

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th July 2026

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Learning by *Kenneth Steven*

Somewhere it dripped, time ticked –
every second seemed dissected.
One of twenty something sculptures out of white,
toes touching the polished rim,
I shivered thin and white –
the whole place made of coldest stone,
carved from marble a hundred years before.

Far away at the deep-end the master paced
raging about inter-house galas
and the falling of birthdays.
I listened and swam away, to somewhere
far beyond the silliness of this,
to somewhere I was free.
I never heard my own surname sworn at;
I didn't see his face hating my own,
the air sore with shouting.

Recently Deceased

Robert and Kathleen Marks, Ballagan
Nellie Toner, nee McCoy, Newtownhamilton & formerly of Millgrange

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	25 th Jul	7.00pm	Cemetery Mass with Blessing of Graves
Tuesday	28 th Jul	10.00am	Michael and Margaret Gregory, Birmingham
Thursday	30 th Jul	10.00am	Patrick and Caroline Carron
Saturday	1 st Aug	7.00pm	Kathleen Carr, Dundalk Pat Hanlon and dec'd family members, Ballagan

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	26 th Jul	10.00am	Owenie and May Sheelan, Rathcor
Thursday	30 th Jul	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	2 nd Aug	10.00am	Private Intention

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	26 th Jul	11.30am	Matt and Kathleen White and dec'd family members Fergus Hanley, Greenore
Monday	27 th Jul	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	29 th Jul	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	31 st Jul	10.00am	Private Intention

Sunday	2 nd Aug 11.30am	Sean O'Connor, Grange Tommy Donnelly, Templetown Paddy, Maureen, Jack and Brigid Ferguson and dec'd family members Felix and Brigid McCoy and dec'd family members, Millgrange
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Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026

Boher cemetery – Saturday 25th July at 7.00pm

Cill Mhuire cemetery – Saturday 15th August

Congratulations to Bishop Michael Router

Heartiest congratulations to Bishop Michael Router on being appointed the new Bishop of the Derry Diocese. We thank him for his warm ministry among us and pray that God will bless him abundantly in this new chapter

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

Nightly Rosary

If you would like to recite the Rosary in Church of St. James, Grange on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays at 9pm and join the rota - please contact Canon Malachy or any member of the Pastoral Council

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm. Volunteers required to help Divine Mercy Group. Enquiries: 085-1833110

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 2nd August – bus departs Omeath at 7.15am. Bus fare €90 includes Breakfast and Dinner. For more info contact: 042-9375281

One Day Retreat on Lough Derg

One Day Retreat on Lough Derg on Saturday 29th August - A day of reflection. Admission fee €50 on to island. Bus fare – depending on numbers. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: Laurena 085-1833110

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 - Cleaner - Cooley closing date 13.08.26

1 – Environmental worker – Cooley closing date 13.08.26

1 – Environmental worker – C'ford closing date 11.09.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Church Gate Collection

Next weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education

ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026:

Part-time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery. The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in primary religious education may also apply. Closing date 14.08.26

For more info contact: mary.kearns@atu.ie

Farm Family – Mental Health

DCU is running a practical, interactive mental health training session for local farm families, hosted at Cooley Kickham's Clubrooms. If you are a farm family member over 18yrs this session is designed to give you practical tools to support yourself and those around you.

Date: Thursday 30th July at 7pm. Cost: free

ALONE

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

If interested please contact Rachel 086-8249308 or email Rachel.christmas@alone.ie

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.

Next collection Saturday 1st August from 10am-12noon at Cooley Hall A91 DD1F

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Calling all young people aged 16yrs – 35yrs! Join the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from 13th – 16th August. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome!

To register: <https://youth2000.ie/> or [@Youth2000Ireland](https://twitter.com/Youth2000Ireland)

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 – closed until September

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

Winning Nos: 2; 6; 11; 26; not won - next week's Jackpot €9,000

Carboot Sale – Sunday 2nd August

Carboot sale on first Sunday of each month at St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Cooley A91 DD1F in aid of North Louth Hospice. For more info phone Tina 087-2236124

Glenmore Athletic Club

Carlingford 5k run will be taking place in and around the village on Friday 7th August from 6.30pm-9pm. Your support is appreciated!

Tea/Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

Tea/Coffee morning and Cake Sale in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre on Sunday 9th August from 10am – 1pm. Donations of cakes and buns accepted from 8am on the day. Free raffle on the day. All support welcome! In aid of Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross

Trip to Llandudno, Wales – Pat Keenan Coach Hire

Trip to Llandudno, Wales from 10th – 14th August – staying in the Grand hotel – b/b + dinners – day trip to Chester Oaks. For more info contact Ciaran 087-2865046