

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent 23rd March 2025

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The Trees *by Philip Larkin*

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too.
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

Recently Deceased

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Raymond Murray P.E. Armagh
Seamus Murphy, formerly of Bush who died in London
Pat Larkin, Edmonton, Canada and formerly of Ballynamoney
Elizabeth Brown, Omeath

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	22 nd Mar	7.00pm	Henry Ferguson Eddie and Sheila Doherty and dec'd family members
Tuesday	25 th Mar	10.00am	James and Katie Fagan
Thursday	27 th Mar	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	29 th Mar	7.00pm	Kess Westveer and dec'd members of Westveer and McCourt families Peter and Annie Murphy and dec'd family members, Whitestown Nicholas, Florrie and Micheal Rafferty and Aileen O'Callaghan

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	23 rd Mar	10.00am	Jimmy and Bridie Rooney and dec'd family members
Thursday	27 th Mar	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	30 th Mar	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	23 rd Mar	11.30am	Gerard Murtagh Alice O'Hagan Donal Mulholland Anna England Peadar and Colin Murphy Maura Carroll
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Monday	24 th Mar	8.00pm	Pat and Teresa Campbell and dec'd members of Lynn family
Wednesday	26 th Mar	10.00pm	Mgr. Michael Campbell
Friday	28 th Mar	10.00am	No Mass
		7.00pm	Seamus Murphy, Bush – Memorial Mass
Sunday	30 th Mar	11.30am	Michael and Mairead McGarrity

First Holy Communion

Saturday 3rd May - Monksland and Rathcor
 Sunday 4th May - Mullaghbuoy
 Saturday 24th May - Boher

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2025

Grange Cemetery Sunday 22nd June at 11.30am
 Boher Cemetery Saturday 26th July at 7.00pm
 Cill Mhuire Cemetery Friday 15th August

Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Parish Eucharistic Adoration will be in Church of St. James, Grange every Friday morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Everyone welcome during this time to spend a short time in prayer and adoration

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

This year the Armagh Diocesan pilgrimage takes place from Monday 5th – Saturday 10th May 2025. Final payment for pilgrims travelling is due on Monday 24th March

Cooley Lourdes Committee – Guest Tea

Cooley Lourdes Committee are organising a Fundraiser Guest Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley on Sunday 13th April at 4pm. Music by Paddy Mac and Easter Floral demonstration by O'Neill's Flowers, Willville. Also raffle on the day.

The event is to raise funds to bring Assisted Pilgrims to Lourdes as part of the Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage in May

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock in this Jubilee Year will be celebrated on Sunday 25th May

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 2025

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 22nd Sept – 27th Sept – 6 days - €280 pps – pilgrims are required to book their own flight. For more info contact: Laurene 085-1833110

Knock Pilgrimage – Jubilee Year of Hope

The blessed pilgrim Sacred Heart of Jesus statues will travel to Marian Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo, culminating in the celebration of Holy Mass in the Basilica on Sunday 22nd June 2025 from 9am-5pm. Chief celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. Speakers Fr. Bernard Guckian, S.J. and Fr. John Hogan. For those who wish to travel to the event, a bus will be arranged. For full day programme and details, please contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 - Environmental worker - Omeath closing date 18.04.25
2 - Environmental workers - Carlingford closing date 18.04.25
1 - Environmental worker - Cooley closing date 23.04.25
Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Cooley Community Playgroup Limited - Recruiting

Cooley Community Playgroup are looking for Childcare Assistant – must have at least Level 5 in Early Childhood Studies. Please send C.V. to ccpgroup@eircom.net or post to Cooley Community Playgroup Ltd, Monksland, Carlingford, Co. Louth A91 DD1F

Muchgrange National School – Enrolments 2025/2026

Enrolments for children for school year September 2025 – enrolment forms available from the school please phone 042-9376202

Mullaghbuoy National School – Enrolments 2025/2026

Enrolments for children for school year September 2025 – enrolment forms available from the school please phone 042-9373604

Rathcor National School – Enrolments 2025/2026

Please contact school 042-9376543 on Tuesday or Thursday between 9am – 1pm for an enrolment form

Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for part-time or full-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 please contact: 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

St. Vincent de Paul – Home Visitation Volunteer

St. Vincent de Paul is currently looking for compassionate individuals to join their Home Visitation teams. If interested email: Dundalk.areacouncil@svp.ie or call 1800 677 777 (press 2 for members)

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

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

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Zoom BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Dympna Woods, Mary Clerkin, Linda Halpenny, Padraig O'Connor, Mulligan's Shop, Omeath, Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement in Cooley Complex every Thursday at 2.30pm. New members always welcome!

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group every Thursday from 10am–11.30am in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley

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

Winning Nos: 13; 25; 28; 29; - not won - Jackpot €9,200

Host Families Wanted

Host families wanted for International students July and August 2025 – students will attend Carlingford Adventure Centre Monday to Friday. Rates €250 - €500 per week. For info WhatsApp Nuala 086-3918665

Pilates Classes for Seniors

Pilates classes for Seniors starting in Omeath in March – Fridays from 12noon – 12.45pm – 4 week term. WhatsApp 085-7246247 to book your place