

## Cooley Parish Bulletin

### The Ascension of the Lord – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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#### Peace by *Patrick Kavanagh*

And sometimes I am sorry when the grass  
is growing over the stones in quiet hollows  
and the cocksfoot leans across the rutted  
cart-pass  
that I am not the voice of country fellows  
who now are standing by some headland  
talking of turnips and potatoes or young corn  
of turf banks stripped for victory.  
Here Peace is still hawking  
his coloured combs and scarves and  
beads of horn.

Upon a headland by a winny hedge  
A hare sits looking down a leaf-lapped furrow  
There's an old plough upside-down on a  
weedy ridge  
and someone is shouldering home a saddle-harrow.  
Out of that childhood country what fools climb  
To fight with tyrants Love and Life and Time?

#### Recently Deceased

Rev Fr Niall Thornton, Kildare and formerly of Carlingford  
Gerry Burns, Willville  
Michael Warde, Newry  
Sheila Berrills, Jenkinstown  
Martin Oliver, Dundalk and Castlecarra  
Anne Haugh, nee Rafferty, Carlingford & Rathcor  
John Murray, Drogheda  
Frank McShane, London and Drogheda

#### Anniversaries

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

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> May at	7.00pm	Mick Murphy, Ballagan
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> May at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> May at	10.00am	Brian, Hannah, Margaret, Thomas and Annie Fagan
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May at	7.00pm	Owen and Mary McGrath and dec'd family members

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

Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> May at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> May at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> May at	10.00am	First Holy Communion

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

Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> May at	11.30am	Cathy Maguire
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> May at	8.00pm	Paddy and May McGrane and dec'd family members
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> May at	7.30pm	Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> May at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May at	10.00am	Special Intention
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May at	11.00am	First Holy Communion

Sunday            24<sup>th</sup> May at    11.30am            Sean O’Hanlon, Irish Grange  
Patrick Finnegan, Lemineagh  
Tess Gregory, Johnstown  
Tommy Cowan, Ardtullybeg  
Thomas and Annie Marks and dec’d family members, Rathcor

### **Important Dates 2026**

#### **First Holy Communion**

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**

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the “Young People” of our Parish who were confirmed last Saturday by Archbishop Eamon. We wish them every blessing and pray that the Holy Spirit will remain close to them and their families. Sincere thanks to the teachers for all their work in preparing the “Young People” for Confirmation

#### **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 **this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. *Everyone welcome*

#### **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**

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**

#### **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock takes place on **31<sup>st</sup> May** at Knock Shrine. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Basilica of Mary Queen of Ireland in 1976. Chief celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Eamon Martin. *Bus will depart from Dundalk – enquiries to: Laurena 085-1833110*

#### **Pilgrimage to Garabandal, Spain**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – flying via Aer Lingus. Pilgrims have to book their own flight Dublin to Bilbao. Accommodation, bus transfers, tour guide and full board €470 pps or single room €570 – everyone welcome. For more info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

#### **Pilgrimage to Lisieux – 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026**

€795 includes flights, coaching, full religious programme, all dinners and some lunches. Phone 057-9355050

#### **Church Gate Collection**

Next weekend            -            8 Louth Slieve Foy Scout Group

## **Trocaire Lenten Appeal**

Returns to date .. .. €6163

**Final appeal to return any outstanding Trocaire boxes as soon as possible**

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

2 - Environmental workers - Cooley

closing date 25.05.26

1 - Groundsman - Cooley

closing date 25.05.26

1 - Environmental worker - C'ford

closing date 25.05.26

## **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

## **Cardinal O Fiach Library Lecture**

Cardinal O Fiach Library & Archive FREE lecture series continues this **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm with Dr. Conor Curran, Independent Historian, who will speak on 'The migration of Ulster-born soccer players 1888-1939' *Everyone welcome*

## **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: 1; 2; 8; 24; not won - next week's Jackpot €7,000

## **Cooley Farming Community Club**

Calling all farmers over 65yr + in Cooley Peninsula to come along to Cooley Kickham's GFC every Friday till **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 12noon** – aims to provide a social space for farmers to meet up and interact and to maintain better social connections. Weekly guest speakers on farming and health related topics. Light refreshments provided. Entry is free but booking is required. *Contact: 042-9389824 to book a place*

## **Sundays in Spring in Carlingford Heritage Centre**

Spring series with Zoe Conway and John McIntyre begins **today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm** with guest Cup O'Joe Tickets €15 can be booked 042-9373454

## **North Louth and Border Vintage Club**

Vintage Car and Tractor Run **today Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 1pm** at **Cooley Hall A91 DD1F** – *home-baking donations would be much appreciated.*

*For more enquiries phone 087-6457984 or 087-2182190 In aid of Palliative Care and Cooley Lourdes Fund*