

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th September 2025

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Hands *by James J. Metcalfe*

*There is the kind that tills the soil ...
and gathers in the grain...
And one that serves the factory ...
or operates a train...
A hand that plays piano keys ...
or moves the pen to write ...
And one that clasps in fond hello ...
or doubles up to fight ...
there is the hand that leads a child ...
or stiffens in salute ...
that sweeps and scrubs and cooks the meals ...
Or polishes a boot ...
Yes, there are many human hands ...
According to their kind ...
And what they strive to say or do ...
And what they hope to find ...
the hands that steal and plunder or ...
That beg for food each day ...
and those that close in love's embrace ...
or gently fold and pray.*

Recently Deceased

Gwendolyn Marks, Naas and formerly of Templetown
Donna McGuinness, Deerpark
George Crowe (Jnr), Tullyvin, Co. Cavan
Nicky Mackin, Phillipstown, Dunleer

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	27 th Sep at	7.00pm	Eddie Henry and dec'd family members, Ballagan
Tuesday	30 th Sep at	10.00am	Pat Hanlon, Boher
Thursday	2 nd Oct at	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	3 rd Oct at	8.00pm	First Friday Mass
Saturday	4 th Oct at	7.00pm	Jack, Lizzie and Tom Marks and dec'd family members

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	28 th Sep at	10.00am	John McGreehan
Thursday	2 nd Oct at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	5 th Oct at	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	28 th Sep at	11.30am	Gerard and James McGuigan and Paddy McGinnity Molly Campbell and Jimmy and Lena O'Neill Pat and May Mackin
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Monday	29 th Sep at	8.00pm	Mike McGuigan and David O'Brien
Wednesday	1 st Oct at	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	3 rd Oct at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	5 th Oct at	11.30am	Thomas (Caul) McGuinness

Thank you Fr. Joseph

Thank you Fr. Joseph for ministering in our Parish during August and September and we wish you every blessing and safe travels as you return to your home in Nigeria

Friday is the First Friday

Canon Malachy **WILL NOT** be visiting the old and housebound on Friday 3rd October

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

50th Anniversary of Canonisation of St. Oliver Plunkett

Parishioners are invited to gather in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Friday 10th October at 6.30pm for "Sung Evening Prayer".

This liturgy will be enriched by the participation of Choir members from across the Diocese and the celebration will be recorded for the BBC and later streamed. Members of Parish choirs and congregation are encouraged to take part, especially on 10th October, so that together we may honour St. Oliver with prayer and song.

Furthermore, on Sunday 12th October, Archbishop Eamon will celebrate Mass at 11am in the Cathedral on the exact date of the 50th Anniversary of St. Oliver's Canonisation.

Gentili Sunday at Calvary, Omeath

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

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

Prayer with Music of Taize at "Bethany" 34, Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9

All welcome to "Prayer around the Cross" on Friday 3rd October from 8pm-9pm followed by tea/coffee

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 Parish Project – Plastic Bottles and Aluminium Cans collection

Collection of plastic bottles and aluminium cans - drop off point is in now Car park at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F next Saturday 4th October from 10am to 12noon. **Note change of venue!!**

Please ensure your recyclables bear the 'deposit on return' logo. If you, your family, friends or any organization want to get involved, please contact the Parish Office 042-9397617. Let's make a difference together! All proceeds goes towards those most in need in our community!

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 03.10.25

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

Church Gate Collection

This weekend	-	Cooley Peninsula Men's Shed
Next weekend	-	St. Vincent de Paul

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, Dympna 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: 1; 6; 21; 27; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €8,000

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

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

Concert this 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

Monthly Car boot Sale – Next Sunday 5th October

Car boot sale on first Sunday of each month at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F organized by McDonnell family in aid of North Louth Hospice.

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