

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday in Advent – 7th December 2025

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***The Search* by Kenneth Steven**

Who was it who decreed
we must find God
through the hard labour of hunger
or years of rocky islands?

Why should God not also be
found listening in a simple glade
where morning is being born
in the soft calling of birds?

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

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| 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 Hugh and Ellen Byrne and dec'd family members |
| Tuesday | 9 th Dec | 10.00am | Special Intention |
| Thursday | 11 th Dec | 10.00am | No Mass |
| Saturday | 13 th Dec | 7.00pm | Dorrie Elmore John, Elizabeth and Terry O'Hanlon & dec'd family members Joe Quinn, Ballagan Peter Rafferty, Cork and Templetown Tommy and Carmen McGrane and Derek and Rowena Burn |

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

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| Sunday | 7 th Dec | 10.00am | Tom and Breedge O'Reilly, Glenmore |
| Thursday | 11 th Dec | 7.00pm | Mullaghbuoy School Children's Christmas Carol Service |
| | | 8.00pm | No Mass |
| Sunday | 14 th Dec | 10.00am | People of the Parish |

Church of St. James, Grange

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| Sunday | 7 th Dec | 11.30am | Padraig Sheelan, Rathcor Sean, Ina and Juanita Looney Leo and Susie McGuigan Joe Kane, Craigavon and Templetown Sean Morgan |
| Monday | 8 th Dec | 8.00pm | Paddy and May McGrane |

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| Wednesday | 10 th Dec 10.00am | Stephen and Annie Rafferty and dec'd family members |
| Friday | 12 th Dec 10.00am | John H. and Mary O'Reilly, Glenmore & Patsy & Ann McCann |
| Sunday | 14 th Dec 11.30am | Brian Boyle, Rathcor James, Ellen, Janey and John Murphy, Petestown Michael, Christina and Michael (Jnr) Mackin and dec'd family |

Confirmation 2026

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

First Holy Communion 2026

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

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A holy day of obligation. Mass in Church of St. James, Grange at 8.00pm

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

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Christmas Penitential and Reconciliation Service

Christmas Penitential and Reconciliation Service and Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

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](#)

Special Mass for Mothers and Grandmothers

Catholic Mothers Ireland are hosting a special Mass on Tuesday 9th December at 6.30pm in St. Malachy's Church, Armagh to mark the end of their 10year Anniversary celebrations. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin. All are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for mothers and grandmothers. For more info please email: catholicmothers@outlook.ie

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organization that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm in Armagh City Hotel. All welcome

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

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul - **Christmas Appeal**

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 - Groundsman - Cooley closing date 26.12.25
2 - Environmental workers - Cooley closing date 31.12.25
1 - Environmental worker - Carlingford closing date 31.12.25
Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

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

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Cooley Zoom Bingo every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Also flyers @ €2 Mary Clerkin, Dympna 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 this Sunday 7th December in Ballymascanlon Hotel at 6pm. Music by Blue Magic. Tickets are available from any of the members

Donation €20 – usual transport

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

Winning Nos: 1; 10; 25; 31; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €10,000

Monthly Carboot Sale – Today 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

Glenmore Athletic Cub

Glenmore A.C. are hosting Operation Bushformation 2026 on 6th January for four weeks. There's something for everyone – please sign up by 19th December at the early bird rate of €40. Teenagers 16yr – 19yr old free

Be Safe! Be Seen!

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