

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st September 2025

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The First Kingdom by Seamus Heaney

The royal roads were cow paths,
the queen mother hunkered on a stool
and played the harpstrings of milk
into a wooden pail.

With seasoned sticks the nobles
lorded it over the hindquarters of cattle.

Units of measurement were pondered
by the cartful, barrowful and bucketful.
Time was a backward rote of names and mishaps,
bad harvests, fires, unfair settlements,
deaths in floods, murders and miscarriages.

And if my rights to it all came only
by their acclamation, what was it worth?
I blew hot and blew cold.

They were two-faced and accommodating.
And seed, breed and generation still
they are holding on, every bit
as pious and exacting and demeaned.

Recently Deceased

Donna McGuinness, Deerpark
George Crowe (Jnr), Tullyvin, Co. Cavan
Nicky Mackin, Phillipstown, Dunleer
Mick Moore, Ferbane, Co. Offaly

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	20 th Sep	7.00pm	Private Intention
Tuesday	23 rd Sep	10.00am	Patrick, Mary, Tommy, Greg and Joyce O'Hanlon & Jean King
Thursday	25 th Sep	10.00am	Pete, Susie, Barney and Katie Murphy and dec'd family members
Saturday	27 th Sep	7.00pm	Eddie Henry and dec'd family members, Ballagan

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	21 st Sep	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	25 th Sep	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	28 th Sep	10.00am	John McGreehan

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	21 st Sep	11.30am	Tommy and Rose White Yvonne Murphy, Templetown Patsy Rice, Lower Rath Eugene Begley, Riverstown
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Monday	22 nd Sep 8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	24 th Sep 10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	26 th Sep 10.00am	No Mass
	8.00pm	Deirdre Murphy, Templetown M.M.
Sunday	28 th Sep 11.30am	Gerard and James McGuigan and Paddy McGinnity Molly Campbell and Jimmy and Lena O'Neill Pat and May Mackin

“Why Sunday Matters” an Invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass – Irish Bishop’s Message

Sunday Mass offers us the rhythm for the week that follows. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice.

If perhaps your practice has slipped and other things have taken priority; if perhaps you have become accustomed to the webcam; we know Sunday worship was disrupted during the Covid pandemic, the sacramental life of the parish was put on hold.

Some have not returned to worship – today across the island, in every diocese, in every parish, all are encouraged to return to Mass and know that you will be welcome. Sunday Mass is our way of affirming that life has meaning.

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

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

24hr Rosary Relay for Peace

24hr Rosary Relay for Peace will be held in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher on 3rd/4th October.

We invite families from each townland in our Parish to come and pray the Rosary throughout the 24hrs - the Rosary will be recited by a representative from each townland during their allotted time which will be randomly arranged.

Please phone Parish Office 042-9397617 or email cooleyparish@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer to recite the Rosary

Gentili Sunday at Calvary, Omeath

Mass will be celebrated at Calvary, Omeath on Sunday 28th September at 3pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Oliver Stansfield. Everyone welcome. In honour of Fr. Luigi Gentili

Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting every Monday from 8pm – 9.30pm. All welcome each Monday at “Bethany” 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9

Remembrance Mass for missing people

A Remembrance Mass for missing people and their families will be held in St. Peter's Church, West Street, Drogheda on Sunday 5th October at 3pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin.

This is a poignant ceremony to pray for missing people, for comfort and strength for families and to guide all search efforts towards their successful return. Prayers will also be offered for Irish people missing abroad and pray their families suffering will end.

Cooley Lourdes Hospitalite Committee

Next Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Sunday 10th May to Friday 15th May 2026.

Anyone intending to travel on the pilgrimage in 2026 can avail of a "Saving Scheme" which will commence in September 2025 to cover their fare. Please contact any member of the Committee or Parish Office 042-9397617 if you would like to save for your fare

Employment Opportunities

If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, disability or injury – EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you finding employment. Phone 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

2 - Environmental workers - Cooley	closing date 03.10.25
2 - Environmental workers - Carlingford	closing date 03.10.25
1 - Environmental worker – Omeath	closing date 25.09.25

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

Church Gate Collection

This weekend	-	Order of Malta Ireland
Next weekend	-	Cooley Peninsula Men's Shed

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Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

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

Cooley Zoom Bingo

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

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement in Cooley Complex – closed for summer months. Re-opening in September

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group –has re-opened in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley every Thursday from 10am – 11.30am. All new parents, grandparents and childminders welcome to come along. Spread the word to anyone you think may be interested or new to the area! Contact 087-9721930 to be added to the WhatsApp group for updates

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

Winning Nos: 17; 21; 22; 24; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €7,800

Line Dancing Classes in Cooley Hall

Line dancing classes for beginners + seasoned dancers – no partner needed – in Cooley Parochial Hall A91 DD1F every Tuesday at 7.30pm

Carlingford Greenway Walk for Multiple Sclerosis

Carlingford Greenway Walk on Thursday 25th September at 7pm from Marina to Greer's Quay and return. All support welcome! Phone 087-4163098 or 086-1505865

Annual Coffee Morning for Louth Hospice

Coffee morning in Nuala McDonnell's home A91 A439 on Thursday 25th September from 10am

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust – Bewley's Coffee Morning

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust are hosting Bewley's Big Coffee morning on Thursday 25th September in the Heritage Centre from 10am – 12noon. Everyone welcome! All proceeds to Hospice Care

Variety Concert in Strand Hotel, Omeath – Re-arranged!

Concert on Sunday 28th September from 4pm in Strand Hotel, Omeath. Artists include Patricia Maguire, Country & Western singer, Ceol Heads & much more. In aid of Rosminian Missions, Tanzania

Glenmore Athletic Club

Glenmore Athletic Club are holding a fundraising draw on Friday 17th October. 10 great prizes to be won! Tickets €10 on sale from all members. This fundraiser is for the continued development of facilities at Bush. Your support is always greatly appreciated