

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – 29th March 2026

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Everything by *Mary Oliver*

I want to make poems that say right out, plainly,
what I mean, that don't go looking for the laces
of elaboration, puffed sleeves. I want to keep close
and use often words like, heavy, heart, joy, soon,
and to cherish the question mark and her bold sister the dash.

I want to write with quiet hands. I want to write while crossing the fields
that are fresh with daises and everlasting and the ordinary grass.
I want to make poems while thinking of the bread
of heaven and the cup of astonishment.

Let them be songs in which nothing is neglected,
not a hope, not a promise. I want to make poems
that look into the earth and the heavens and see the unseeable.
I want them to honor both the heart of faith,
and the light of the world; the gladness that says,
without any words, everything.

Recently Deceased

Ita O'Reilly, Carlingford
Phena Bermingham, (Fr. John's mother) Kilcullen
Mary Millar, Belfast
Jim Mackin, Dunleer
Betty O'Connor, Bellurgan
Paddy Fearon, Carlingford

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	28 th Mar	7.00pm	Henry Ferguson Nicholas, Florrie, Joe and Micheál Rafferty and Aileen O'Callaghan
Tuesday	31 st Mar	10.00am	Special Intention
Thursday	2 nd Apr	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	3 rd Apr	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	4 th Apr	8.00pm	Easter Vigil – Pascal Fire, Blessing of New Easter Water

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	29 th Mar	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	2 nd Apr	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	5 th Apr	10.00am	Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	29 th Mar	11.30am	Tommy and Tom McDonnell Peadar and Colin Murphy Pete and Rita Murphy and dec'd family Ballinamara and Drogheda
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Monday	30 th Mar	8.00pm	Pat and Teresa Campbell and dec'd members of Campbell and Lynn families
Wednesday	1 st Apr	10.00am	Special Intention
Thursday	2 nd Apr	7.30pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Sunday	5 th Apr	6.00am	Dawn Mass in Cill Mhuire
		11.30am	Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

First Holy Communion

Boher children Saturday 25th April at 11am

Monksland & Rathcor children Saturday 23rd May at 11am

Mullaghbuoy children Sunday 24th May at 10am

Confirmation

Saturday 2nd May at 11am in Grange Church

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

This Sunday is Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

Easter Penitential Service

Penitential Service in preparation for Easter will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange this Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Wednesday – Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Wednesday 1st April at 7pm by Archbishop Eamon with the Priests of the Archdiocese. The Sacred Oils are blessed at this Mass for the coming year.

Parishioners are warmly welcome, in particular, an invitation to attend is extended to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year

Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

In Church of St. James, Grange at 7.30pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass at 8.30pm until Night Prayer at 10.00pm

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

In Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher at 3.00pm (Collection for the people of the Holy Land)
Stations of the Cross in Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy at 8.00pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil at 8.00pm

Easter Vigil in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher - Lighting the Pascal Fire and the New Easter Water will be blessed

Easter Sunday – Mass of the Resurrection

Dawn Mass in Cill Mhuire at 6.00am (Breakfast rolls served afterwards)

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy at 10.00am

Church of St. James, Grange at 11.30am

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes May 2026

Pilgrims travelling to Lourdes in May should have their full fare paid by now!

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. If you can help please contact Eugene 087-2824802 or speak to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Next collection Saturday 4th April from 10am-12noon at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVP Dundalk is currently seeking new Home Visitation Volunteers to support individuals and families across Dundalk and surrounding areas. Volunteering typically involves just a couple of hours per week, with full training and ongoing guidance provided by experienced members. Expressions of interest from new volunteers warmly welcome. Phone 087-6386885

Task Community Care Alarm System

Would you be interested in CARELINK ALARM SYSTEM in case of any emergency in your home? The cost, installation and monitoring fees are covered by Task Community Care. Enquiries: Laurena St. Vincent de Paul

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

4 - Environmental workers - Cooley

closing date 24.04.26

1 - Groundsman - Cooley

closing date 26.04.26

1 - Cleaner worker - Cooley

closing date 25.04.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Cooley Community Playgroup Limited - Recruiting

Recruiting for a room assistant 22.5hrs per week from 9am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday. Applicants need to hold at least Level 5 qualification in childcare. Please email Carol at ccpgroup@eircom.net with C.V.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sincere thanks to all the sponsors, all who participated, all the stewards on the day and all who attended the event – much appreciated!

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

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 every Thursday from 10am – 11.30am

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

Winning Nos: 1; 7; 9; 15; not won - next week's Jackpot €5,600

John White Memorial Poker Classic

Mullaghbuoy Community Centre will host its Annual fundraiser Poker Classic on Friday 10th April at 8.30pm. Tickets cost €20 from Committee members or pay at the door. Refreshments and food will be served.

Any outstanding tickets from cancelled event in November will be accepted on the night!