

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter – 12th April 2026

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Easter by *Joe Tessitore*

Behind the stone of timeless wait
He rose alone despite the weight
and strode from darkness into light;
Eternal Day dispelling night

Recently Deceased

Liz Keenan, Castletowncooley
Leonie Murphy, Dublin and Loughrea
Bridie Muckian, Dundalk
Katrina Loughran, Dundalk
Alan Murray, Cavan
Michael Kenna, Birmingham

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	11 th Apr at	7.00pm	Michael John, Ciss and Pat Hanlon Una Murphy and Andy and Una Exposito Kess and Declan Westveer and dec'd members of Westveer and McCourt families
Tuesday	14 th Apr at	10.00am	Johnny, James and Maria Marks and Breda Hall
Thursday	16 th Apr at	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	18 th Apr at	7.00pm	Robbie, Mary, Robert and Dennis Marks, Colm Duffy and Dave Sellers Edward and Sheila Doherty and dec'd family members John and Annie Doran and dec'd family members

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	12 th Apr at	10.00am	Thomas O'Neill and dec'd family members, Glenmore
Thursday	16 th Apr at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	19 th Apr at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	12 th Apr at	11.30am	Matt and May Campbell Patrick, Elizabeth and Joseph Savage Peter and Mary Dullaghan and dec'd family members and Deirdre Finnegan Seamus Hearty Joseph and Angela Yeates Peter, Jean, Christina, Bernard, Patrick and Mary Coyle
Monday	13 th Apr at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	15 th Apr at	10.00am	Patrick, Brigid and Alice Markey, Eddie and Bridie Hannon, Josephine Kerrigan, Michael and Mary McHugh and de'd family
Friday	17 th Apr at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	19 th Apr at	11.30am	Christopher Murphy Owen Farnon Stephen and Angela Malone and dec'd family members

Important Dates 2026

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**

Novena for Peace

Pope Leo has invited all Christians to **join in prayer for peace in our world**. In response to his call for prayer, each Parish and community within our Diocese are asked to participate in Novena for Peace over the coming days or weeks. **Novena will commence this Saturday evening at 5pm in Church of St. James, Grange and thereafter at daily Mass in our Parish during the coming week**. Families are also invited to pray the Novena in their own homes. ***Novena booklet available at the back of each Church.***

Ceremony of Commitment and Light

In **preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation**, the Ceremony of Commitment and Light will be held in Church of St. James, Grange **this Tuesday 14th April at 7.30pm**

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange **on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm**. *Everyone welcome*

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**

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*

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.*

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

Church Gate Collection

Next weekend - Monksland N.S. Parent's Association

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

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

Mullaghbuoy National School – Bake Sale

Mullaghbuoy Parents Association are holding a Bake Sale **today Sunday 12th April from 10.00am – 2.00pm** in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre. *Come along and enjoy tea/coffee, cakes, fun, games and raffle prizes.*

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.

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: 8; 22; 27; 32; not won - next week's Jackpot €6,000

Grange & District Residents' - Spring Clean

Grange & District Residents' National Spring Clean on **Saturday 18th April** from 10am-12noon.

All help welcome!