

Cooley Parish Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent – 22nd February 2026

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The Errand by Seamus Heaney

'On you go now!

Run, son, like the devil
and tell your mother to try
to find me a bubble for the spirit level
and a new knot for this tie'.

But still he was glad,
I know, when I stood my ground,
putting it up to him
with a smile that trumped his smile
and his fool's errand,
waiting for the next move in the game.

Recently Deceased

Ambrose Ferguson, Muchgrange
Clair Moore, nee Murphy, Ferbane and Templetown
Michael Rogan, Monksland
Bernard Murphy, St. Gerard's Row, Muchgrange
Pat McParland, Monksland

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	21 st Feb	7.00pm	Elvie, Philomena and Paddy McCumiskey and dec'd family members and Danny O'Connor Jimmy and Nancy Marmion
Tuesday	24 th Feb	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	26 th Feb	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	28 th Feb	7.00pm	James McCormack, Willville Audrey and Adrian Halpenny, Whitestown and Dundalk Bernard Murphy, Muchgrange M.M

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	22 nd Feb	10.00am	Frances Malone, Rathcor
Thursday	26 th Feb	8.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday	1 st Mar	10.00am	Teddy and Mary O'Rourke and dec'd family members

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	22 nd Feb	11.30am	Mairead Oliver Sinead Gill John and Maureen Maguire Jimmy O'Shea Joseph Marks and dec'd family members, Rathcor
Monday	23 rd Feb	8.00pm	Pat McParland M.M.

Wednesday	25 th Feb 10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	27 th Feb 10.00am	Pat Larkin, Canada and Ballynamoney
Sunday	1 st Mar 11.30am	Gerard Malone, Templetown Joe, Phillip and Rose Murphy and dec'd family members Marian, Pat and Sr. Cillian Amond Dan and Rosemary Meehan Jim Gormley Joe, Kathleen, Laurence and Jim O'Connor, Rathcor Dan and Patricia McDonald and dec'd family members

Confirmation 2026

Saturday 2nd May at 11am in Church of St. James, Grange

First Holy Communion 2026

Boher children	Saturday 25 th April at 11am
Monksland & Rathcor children	Saturday 23 rd May at 11am
Mullaghbuoy children	Sunday 24 th May at 10am

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026

Grange cemetery –	Sunday 7 th June at 11.30am
Boher cemetery –	Saturday 25 th July at 7.00pm
Cill Mhuire cemetery –	Saturday 15 th August

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

Cooley Peninsula First Saturday Devotion

The First 5 Saturdays is an extension of the Fatima message given to Sr. Lucy on 10th December 1925. The next First Saturday Devotion will be held in St. Michael's Church, Carlingford on Saturday 7th March at 5pm followed by Holy Mass at 6pm and confessions.

The requirements to fulfil this devotion are: Pray the Rosary; 15min meditation on a mystery of the Rosary; receive Holy Communion & Confessions

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!*

St. Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk

Invitation to come on St. Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick on Saturday 14th March in honour of Ireland's patron saint and the 25th Anniversary of The Saint Patrick Centre.

Includes film of St. Patrick with internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch, an authentic Camino passport and a 6-mile pilgrimage walk finishing at St. Patrick's grave. Special 25% discount price of £40 – to book please phone 048-44619000 or www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th Aug to 4th Sept. Cost €915 which includes flights, half-board accommodation, airport transfers and day trips. For info contact: Damien 087-2049048

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - Carlingford Red Cross
Next weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Divine Mercy Conference in RDS Dublin 2026

A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday 28th Feb 2026. For further info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

New Weekly Envelopes 2026/2027

The new weekly envelopes will be delivered to households in the Parish during the coming week. The new weekly envelope series commence next weekend 1st March and parishioners are encouraged to use their envelopes for their contributions as it is only on envelope contributions we can claim the Tax Refund Scheme. Sincere thanks to all who help deliver the envelopes & Trocaire boxes

Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Trocaire boxes will be delivered to all households in the Parish during the coming week. Help families in Rwanda rebuild their lives and restore their hope for the future – please give whatever you can!

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

4 - Environmental workers - Cooley closing date 04.04.26
1 - Groundsman - Cooley closing date 26.02.26
1 - Cleaner worker - Cooley closing date 05.03.26
Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Louth Local Development Scheme

A New Rural Dweller Pilot Scheme is being set up which may suit some Parishioners who may like to work 19.5hrs within the community and receive a top up on their social welfare, a minimum of €286.50 per week. For more info contact: Derbhille 087-2592098

Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for part-time work? If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or are recovering from depression, EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment. For more info contact 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

Local Enhancement Programme 2026 is now open and applications for funding are invited from community and voluntary groups in Louth. There will be capital funding available to support community and voluntary groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas.

Phone 042-9392929. Closing date for application is Friday 27th Feb at 5pm online

[Application Forms | Louth County Council's Online Consultation Portal](#)

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, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley every Thursday morning from 10.00am – 11.30am. For more info phone 087-9721930

Cooley Connect Well

Cooley Connect Well – exercise classes in St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F every Wednesday morning - for info contact 083-3924117

MLC Student Language Programmes

Welcoming families to host International students attending Adventure camp. For more info contact Nuala 042-9376649