

Cooley Parish Bulletin 3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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Wild Geese *by Mary Oliver*

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
Are moving across the landscapes,
Over the prairies and the deep trees,
The mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild goose, high in the clean blue air,
Are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely
The world offers itself to your imagination,
Calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –
Over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

Recently Deceased

Michael McGlynn, Castletowncooley
Elizabeth Finnegan, Lemineagh
Mabel Holden, nee Carroll, formerly of Old Grange who died in Nottingham
John McKeivitt, Carlingford
Margaret Rooney, Mountbagnal
Betty Agnew, nee Lambe, Hackballscross
Christina Connolly, nee Boyle, Newry and Carlingford

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	2 nd Dec at	7.00pm	Pete and Teesie White and Walter and Mary Hughes Dec'd members of Cooley Kickham's G.F.C.
Tuesday	5 th Dec at	10.00am	Special Intention
Thursday	7 th Dec at	10.00am	No Mass
Friday	8 th Dec at	8.00pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday	9 th Dec at	7.00pm	Paddy, Ann and Gerard Treanor Hugh and Ellen Byrne and dec'd members of Treanor and Byrne families

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	3 rd Dec at	10.00am	Michael Lennon, Dublin and Spain – Recently deceased
Thursday	7 th Dec at	8.00pm	John H. and Mary O'Reilly and Patsy and Ann McCann
Sunday	10 th Dec at	10.00am	Breedge O'Reilly

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	3 rd Dec at	11.30am	Padraig Sheelan Sean, Ina and Juanita Looney Michael, Christina, Pat and Michael (Jnr) Mackin Joe Kane, Craigavon and Templetown Sean Morgan
Monday	4 th Dec at	8.00pm	Tom Magee and dec'd family members
Wednesday	6 th Dec at	10.00am	Ann O'Hare
Friday	8 th Dec at	10.00am	Stephen and Annie Rafferty and dec'd family members
Sunday	10 th Dec at	11.30am	Leo and Susie McGuigan Brian Boyle Elizabeth Finnegan M.M.

'We Are His Hands' - a New Cooley Parish Project

Work commenced on Friday 16th June and Saturday 17th June

Work is continuing on our Parish Project every Friday evening from 7pm and Saturday morning from 10.00am.

As expected, it is labour intensive – if you can use a chisel, hammer, shovel, saw or a wheelbarrow and if you can spare some time, no matter what your skill set, we would like to hear from you. Please call the Parochial House 042-9376105 or the Parish Office 042-9397617.

Big shout out to all clubs, organisations, groups, etc... we would love if you got your group to give us a "dig out" at this first phase of the project

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Together we can make a real difference!

Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A holy day of obligation

Mass in Church of St. James, Grange at 10.00am

Mass in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher at 8.00pm

First Holy Communion

Grange and Rathcor children - Saturday 27th April in Grange Church at 11.00am

Mullaghbuoy children - Sunday 28th April in Mullaghbuoy Church at 10.00am

Boher children - Saturday 4th May in Boher Church at 11.00am

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 9th May by Bishop Michael Router in Church of St. James, Grange at 11.00am

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 Everyone welcome

Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Carol Service in Church of St. James, Grange on Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm.
Dundalk Redemptorist Choir will also be in attendance.
Collection on the night in aid of St. Vincent de Paul

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk this Sunday 3rd December from 2.30pm

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Appeal for your help and support. By donating cash or shopping vouchers instead of food parcels to St. Vincent de Paul it enables people to purchase exactly what they need thereby eliminating the possibility of any waste. Thank you for your continued support now and throughout the year and please be assured that all funds donated will be distributed to those in need in our local community

Irish Wheelchair Association

Irish Wheelchair Association are looking for new Home Care Assistants in Cooley/Carlingford area. They are presently struggling to recruit staff for existing users in the area. For info contact: 046-9248213 or 085-2542542

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Environmental worker - Cooley

closing date 12/12/2023

1 – Environmental worker - Omeath

closing date 12/12/2023

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

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Mornings

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

Cooley Zoom Bingo

ZOOM BINGO – every Wednesday at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Dympna Woods, Mary Clerkin, Linda Halpenny, Pdraig O'Connor, Mulligan's shop, Omeath and Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement Group has re-commenced every Thursday from 2.30pm in Cooley Complex – new members needed to make it viable. Come along and enjoy the craic! – everyone welcome

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler group is back up and running in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley every Thursday morning from 10am – 12noon. All welcome

Cooley Kickhams G.F.C. Lotto €2 per line or 3 lines for €5

Winning Nos. 7; 9; 22; 30; - not won - Next week's Jackpot €16,400

Carboot Sale

Carboot sale, Baked goods, Crafts, Tea & Coffee today Sunday 3rd December from 10am – 3pm in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F. Stall booking essential – Contact: 087-2236124

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross – Christmas Party

Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross are holding their annual Christmas party in Ballymascanlon hotel on Saturday 16th December at 6pm. **Please note change of night.** Music by Blue Magic. Donation €20. Tickets available from Maureen 086-1504873; Josephine 086-0794295 or Sheila 087-4140281

Carlingford Christmas Craft Fair

Christmas Craft Fair today Sunday 3rd December in Foy Centre, Carlingford from 11am – 5pm

Glenmore A.C. – Operation Bush4mation 2024

Glenmore A.C. are starting the new year with Operation Bush4mation 2024 on Wednesday 3rd January. A full programme of events to interest young and old. An early bird fee of €40 up to 30th December with the following link: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/WMDnu65i0j>