

Cooley Parish Bulletin

First Sunday in Advent – 30th November 2025

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Love Thought by John O'Rourke

*When there are no words
Only gestures of hand.
In the time of swords
just play in the sand.*

*In the labyrinthine silent cove
where there is little demand.
Along the path of fabulous love
mutual attraction makes stand.*

*The smell of woodsmoke
on an autumn day
tells of one bespoke
who lights up my way.*

Recently Deceased

Mike Campbell, Lower Rath
Rita Stringer, nee McCoy, formerly of Millgrange who died in Dublin
Gerry Stewart, formerly of Irish Grange who died in Australia
Mart Westveer, Holland
Francie Carroll, Benagh and New York

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	29 th Nov	7.00pm	Eddie, Jimmy and Annie Halpenny and dec'd family members
Tuesday	2 nd Dec	10.00am	Special Intention
Thursday	4 th Dec	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	6 th Dec	7.00pm	Paddy, Ann and Gerard Treanor Mike and Briege McGrath Dec'd members of Cooley Kickhams G.F.C. Pete and Teesie White and Walter and Mary Hughes

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	30 th Nov	10.00am	November Parish List of the Dead
Thursday	4 th Dec	8.00am	No Mass
Sunday	7 th Dec	10.00am	Tom and Breedge O'Reilly, Glenmore

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	30 th Nov	11.30am	James and Margaret Thornton and dec'd family members Gerry and Margaret McMahon Francis Donnelly, Glenmore
Monday	1 st Dec	8.00pm	Tom Magee and dec'd family members, Crossalaney
Wednesday	3 rd Dec	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	5 th Dec	8.00pm	Peter, Mag, Tom and Carmel Savage and Charles Moore

Sunday 7th Dec 11.30am Pdraig Sheelan, Rathcor
Sean, Ina and Juanita Looney
Leo and Susie McGuigan
Joe Kane, Craigavon and Templetown
Sean Morgan

Confirmation 2026

Saturday 2nd May at 11am in Church of St. James, Grange

First Holy Communion 2026

Boher children Saturday 25th April at 11am
Monksland & Rathcor children Saturday 23rd May at 11am
Mullaghbuoy children Sunday 24th May at 10am

Friday is the First Friday

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Baptisms (by arrangement)

Baptisms will be celebrated on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 5.00pm

Funerals

When a Funeral Mass is being celebrated in the Parish there will be no other morning Mass celebrated that day

Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Parish Eucharistic Adoration every Friday morning in Church of St. James, Grange from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Everyone welcome during this time to spend a short time in prayer and adoration

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange this Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

Songs for Lourdes – Festive Music

“Songs for Lourdes” – an evening of Festive Music - this Sunday 30th November in Church of St. James, Grange.

Doors open at 4.30pm – starts at 5pm sharp. Music by Sonlight & the McIntyre family with Tea/Coffee, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies served. Tickets €20 - available from Committee members, local shops and the Parish Office 042-9397617.

Supporting Cooley Lourdes Fund 2026

St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh – Maintenance Fund

St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh stands as an icon of faith and hope. This weekend 29th/30th November a second collection will be taken up at all Masses in our Parish to support the ongoing restoration and maintenance of our Diocesan Cathedral ensuring it remains a centre of hope and prayer for generations to come.

Parishioners and visitors to Armagh are always welcome to tour St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Have your Say about Your Catholic School

The Dept. of Education is currently conducting a Primary School survey that will determine the future provision of Primary schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple terms, you are asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want to change. Do not leave it to others, have your say before 16th December 2025.

[Primary School Survey](#)

Prayer with Music of Taize

All are welcome to "Prayer Around the Cross" in candlelight – a quiet reflective time with music of Taize on Friday 5th December from 8pm-9pm followed by tea/coffee at Bethany, 34 Point Road, Dundalk

Divine Mercy Conference in RDS Dublin 2026

A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday 28th Feb 2026. For further info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Church Gate Collection

Next weekend - St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

2 - Environmental workers - Cooley closing date 16.12.25

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Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am. All welcome!

Cooley Kickhams G.F.C. Lotto €2 per line

Winning Nos: 9; 11; 21; 31; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €9,800

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Cooley Zoom Bingo every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Also flyers @ €2 Mary Clerkin, Dymrna Woods, Linda Halpenny, Padraig O'Connor, Mulligan's Shop, Omeath, Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group –has re-opened in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley every Thursday from 10am – 11.30am. All new parents, grandparents and childminders welcome. Contact 087-9721930

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross Christmas Party

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross are holding their Annual Christmas Party on Sunday 7th December in Ballymascanlon Hotel at 6pm. Music by Blue Magic. Tickets are available from any of the members, Donation €20 – usual transport

O'Neill's Flowers Christmas Market

Christmas Market at Willville on Sunday 30th November from 12noon – 6pm. Everyone welcome!

Festive Day Trips

Matthews.ie are running a Festive Day Trip to Belfast Christmas Markets on Saturday 6th December. Book now on Events Page at <https://www.matthews.ie/>

Monthly Carboot Sale – Next Sunday 7th December

Carboot sale on first Sunday of each month at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F organised by McDonnell family in aid of North Louth Hospice. For more info phone Tina 087-2236124

Carlingford Heritage Centre

Newry Chamber Music presents: Master of Melody the Lieder & Chamber Music of Franz Schubert on Sun 7th Dec at 2pm. Tickets €20 adults/€10 u-18s. Tickets available @ www.newrychambermusic.org

Be Safe! Be Seen!

We would appeal to all pedestrians using our roads at this time of year to please wear High Viz clothing!!