

Cooley Parish Bulletin
Sixth Sunday of Easter – 10th May 2026

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The First Kingdom by Seamus Heaney

The royal roads were cow paths,
the queen mother hunkered on a stool
and played the harp strings of milk
into a wooden paid.

With seasoned sticks the nobles
lorded it over the hindquarters of cattle.

Units of measurement were pondered
by the cartful, barrowful and bucketful.
Time was a backward rote of names and mishaps,
bad harvests, fires, unfair settlements,
deaths in floods, murders and miscarriages.

And if my rights to it all came only
by their acclamation, what was it worth?
I blew hot and blew cold.

They were two-faced and accommodating.
And seed, breed and generation still
they are holding on, every bit
as pious and exacting and demeaned.

Recently Deceased

Rev Fr Niall Thornton, Kildare and formerly of Carlingford
Gerry Burns, Willville
Martin Oliver, Dundalk and Castlecarra
Anne Haugh, nee Rafferty, Carlingford & Rathcor
John Murray, Drogheda
Frank McShane, London and Drogheda

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	9 th May at	7.00pm	Mary Rafferty and dec'd family members, Templetown
Tuesday	12 th May at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	14 th May at	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	16 th May at	7.00pm	Mick Murphy, Ballagan

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	10 th May at	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	14 th May at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	17 th May at	10.00am	Forgotten Souls

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	10 th May at	11.30am	James Murphy, Rathcor Michael Hearty Joseph and Brian Markey (Birthday Remembrance)
Monday	11 th May at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	13 th May at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	15 th May at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	17 th May at	11.30am	Cathy Maguire

First Holy Communion

Monksland & Rathcor children Saturday 23rd May at 11am
Mullaghbuoy children 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

Congratulations

Congratulations to the “Young People” of our Parish who were confirmed last Saturday by Archbishop Eamon. We wish them every blessing and pray that the Holy Spirit will remain close to them and their families. Sincere thanks to the teachers for all their work in preparing the “Young People” for Confirmation

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We wish all our parishioners travelling on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week a safe and pleasant journey and may they be enriched by the grace of the Pilgrimage

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monthly Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

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

Pilgrimage to Lisieux – 18th - 21st September 2026

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

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

Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Returns to date €6138.00

Please return any outstanding Trocaire boxes as soon as possible

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.

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - Irish Water Ireland Louth

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVP Dundalk is currently seeking new Home Visitation Volunteers to support individuals and families across Dundalk and surrounding areas. Volunteering typically involves just a couple of hours per week, with full training and ongoing guidance provided by experienced members. Expressions of interest from new volunteers warmly welcome. Phone 087-6386885

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

2 - Environmental workers - Cooley

closing date 15.05.26

1 - Groundsman - Cooley

closing date 15.05.26

1 - Environmental worker - C'ford

closing date 15.05.26

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, 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 every Thursday from 10am – 11.30am

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

Winning Nos: 5; 7; 8; 26; not won - next week's Jackpot €6,800

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

Sundays in Spring in Carlingford Heritage Centre

Spring series with Zoe Conway and John McIntyre begins today Sunday 10th May at 4pm with guest Mick O'Brien. Tickets €15 can be booked 042-9373454

Cooley Camogie Club – Table Quiz

Table Quiz Fundraiser in Carlingford Brewing Company, Riverstown on Friday 15th May at 8pm

Table of 4 = €40. Your support would be much appreciated!

North Louth and Border Vintage Club

Vintage Run on Sunday 17th May commencing at 1pm at Cooley Hall A91 DD1F – home-baking donations would be much appreciated. For more enquiries phone 087-6457984 or 087-2182190

In aid of Palliative Care and Cooley Lourdes Fund