

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd August 2026

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Peace **by Patrick Kavanagh**

And sometimes I am sorry when the grass
is growing over the stones in quiet hollows
and the cocksfoot leans across the rutted
cart-pass
that I am not the voice of country fellows
who now are standing by some headland
talking of turnips and potatoes or young corn
of turf banks stripped for victory.
Here peace is still hawking
his coloured combs and scarves and
beads of horn.

Upon a headland by a whinny hedge
a hare sits looking down a leaf-lapped furrow
there's an old plough upside-down on a
weedy ridge and someone is shouldering home
a saddle-harrow.
Out of that childhood country what fools climb
to fight with tyrants Love and Life and Time?

Recently Deceased

Mary Long, Rathcor
Arthur McAnerney, Carlingford
Mary Morgan, nee McNulty, Jonesboro
Cailin Mitchel, Galway
Mary McArdle, nee Murphy, Knockbridge

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	22 nd Aug at	7.00pm	Paddy, Rosetta and Fionnuala Thornton Eric and Kathleen Hynes
Tuesday	25 th Aug at	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	27 th Aug at	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	29 th Aug at	7.00pm	Joe and Bridie Murphy and Margaret Ann Cawley Special Birthday Remembrance

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	23 rd Aug at	10.00am	Patsy and Sheila Barry and dec'd family members
Thursday	27 th Aug at	8.00pm	Frank Shields, South Commons
Sunday	30 th Aug at	10.00am	Jim and Vincent Savage

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	23 rd Aug at	11.30am	Jim Shields and Patsy and Katie Woods and dec'd members of Woods family, Mucklagh Peter, Dinny and Catherine McCarthy and dec'd family members
Monday	24 th Aug at	8.00pm	Deirdre Murphy, nee Quinn, Templetown
Wednesday	26 th Aug at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	28 th Aug at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	30 th Aug at	11.30am	James, Katie, Seamus and Michael Murphy, Templetown James McCormack, South Commons and dec'd members of McCormack family, Mucklagh

Welcome Fr. Joseph Fidelis

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph Fidelis from Nigeria who returns to our Parish and will be assisting 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 will continue in Church of St. James, Grange every Friday morning from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Everyone welcome

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm. Volunteers required to help Divine Mercy Group. Enquiries: 085-1833110

One Day Retreat on Lough Derg

One Day Retreat on Lough Derg on Saturday 29th August - A day of reflection. Admission fee €50 on to island. Bus fare – depending on numbers. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: Laurena 085-1833110

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Environmental worker – Cooley closing date 04.09.26
 1 – Environmental worker – C'ford closing date 11.09.26
 1 – Groundsperson - Cooley closing date 27.08.26
 Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Anam Cara Bereavement Evening

Anam Cara is very pleased to announce the first Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings this autumn. As part of the commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family and also bereaved adult siblings over 18yrs.

This event will take place online on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm.

Register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education

ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026:

Part-time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery. The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date 14.08.26

For more info contact: mary.kearns@atu.ie

Deposit on Return with Gratitude Scheme

Parishioners needed to help with Deposit on Return with Gratitude Scheme by taking a bag of bottles and cans to be returned for deposit. A simple rota can be organized if a few volunteers are available so that no one person is overburdened. If you can help please contact Eugene 087-2824802 or speak to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

ALONE

ALONE provides many services to Older People in your area to enable them to stay living at home for longer. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services:

If interested please contact Rachel 086-8249308 or email Rachel.christmas@alone.ie

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - Irish Red Cross Carlingford/Omeath Branch

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: 1; 7; 9; 22; not won - next week's Jackpot €9,800

No Cooley Zoom Bingo

There will be NO Cooley Zoom Bingo during the month of August. Next Zoom Bingo will be on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm sharp. Selling books: €6 (5page book) Mary Clerkin, Dympna Woods, Linda Halpenny, Pdraig O'Connor, Mulligan's shop, Omeath & Cecelia Murphy, Lordship

Cooley Parent, Toddler and Baby Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley – closed until September

Family Carer Support Group

Meeting on last Wednesday of each month at 11.00am in Community Room, Longwalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk

This group is all about:-

Getting to know one another. We warmly welcome carers who have been with us for some time, as well as new carers who have never attended before.

Learning about the range of services and support available from Family Carers Ireland.

Sharing what you would like from support groups and what you would like to do throughout the year ahead. This is a safe, peer-to-peer led support group

Any queries, please contact Louise 086-0213798 or licosgrove@familycarers.ie

Cooley Connect Well – Walking for All

Walking for All – every Wednesday morning at 11am on Cooley Kickham's track
meet outside Maggie's café – everyone welcome!

Heritage week in Greenore

Sunday 23rd August – Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment with Emma McNulty on piano
Everyone welcome!

Summer Series in Carlingford Heritage Centre

Sunday 23rd August at 4pm – Mulligan family, renowned multigenerational musical family deeply
involved in Irish traditional music from Dundalk.

Sunday 30th August at 4pm – Aoife Ni Bhriain and Cormac McCarthy – fiddle and piano

Booking essential – Tickets €15 – Phone 042-9373454 or online: [Events - Carlingford Heritage](#)

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust invites all to a Display of Vintage Machinery at Hanlon's Vintage
Museum A91ED66 on Saturday 29th August from 1pm – 5pm. Entry free
Donations if desired to the Maria Goretti Foundation