

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th July 2026

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Mint by Seamus Heaney

*It looked like a clump of small dusty nettles
Growing wild at the gable of the house
Beyond where we dumped our refuse and old bottles
Unverdant ever, almost beneath notice.*

*But, to be fair, it also spelled promise
And newness in the back yard of our life
As if something callow yet tenacious
Sauntered in green alleys and grew rife.*

*The snip of scissor blades, the light of Sunday Mornings
when the mint was cut and loved:
My last things will be first things slipping from me
Yet let all things go free that have survived.*

*Let the smells of mint go heady and defenceless
Like inmates liberated in that yard.
Like the disregarded ones we turned against
Because we'd failed them by our disregard*

Recently Deceased

Nellie Toner, nee McCoy, Newtownhamilton & formerly of Millgrange
Henry Donnelly, Kells formerly of Glenmore
Bernard McCrink, Dromintee
Gerry Murphy, Portlaoise formerly of Dundalk
Sally Finnegan, nee Jennings, Mountpleasant
Nuala Coughlan, nee Conroy, Dublin and Galway

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	11th Jul at	8.00pm	Christopher and Agnes McKevitt and dec'd family members
(Please note change of Mass time)			
Tuesday	14 th Jul at	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	16 th Jul at	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	18 th Jul at	7.00pm	Mary Murphy, Ballagan Mick, Lizzie, Peter and Sarah Murphy and Joe and Lily McKevitt Sean and Margaret Morgan and dec'd members of Kearney family, Whitestown

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	12 th Jul at	10.00am	Bernadette Callan Peter, Eileen, Thomas, Catherine and Baby Thomas O'Reilly
Thursday	16 th Jul at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	19 th Jul at	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	12 th Jul at	11.30am	John and Kitty McGrath and dec'd family members Jim and Rose Campbell and dec'd family members Templetown and Gaultrimstrand
Monday	13 th Jul at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	15 th Jul at	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	17 th Jul at	10.00am	Private Intention

Sunday 19th Jul at 11.30am Eddie Boyle
Tom Oliver and dec'd family members
Gerry Sheridan
Tom Sheelan

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026

Boher cemetery – **Saturday 25th July** at 7.00pm

Cill Mhuire cemetery – **Saturday 15th August**

Lordship cemetery - **Thursday 16th July** at 7.30pm

Mountbagnal cemetery – **Sunday 19th July** at 7pm

Fr. Christy McElwee – 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Fr. Christy McElwee who celebrates his Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the priesthood this week. We wish him good health and God's blessings as he continues his ministry

Fr. Michael Woods' – 60th Anniversary

Fr. Michael Woods, Carlingford celebrated 60 years of Priesthood. His family invite you all to a celebration of Mass marking this very significant milestone on **Sunday 19th July** at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Carlingford. All are welcome!

Canon Malachy joins the Parishioners of Cooley in congratulating Fr. Michael and praying that God will continue to bless Fr. Michael with health and happiness.

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**

Nightly Rosary

If you would like to recite the Rosary in Church of St. James, Grange on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays at 9pm and join the rota - **please contact Canon Malachy or any member of the Pastoral Council**

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*

Sixth World Day for Grandparents

The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on **Sunday 26th July 2026**. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV – **"I will never forget you"** reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, loves us unconditionally and forgets no one, even through the frailties of old age. **Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass at Knock Shrine at 3pm.**

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 Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

1 - Cleaner - Cooley	closing date 13.08.26
1 – Environmental worker – Cooley	closing date 24.07.26
1 – Environmental worker – C'ford	closing date 24.07.26
1 – Adminstration worker – Omeath	closing date 24.07.26

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:

1. Visitation and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer gives an hour a week of their time to provide companionship to an Older person
2. Telephone Support and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer makes friendly calls to Older people once a week for a 2 hour shift.

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

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Calling all young people aged 16yrs – 35yrs! Join the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare **from 13th – 16th August**. *This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome! To register: youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland*

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Cooley Zoom Bingo **every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm sharp**. Selling books: €6 (5page book) Mary Clerkin, Dympna Woods, Linda Halpenny, Padraig O'Connor, Mulligan's shop, Omeath and Cecelia Murphy, Lordship

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in Rathabbey Community Centre **every Wednesday morning** at 10.30am – all welcome!

Cooley Parent, Toddler and Baby Group

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

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

Winning Nos: 4; 8; 11; 19; not won - next week's Jackpot €8,600

Gaeltots Cooley

Gaeltots is a fun, Gaelic-inspired movement and play programme for young children 18mths – 5yrs olds – helping little ones build confidence, coordination, listening skills and a love of being active. Sessions running in **Mullaghbuoy Community Centre from 18th July to 22nd August** with limited places available. *All enquiries please contact Gabrielle at: gabrielle@gaeltots.community*

GSD School of Drama

Summer Camp where stories take shape on stage – a fun filled week of Drama activities and games this summer. Get creative. Get Dramatic. Take to the stage!

Camp dates: **July 20th – 24th at Mullaghbuoy Community Centre – 9.30am – 1pm** (Monday-Friday) mixed age camp! Contact: gsdschoolofdrama@gmail.com or 087-1914076

Trip to Llandudno, Wales – Pat Keenan Coach Hire

Trip to Llandudno, Wales **from 10th – 14th August** – staying in the Grand hotel – b/b + dinners – day trip to Chester Oaks. For more info contact Ciaran 087-2865046