

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th August 2025

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When I Am Among the Trees *by Mary Oliver*

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness,
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile".

The light flows from their branches

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."

Recently Deceased

Rev Fr. Derek Laverty, (Fr. Tony) Dublin & Cooley
Funeral Mass in Church of St. James, Grange this Sunday at 2pm
Burial afterwards in Grange cemetery
Tommy Clarke, Rampart, Greenore
Gerry Sheridan, Templetown
Vincent Savage, Castletowncooley
Saul McElwain, Ballynamoney and Killin
Rose Loughran, Blackgate, Ravensdale

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	16 th Aug	7.00pm	Tess Treanor, Michael and Mary Jane Carron & Mary Sorohan Eric and Kathleen Hynes
Tuesday	19 th Aug	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	21 st Aug	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	23 rd Aug	7.00pm	Paddy, Rosetta and Fionnuala Thornton Bernard Joseph Kearney, Whitestown

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	17 th Aug	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	21 st Aug	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	24 th Aug	10.00am	Patsy and Sheila Barry and dec'd family members

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	17 th Aug 11.30am	Patrick and Annie McGuigan, Rathcor Hugh and Kathleen Gregory James and Paddy Callan, Castletowncooley James Hughes, West Sussex
Monday	18 th Aug 8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	20 th Aug 10.00am	Patrick and Brigid Long and dec'd family members, Templetown
Friday	22 nd Aug 10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	24 th Aug 11.30am	Gerry Sheridan M.M.

Day of Prayer for Gaza – 24th August

Ten weeks ago the Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza.

Please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in our parishes and homes in the Archdiocese of Armagh next Sunday 24th August. Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people

Welcome Fr. Joseph Fidelis

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph Fidelis from Nigeria who will be assisting in our Parish during the Month of August

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 – 12.30-pm. 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 every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator - Invitation

All families and young people are invited to a very special celebration marking the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati on Sunday 7th September in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

10.00am – Prayer Walk in the Cathedral grounds.

11.00am – Celebration Mass in the Cathedral

This is a wonderful opportunity for all to come together in joy and thanksgiving, to be inspired by the lives of these two modern saints who lived their faith with courage, joy and deep love for Jesus. Let us walk in their footsteps – bringing young people, their families and parish community together in faith and hope.

Lough Derg – One Day Retreat

One Day Retreat to Lough Derg on Saturday 23rd August – departure from Dundalk For info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 27th August – 1st September (5 nights) €230 pps Single room €300 – bed & breakfast, Transport to and from Dubrovnik airport. Pilgrims are required to book their own flight. For further enquiries: phone Laurena 085-1833110

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

2 - Environmental workers - Carlingford

closing date 25.08.25

3 - Environmental workers - Cooley

closing date 25.08.25

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

Employment Opportunities

If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, disability or injury – EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you finding employment. *Phone 042-9386718 or 087-6386885*

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

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

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement in Cooley Complex – closed for summer months. Re-opening in September

No Zoom Bingo

There will be NO ZOOM BINGO during the month of August. Zoom Bingo will re-commence on Wednesday evening 3rd September at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Dymphna Woods, Mary Clerkin, Linda Halpenny, Padraig O'Connor, Mulligan's Shop, Omeath, Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group – closed for summer months – re-opening in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley in September

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

Winning Nos: 9; 10; 26; 30; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €6,800

Carlingford Heritage Centre

August Concert programme in Heritage Centre

Sun 17th Aug at 4pm – John & Zoe & Ben & Colum Sands

Sun 24th Aug at 4pm – Zoe Conway, John McIntyre & Brian Finnegan

Sun 31st Aug at 8pm – Zoe Conway, John McIntyre with special guest Christy Moore

Tickets can be booked at 042-9373454

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust invites all to a display of Vintage Machinery at Hanlon's Vintage Museum, Boher A91ED66 on Saturday 23rd August from 1pm – 5pm. Free entry. Parking available at lorry yard. Donations if desired to Maria Goretti Foundation

Jubilee Camino – Men's Hike

Jubilee Camino Men's Hike – Carlingford to Newry Saturday 13th September – strictly an over 18yrs Catholic Male event. Cost €70 (lunch, dinner, bus)

Contact: op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

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