

Cooley Parish Bulletin
Third Sunday of Easter - 4th May 2025

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God's Acre by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls
The burial-ground God's-Acre! It is just;
It consecrates each grave within its walls,
And breathes a benison o'er the sleeping dust.
God's-Acre! Yes, that blessed name imparts
comfort to those, who in the grave have sown
The seed that they had garnered in their hearts,
their bread of life, alas! no more their own.
Into its furrows shall we all be cast,
In the sure faith, that we shall rise again
At the great harvest, when the archangel's blast
Shall winnow, like a fan, the chaff and grain.
Then shall the good stand in immortal bloom,
In the fair gardens of that second birth;
And each bright blossom mingle its perfume
With that of flowers, which never bloomed on earth.
With thy rude ploughshare, Death, turn up the sod,
And spread the furrow for the seed we sow;
This is the field and Acre of our God,
This is the place where human harvests grow!

Recently Deceased

The Holy Father, Pope Francis
Rev. Fr. Cathal Cumiskey, C.Ss.R. Dundalk
Joe Rafferty, formerly of Ballagan who died in Blackpool
Christopher Murphy, Rathcor
Josie Breen, Dublin and formerly of Greenore
Lily Swales, nee McGrath formerly of Whitestown who died in London

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	3 rd May at	7.00pm	Fr. Peter McParland Gerry Byrne, New York and Ballagan – Burial of Ashes in Grange
Tuesday	6 th May at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	8 th May at	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	10 th May at	7.00pm	John Keenan Mary Rafferty and dec'd family members, Templetown

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	4 th May at	10.00am	First Holy Communion
Thursday	8 th May at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	11 th May at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	4 th May at	11.30am	Amby Kane, John, Lizzie and John White, Ballinamara John Martin
Monday	5 th May at	8.00pm	No Mass
Wednesday	7 th May at	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	9 th May at	10.00am	No Mass
Sunday	11 th May at	11.30am	Michael Hearty James Murphy, Rathcor

First Holy Communion

This 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

SYNODALITY in the Archdiocese of Armagh

As part of our commitment to the Synodal pathway, the Archdiocese is currently planning a Diocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith which will take place 20th – 22nd March 2026. The Congress will be ‘a journey, not an event’. Each parish is requested to nominate three delegates to participate in this journey:

- One young adult (18-35years old)
- One parent of a young family
- One other delegate actively involved in parish faith life.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please let Canon Malachy or any member of the Pastoral Council know as soon as possible

Parish Volunteers Needed

It takes many volunteers to ensure that the life of our parish is sustained and we are constantly looking for new people to become involved. If you would like to become involved more in parish life, please know that your time and talents would be gratefully appreciated. Let us know if you are willing to help!

Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Returns to date €5,860.00

Please return any outstanding Trocaire boxes as soon as possible

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We wish all our parishioners travelling to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage this week a safe and pleasant journey and may they be enriched by the grace of the Pilgrimage

If Parishioners would like to watch the Diocesan Pilgrimage in Lourdes they can do so by joining Lourdes live TV [DIRECT FROM LOURDES - Lourdes Live TV](#)

Opening ceremony Tuesday 6th May at 11.30am (Irish time)

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

Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Lough Derg One Day Retreat

Lough Derg One Day Retreat – departure Dundalk – Saturday 17th May – Enquiries: 085-1833110

TAIZE Gathering

Welcome to join for “Prayer around the Cross” in candlelight with the music of Taize on Friday 9th May from 8pm – 9pm followed by tea/coffee at “Bethany” 34, Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

In St. Nicholas’ Church, Dundalk today Sunday 4th May at 3pm, with Confessions from 2pm onwards, featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome!

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

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

Sacred Heart Crusade 2025 Jubilee Year

Knock Pilgrimage – 22nd June 2025 – departure from Dundalk - For info contact: 085-1833110

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 2025

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 27th August – 1st September – (note change of date) 5 nights
For info contact: Laurena 085-1833110 or 087-9420709

Pilgrimage to Rome September 2025

Pilgrimage to Rome 1st September for 4 nights – cost pps is €1099 which includes direct flight from Dublin-Rome. Accommodation in 4* hotel B/B; transfers and tours in Italy by private coach. If interested please contact Clonoe Parish Office 04887749184. Spiritual Director: Canon Benny Fee

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 - Environmental worker - Carlingford

closing date 23.05.25

2 - Environmental workers - Cooley

closing date 23.05.25

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross are holding a Social in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley on Sunday 11th May from 4pm – 7pm. Music by Aidan Taffee. All are welcome

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 Kickhams G.F.C. Lotto €2 per line

Winning Nos: 7; 10; 17; 27; - not won - Jackpot €10,400

Monthly Car Boot Sale – today Sunday 4th May

Monthly Car Boot Sale in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F today Sunday 4th May from 10am-3pm. Stalls €20 per table. In aid of North Louth Hospice

Cooley Connect Well – Wednesday 7th May

Skills share from 10am and "How to Play Bridge" taster experience at 11am. Chair yoga with Francesca at 12noon followed by Afternoon Tea and Painting with Olive. For info:

cooleyconnectwellbeing@gmail.com

Spring Series in Carlingford Heritage Centre

Sunday 11th May at 4pm with Muireann Bradley. Tickets €15 can be booked by contacting 042-9373454 or online <https://carlingfordheritagecentre.com/our-events>