

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday – 24th May 2026

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Traces of the Sacred by *Paul Durcan*

On the esplanade of the Pompidou Centre,
that vast, sloping, paved embankment
conceived by the architects as part of the Centre,
a middle-aged woman is lying on her side,
her knees tucked up, four tightly packed carrier bags
parked neatly beside her.

Nearby mime artists are going through their paces
while high up above across the top of the Centre
is emblazoned the logo of the new, big, art show:
TRACES OF THE SACRED.

Is she a solo act or part of the show –
herself also a “trace of the sacred”?
Or is she a homeless woman on her last legs –
A profane gatecrasher in the sacred world of art?

Recently Deceased

Rev Fr Niall Thornton, Kildare and formerly of Carlingford
Gerry Burns, Willville
Michael Warde, Newry
Sheila Berrills, Bellurgan
Martin Oliver, Dundalk and Castlecarra
John Murray, Drogheda

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	23 rd May	7.00pm	Owen and Mary McGrath and dec'd family members
Tuesday	26 th May	10.00am	Mary, Margaret and Sarah Murphy and Teresa Thornton
Thursday	28 th May	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	30 th May	7.00pm	Joe and Betty Toal and dec'd family members Nemira Valaitiene

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	24 th May	10.00am	First Holy Communion
Thursday	28 th May	8.00pm	Peter, Michael Anthony and John F. O'Reilly and dec'd family
Sunday	31 st May	10.00am	Veronica Ferguson and dec'd family members

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	24 th May	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
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Monday	25 th May at	8.00pm	Jack and Rose Sheelan and dec'd family members
Wednesday	27 th May at	10.00am	Katie McGuigan
Friday	29 th May at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	31 st May at	11.30am	Michael and Briege Malone Padraig McGrane Michael and Lily Malone

First Holy Communion

Mullaghbuoy children this Sunday 24th May at 10am

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026

Grange cemetery – Sunday 7th June at 11.30am

Boher cemetery – Saturday 25th July at 7.00pm

Cill Mhuire cemetery – Saturday 15th 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 Devotions

The next First Saturday Devotions will be held in St. Michael's Church, Carlingford on Saturday 6th June at 5pm followed by Mass at 6pm and confessions

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock takes place on 31st May at Knock Shrine. This year marks the 50th 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 15th June to Friday 19th 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 – 18th - 21st September 2026

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

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organization that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Road, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death or how recent their death was. For more info phone 01-4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - 8 Louth Slieve Foy Scout Group

Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Returns to date €6279

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

'HSE Living Well Programme'

Are you, or is someone you know, living with a long-term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a FREE. Online 7-week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as Asthma; COPD; Diabetes, Heart Conditions, Stroke and others to name but a few! There are spaces available for the Online programme due to start in early JUNE.

To book your place please contact: Aine 041-6850676/0871140371 or Elaine 041-6860710/0874308735

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.

Sincere Thanks

Cooley Lourdes Hospitalite Committee sincerely thank North Louth & Border Vintage club for the generous donation they received from their recent Vintage Run. It is very much appreciated!

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 - Groundsperson - Cooley closing date 12.06.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Cooley Zoom Bingo every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm sharp. Selling books: €6 (5page book) Mary Clerkin, Dympna Woods, Linda Halpenny, Pdraig 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: 12; 15; 18; 23; not won - next week's Jackpot €7,200

Cooley Farming Community Club

Calling all farmers over 65yr + in Cooley Peninsula to come along to Cooley Kickham's GFC every Friday till Friday 12th 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