

## Cooley Parish Bulletin

### Fifth Sunday of Easter – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

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#### **There will come soft rains**    by *Sara Teasdale*

There will come soft rains and the smell  
of the ground,  
and swallows circling with their shimmering sound;  
and frogs in the pools singing at night,  
and wild plum trees in tremulous white;  
robins will wear their feathery fire,  
whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;  
and not one will know of the war, not one  
will care at last when it is done.  
not one would mind, neither bird nor tree,  
if mankind perished utterly;  
and Spring herself, when she woke at dawn  
would scarcely know that we were gone.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Anne Haugh, nee Rafferty, Carlingford & Rathcor  
John Murray, Drogheda  
Frank McShane, London and Drogheda  
Bridie Muckian, Dundalk  
Katrina Loughran, Dundalk

#### **Anniversaries**

##### **Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher**

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	7.00pm	Fr. Peter McParland John and Eileen Keenan and Bernard and Josephine Clarke Michael Kenna, Birmingham    M.M.
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Brian, Hannah, Margaret, Tommy and Annie Fagan
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	Mary Rafferty and dec'd family members, Templetown

##### **Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy**

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	People of the Parish

##### **Church of St. James, Grange**

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	11.30am	Amby Kane, John, Lizzie and John White John Martin Tommy and Eveline Marks Patrick Heuston
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00pm	Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Special Birthday Intention
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Private Intention

Sunday            10<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am    James Murphy, Rathcor  
Michael Hearty  
Joseph and Brian Markey (Birthday Remembrance)

### **First Holy Communion**

Monksland & Rathcor children Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11am  
Mullaghbuoy children Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

### **Confirmation**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11am in Grange Church

### **Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026**

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

### **Ordinations**

We encourage you to continue to pray for Deacons Gabriel, Paul and Jacak who will be ordained in Armagh Cathedral on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm – all are welcome to join on the day

### **Baptisms (by arrangement)**

Baptisms will be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock takes place on 31<sup>st</sup> May at Knock Shrine. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Basilica of Mary Queen of Ireland in 1976. Chief celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Eamon Martin. Bus will depart from Dundalk – enquiries to: Laurena 085-1833110

### **Pilgrimage to Garabandal, Spain**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – flying via Aer Lingus. Pilgrims have to book their own flight Dublin to Bilbao. Accommodation, bus transfers, tour guide and full board €470 pps or single room €570 – everyone welcome. For more info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

### **Pilgrimage to Lisieux – 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026**

€795 includes flights, coaching, full religious programme, all dinners and some lunches. Phone 057-9355050

### **Trocaire Lenten Appeal**

Returns to date .. .. . €6108.00

Please return any outstanding Trocaire boxes as soon as possible

### **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.

### **Church Gate Collection**

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul  
Next weekend - Irish Water Ireland Louth

### **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

### **Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies**

2 - Environmental workers - Cooley closing date 15.05.26  
1 - Groundsman - Cooley closing date 15.05.26  
1 - Environmental worker - C'ford closing date 15.05.26  
Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or [cooleyceltd@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyceltd@gmail.com)

### **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 every Thursday from 10am – 11.30am

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

Winning Nos: 1; 4; 19; 31; not won - next week's Jackpot €6,600

### **Cooley Farming Community Club**

Calling all farmers over 65yr + in Cooley Peninsula to come along to Cooley Kickham's GFC every Friday till Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 12noon – aims to provide a social space for farmers to meet up and interact and to maintain better social connections. Weekly guest speakers on farming and health related topics. Light refreshments provided. Entry is free but booking is required  
Contact: 042-9389824 to book a place

### **Carboot Sale – Today Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Carboot sale on first Sunday of each month at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F in aid of North Louth Hospice. For more info phone Tina 087-2236124

**Sundays in Spring in Carlingford Heritage Centre**

Spring series with Zoe Conway and John McIntyre begins today Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 4pm with guest Steve Wall. Tickets €15 can be booked 042-9373454

**North Louth and Border Vintage Club**

Vintage Run on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 1pm at Cooley Hall A91 DD1F – home-baking donations would be much appreciated. For more enquiries phone 087-6457984 or 087-2182190  
In aid of Palliative Care and Cooley Lourdes Fund