
	Friday	6.30pm – 8.30pm	089-4677747

### **Cooley Connect Well Community Group**

A 6 week course via Zoom will be facilitated by the Louth Volunteer Good Relations programme. Further details from 085-1833110; 086-0461781 or 083-3924117

### **Cooley Genealogical & Historical Society**

Can you locate any extinct Mass paths in the Peninsula? If so please phone 085-1833110