

Cooley Parish Bulletin 7th May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Horizon *by Imelda May*

You're the fire to my sky, the soft of the mist
The petal blush flush of a fluttering kiss
You're the breath of a breeze on an oven day
A GAA shawl on a silver night
You're the lilt on a laugh I gave away
A million times without the magic
The light on Lough Bay
The sky gave it to gaze into
And see its own beauty looking back
You're the feathers spreading from my fingertips
Lifting me higher than I thought
I could rise without my feet leaving ground
The hand holding mine to a better me
You're the journey proceeding with the ease of a greased-up ship
All sails up gliding to a horizon that feels like it could be ours

Recently Deceased

Owenie Farnon, Irish Grange
Brian McKeown, Omeath
Gerry O'Hanlon, Chester and formerly of Lordship
Debbie McArdle, Dundalk

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	6 th May	7.00pm	Fr. Peter McParland
Tuesday	9 th May	10.00am	Brian, Hannah, Margaret, Tommy and Annie Fagan
Thursday	11 th May	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	13 th May	7.00pm	Mick Murphy Mike and Briege McGrath and dec'd family members Eileen Keenan and Bernard and Josephine Clarke

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	7 th May	10.00am	First Holy Communion
Thursday	11 th May	8.00pm	Michael and Philomena Sheelan
Sunday	14 th May	10.00am	Rosalie Burke (Burial of Ashes in Lordship)

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	7 th May	11.30am	Michael Hearty Ambrose Kane and John, Lizzie and John White John Martin John and Kay Savage and dec'd family members Kathleen Crowe M.M
Monday	8 th May	8.00pm	James Murphy, Rathcor
Wednesday	10 th May	10.00am	Private Intention

Friday	12 th May 10.00am	Michael, Kathleen, Mary, John and Peter Rafferty, Templetown
Sunday	14 th May 11.30am	Peter, Christina, Bernard, Patrick and Mary Coyle & dec'd family Owenie Farnon M.M.

‘We Are His Hands’ - A New Cooley Parish Project

Since the outbreak of war in the Ukraine, individuals, families and communities have rallied together to house the fleeing migrants to our country to provide a safe space for those affected by this war. Others have made significant financial assistance available to those in need. Our Parish Pastoral Council have discussed in depth how we as a community and the surrounding areas could help in any way as this war enters its second year.

The “**We Are His Hands**” project is a plan to totally renovate the house situated at the Old Mill, Grange, Co. Louth beside the Church of St. James. This dwelling consists of 3 storeys and basement area. We propose that the renovation is carried out by volunteers from the parish and beyond. This venture is an effort to involve members of our community in providing accommodation for people from Ukraine who fled from their war-torn homeland. The long-term plan for the house would be that it would form part of a community hub that serves the needs of our community long term. It is an opportunity for people to unite in an effort to help.

If you can spare some time, no matter what your skill set, we would like to hear from you. Contact the Parish Office at 042-9397617 or cooleyparish@gmail.com or any member of the Pastoral Council. We have set up a Facebook page – **We Are His Hands** – that outlines professionals, tradespeople and DIY enthusiasts that are needed to make this much needed renovation possible. This page will be updated regularly as the project progresses. Together we can make a real difference!

If you would like to make a donation supporting this project, you can do so by clicking the idonate link on our Facebook page: **We Are His Hands**. Any help is appreciated.

The name of the project is taken from a quotation from St. Teresa of Avilia

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2023

Grange	Sunday 11 th June at 11.30am
Boher	Saturday 22 nd July at 7.00pm
Cill Mhuire	Tuesday 15 th August at 7.00pm
Mountbagnal	Sunday 23 rd July at 7.00pm

Confirmation 2023

Bishop Michael Router will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Church of St. James, Grange on Saturday 13th May 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

New Rosary Group

A new Parish Group is being formed to explore the richness of the Rosary. If you would like to get involved please contact Parish Office at cooleyparish@gmail.com; Fr. Malachy or Deirdre McGrane 085-2561022

Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Returns to date €7725.00

Please return any outstanding Trocaire boxes as soon as possible

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

First Sunday of the Month at 3pm with Confessions at 2.30pm in St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Anointing of the Sick. This will take place this Sunday 7th May.

Pentecost Programme at Bethany House of Prayer

All welcome to Pentecost Programme for four Monday nights from 8pm – 9pm commencing on 15th May also on 22nd May; 29th May and 12th June at 34 Point Road, Dundalk A91 WOC9.

Telephone 042-9331602

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Mornings

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

Everyone welcome!

Cooley Active Retirement Group

Cooley Active Retirement Group are resuming activities every Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm in Cooley Complex. Looking forward to seeing all past members and new members are very welcome!

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

2 – Environmental workers - Cooley closing date 15/05/2023

1 – Environmental worker - Carlingford closing date 15/05/2023

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

ALONE – Recruiting

ALONE provides many services to Older People in our area to enable them to stay living at home for longer. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services:

1. Visitation and Befriending Service which is where a volunteer gives an hour a week of their time to provide companionship to an older person.
2. Telephone Support and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer makes friendly calls to older people once a week for a 2 hour shift.

For more info contact Fiona 086-1366539 or Fiona.boyle@alone.ie

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Next Cooley Zoom Bingo will be on Wednesday evening 10th May 2023 at usual time of 7.30pm.

Selling books €6 (5-page book) in Parochial Hall, Cooley on Monday 8th May from 7.30pm-8pm.

Also available from Dymrna Woods, Mulligans Shop in Omeath, Cecelia Murphy in Lordship and Mary Clerkin, so hopefully it will make it easier for people to purchase their books.

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

Winning Nos. 6; 9; 12; 24; - not won - Next week's Jackpot €10,400

Cooley Kickham's – Cooley Coast Run 2023

Cooley Coast Run will take place on Saturday 20th May at 11am. There will be a 10k and a 5k race.

Registration- <https://eventmaster.ie/event/mwGduyVFM8>

Glenmore Athletic Club

The Peninsula area for athletics of the Community Games at Bush Track on Wednesday 10th May at 6.30pm. All children in the peninsula welcome! For more info contact:

Kenneth mcbridekenneth.kmb@gmail.com;

Mell Mellmccoy05@gmail.com;

Sean sean.boyle461@gmail.com;

Rose georgeandrose21@gmail.com

Bealtaine Festival Talk

"Our Heritage in Stone" - Friday 12th May – please assemble at Shelling Hill car park at 2.30pm – visiting Cill Mhuire and Holywell. For more info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Active Host families Required for International Students

Active host families required for International Students for two/three week stays during July and August. Earn between €250 and €500 weekly. Students attend Carlingford Adventure Centre Monday-Friday. For more info contact Nuala 042-9376649