

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent – 8th March 2026

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Alone by *Maya Angelou*

Lying, thinking last night
how to find my soul a home
where water is not thirsty
and bread loaf is not stone
I came up with one thing
and I don't believe I'm wrong
that nobody,
but nobody
can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone
nobody, but nobody
can make it out here alone.

Recently Deceased

Ambrose Ferguson, Muchgrange
Phena Bermingham, (Fr. John's mother) Kilcullen
Paddy Fearon, Carlingford
Clair Moore, nee Murphy, Ferbane and Templetown

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	7 th Mar	7.00pm	Gráinne White, Whitestown Shore Eileen Doran Anna Brady Richard Devine, Newry
Tuesday	10 th Mar	10.00am	Paddy, Veronica and Bruno Hughes and Maibre Conlon
Thursday	12 th Mar	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	14 th Mar	7.00pm	Raymond Hanlon James and Katie Fagan

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	8 th Mar	10.00am	Michael and Kenneth McBride and dec'd family members
Thursday	12 th Mar	8.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday	15 th Mar	10.00am	John White, Castletowncooley

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	8 th Mar	11.30am	Andrew Malone Maura Thornton
Monday	9 th Mar	8.00pm	Tom, Kathleen, Frank and Brigid Long and dec'd family members Kathleen, Willie and Jenny Nally and dec'd family members
Wednesday	11 th Mar	10.00am	James and Mary Ann Larkin and dec'd family members

Friday 13th Mar 10.00am Private Intention
Sunday 15th Mar 11.30am Alice O'Hagan
Mick, Bridie and Kevin Shields and dec'd family members
Michael and Mairead McGarrity and Caolan Meegan
Jack and Patrick Kearney and dec'd family members,
Templetown

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

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026

Grange cemetery – Sunday 7th June at 11.30am
Boher cemetery – Saturday 25th July at 7.00pm
Cill Mhuire cemetery – Saturday 15th August

Society of African Missions – Mission Awareness

We welcome Fr. Tommy Faherty, SMA House, Dromantine to speak at all Masses in our Parish this weekend

This Sunday is International Women's Day

The Archdiocese of Armagh and Dromore Catholic Diocese are marking International Women's Day. This day gives us an opportunity to recognise and give thanks for the many women who play an essential role in the life of the Church – educators, volunteers, ministers, leaders and those whose unseen work supports our Parish every week We give thanks for their dedication, faith and service which enrich the life of our Parish and strengthen our mission

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 this Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

St. Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk

Invitation to come on St. Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick on Saturday 14th March in honour of Ireland's patron saint – to book please phone 048-44619000 or

www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg – May 2026

A new pilgrimage has been introduced in Lough Derg where pilgrims can stay overnight culminating in two days being spent on the island. You are allowed to wear footwear! For more info contact Laurena 085-1833110

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Synod of Bishops in Ireland is set to take place on 31st May at Knock Shrine. Chief celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Eamon Martin. Bus will depart from Dundalk – enquiries to: Laurena 085-1833110

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th Aug to 4th Sept. Cost €915 which includes flights, half-board accommodation, airport transfers and day trips. For info contact: Damien 087-2049048

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. Even helping occasionally would make a difference!

Your support would be greatly appreciated and helps make the most of this initiative for our Parish community. If you can help please contact Eugene 087-2824802 or speak to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

4 - Environmental workers - Cooley	closing date 14.04.26
1 - Groundsman - Cooley	closing date 16.03.26
1 - Cleaner worker - Cooley	closing date 15.03.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for part-time work? If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or are recovering from depression, EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment.

For more info contact 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

Peninsula St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Tuesday 17th March commencing at Old Bush Train Station at 1pm and finishing in the grounds of Cooley Kickham's G.F.C. Patrons can avail of refreshments in the club function room and disco entertainment will be provided for children in the Sport's hall.

For more info contact: Eddie 087-6494965

Cooley Zoom Bingo

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

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

Winning Nos: 1; 18; 20; 22; Jackpot €12,000 won! Congratulations to Paul Rafferty, Ballagan!

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

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

Céili in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre A91 RC66

Céili with Kathleen McGlynn and friends on Friday 13th March from 8pm – 11pm. Music by Seamus and Fidelma Bellew Adm €10 (incl light refreshments) All proceeds to Cooley Lourdes Hospitalite Fund

Glen United Table Quiz

Glen United Table Quiz in Martin's Riverstown on Sunday 15th March

Grange & District Residents' Annual Table Quiz

Annual Table Quiz in Long's Bar, Grange on Friday 20th March at 8pm