

## Cooley Parish Bulletin

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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#### For a New Beginning by John O'Donohue

*In out-of-the-way places of the heart  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.*

*For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you will yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.*

*Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.*

*Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.*

#### Recently Deceased

Jean Coyle, Irish Grange  
Seamus Fagan, Whitestown  
Phil Shields, Belmont

#### Anniversaries

##### Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	7.00pm	Stephen McGrath Thomas and Bridie Carroll and dec'd family members Sean and Kathleen Murphy and dec'd family members, Ballagan
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan at	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan at	7.00pm	Bernard and Sadie McCarragher

##### Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	10.00am	Private Intention

##### Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	11.30am	Nancy Murphy Noel Ryan Pat, Alice and Rose Ann McShane
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec at	8.00pm	No Mass
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan at	8.00pm	People of the Parish – New Year's Day
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan at	8.00pm	Peter and Maureen Shields and dec'd family members
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan at	11.30am	Paddy and Kitty Sheelan, Rathcor James, Ellen, Kathleen and John Killen, Ballagan Tommy, Kathleen, Pat, Tom and John Carroll, Willville Delma Dwyer, Whitestown and Dublin Angela Waring, Top Rath and Greystones

## Important Dates 2026

### Confirmation

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11am** in Grange Church

### 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

### **Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026**

Grange cemetery – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am

Boher cemetery – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm

Cill Mhuire cemetery – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August

### **Friday is the First Friday**

Fr. Damien will visit the old and housebound in their homes on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

### **Baptisms (by arrangement)**

Baptisms will be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

There will be **NO** Parish Eucharistic Adoration in Church of St. James, Grange **until the New Year**

### **Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet**

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

### **Divine Mercy Conference in RDS Dublin 2026**

A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026**

*For further info contact: Laurena 085-1833110*

### **Ministers of the Word**

The **new 2026 rotas** are now available in the Sacristy together with St. Paul Sunday Missal – **please pick up your rota and Missal as soon as possible**

### **Ministers of the Eucharist**

The **new 2026 rotas** are available in the Sacristy – **please pick up your rota as soon as possible**

### **Charitable Donations Scheme Jan '24 – Dec '24**

The Parish recently received **€32,259.00** from the Revenue Commissioners from the Charitable Donations Scheme 2024. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the Scheme. **We would encourage parishioners to use their Envelopes for their contributions as it is only on Envelope contributions the Scheme is calculated**

### **Outdoor Crib at "Bethany"**

All are welcome to visit the outdoor Crib at Bethany 34, Point Road, Dundalk over Christmas and the New Year

### **Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or [cooleycelt@gmail.com](mailto:cooleycelt@gmail.com)**

1 - Groundsman - Cooley	closing date 31.12.25
2 - Environmental workers - Cooley	closing date 31.12.25
1 - Environmental worker - Carlingford	closing date 31.12.25

### **Cooley Zoom Bingo**

**NO Cooley Zoom Bingo until Wednesday evening 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

Winning Nos: 8; 9; 20; 30; - no won – Next Year's Jackpot €10,600

**Cooley Credit Union Limited – Christmas & New Year hours**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec – Cooley office open 10am-1pm

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec – All offices closed

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – All offices closed

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Normal opening hours resume

**Céili**

Céili with Kathleen McGlynn and friends in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026** from 8pm – 11pm – music by Seamus and Fidelma Bellew. Admission €10 (incl light refreshments)

*In aid of Mullaghbuoy Community Centre*

**Be Safe! Be Seen!**

We would appeal to all pedestrians using our roads at this time of year to **please wear High Viz clothing!!**

**New Year 2026**

*With the warmest of good wishes to all our parishioners and your families as a New Year beckons.*

*May God truly bless all of us at this time and together may we strive to make our Parish community an oasis of mercy.*

***Canon Malachy***