

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th October 2026

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Hands *by James J. Metcalfe*

There is the kind that tills the soil ...
and gathers in the grain...
And one that serves the factory ...
or operates a train...
A hand that plays piano keys ...
or moves the pen to write ...
And one that clasps in fond hello ...
or doubles up to fight ...
there is the hand that leads a child ...
or stiffens in salute ...
that sweeps and scrubs and cooks the meals ...
Or polishes a boot ...
Yes, there are many human hands ...
According to their kind ...
And what they strive to say or do ...
And what they hope to find ...
the hands that steal and plunder or ...
That beg for food each day ...
and those that close in love's embrace ...
or gently fold and pray.

Recently Deceased

Rev Fr. Mark O'Hagan, P.P. Ardee and Collon
Bernadette Mooney, nee Ryan, Garristown, Co. Meath and formerly of Grange
Carmel Mackin, Kentucky, U.S.A. formerly of Knockbridge
Pat Rice, Waterford and formerly of Jenkinstown
James Michael Muth, Arizona, U.S.A

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	3 rd Oct at	7.00pm	Jack, Lizzie and Tom Marks and dec'd family members John and Eithne Elmore and dec'd members of Finnegan and Elmore families
Tuesday	6 th Oct at	10.00am	John and Kitty Collins and Joe and Mary White
Thursday	8 th Oct at	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	10 th Oct at	7.00pm	John Callan, Millgrange

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	4 th Oct at	10.00am	John McGreehan
Thursday	8 th Oct at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	11 th Oct at	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	4 th Oct at	11.30am	Thomas (Caul) McGuinness Arthur McGuinness and dec'd family members
Monday	5 th Oct at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	7 th Oct at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	9 th Oct at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	11 th Oct at	11.30am	Dec'd members of McCourt family, Lower Rath Seamus McShane Denis Malone

First Holy Communion 2027

Monksland & Rathcor children Saturday 10th April at 11am

Mullaghbuoy children Sunday 11th April at 10am

Boher children Saturday 24th April at 11am

Confirmation 2027

Saturday 17th April at 11am in Grange Church

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 every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm. If anyone would like a book to follow Divine Mercy Chaplet at home phone 0851833110

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Lay Committees

Diocesan Adoration Lay Committees in Armagh and Dromore are being renewed, expanded and consolidated in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting at one of these venues:

Tue 20th October in Parish Centre, Hale Street, Ardee A92 X5DE at 8pm

Thu 22nd October in Pastoral Centre, Drumcree, Portadown BT62 1EB at 8pm

Fri 23rd October in Parish Centre, Edenderry Road, Banbridge BT32 3AF at 8pm

Registration of attendees from 7.30pm. The presentation starts promptly at 8pm, for one hour!

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood – anyone interested in joining a discernment group to consider aspects of the Diocesan Priesthood are invited to contact Fr. Barry Matthews, Armagh Archdiocese Vocations Director at armaghpriest@gmail.com or visit www.armaghpriest.com.

Please encourage anyone who you know to contact Fr. Barry for a confidential chat about where they feel God is calling them to!

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

Winning Nos: 9; 25; 26; 29; - not won – next week's Jackpot €5,800

Novena in honour of St. Carlo Acutis

Novena in honour of St. Carlo Acutis takes place in St. Patrick and St. Colman's Cathedral, Newry from Saturday 3rd October to Monday 12th October

Annual Novena in honour of St. Gerard Majella

Annual Novena in honour of St. Gerard Majella takes place in St. Joseph's Redemptorist Church, Dundalk from Thursday 8th October to Friday 16th October

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo

Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 11th October. Bus departs from The Old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk. For further enquiries phone 085-1833110

Celebrating the Spirit of Lourdes through Music

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE – celebrating the Spirit of Lourdes through music in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Friday 16th October at 7.30pm featuring choirs: Coalisland, Clonmore, Moy and Soloists. M.C. for the evening Malachi Cush. Tickets £20 – available from your local Lourdes Committees

ALONE

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: Please contact Rachel 086-8249308

Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for part-time or full-time work? EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment. For more info please contact 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

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.

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Groundsperson - Cooley	closing date 09.10.26
1 – Groundsperson - Carlingford	closing date 09.10.26
3 – Environmental workers – Cooley	closing date 16.10.26
1 – Environmental worker – Carlingford	closing date 20.10.26
1 – Administration worker – Omeath	closing date 20.10.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul
Next weekend - Cooley Community Alert

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 morning

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Next Zoom Bingo every Wednesday at 7.30pm sharp. Selling books: €6 (5page book) Mary Clerkin, Dympna Woods, Linda Halpenny, Padraig O'Connor, Mulligan's shop, Omeath & Cecelia Murphy, Lordship

Cooley Youth Club

In Cooley Kickham's G.F.C. complex every Friday evening from 8pm – 10pm

Cooley Farming Community Club

In Cooley Kickhams GFC. Clubrooms every Friday at 10am. Light refreshments served. Register your interest at agefriendly@louthcoco.ie or phone 042 9324281

GSD School of Drama

Creative drama & dance – Speech & drama – book now - limited places – Thursdays - Tots to 6th class in Mullaghbuoy Centre. For more info phone 087-1914076

Carboot Sale – Today Sunday 4th October

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

Cooley Connect Well

Physio-led active movement classes in Cooley Parochial Hall every Wednesday morning – class starts at 10.45am-11.30am followed by cuppa tea and an optional walk. For more info contact: 0833924117

Be Safe! Be Seen!

We would appeal to all pedestrians using our roads at this time of year to please wear High Viz clothing!!