

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent – 1st March 2026

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The Bright Field *by R.S. Thomas*

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field for a while,
and gone my way and forgotten it.
But that was the pearl of great price,
the one field that had treasure in it.
I realise now that I must give all that I have to possess it.
Life is not hurrying on to a receding future,
nor hankering after an imagined past.
It is the turning aside like Moses
to the miracle of the lit bush,
to a brightness that seemed
as transitory as your youth once,
but is the eternity that awaits you.

Recently Deceased

Ambrose Ferguson, Muchgrange
Paddy Fearon, Carlingford
Clair Moore, nee Murphy, Ferbane and Templetown
Michael Rogan, Monksland

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	28 th Feb	7.00pm	James McCormack, Willville Audrey and Adrian Halpenny, Whitestown and Dundalk Bernard Murphy, Muchgrange M.M Thomas McKenna, Dundalk
Tuesday	3 rd Mar	10.00am	Patrick and Teresa McGrane, Ballagan
Thursday	5 th Mar	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	7 th Mar	7.00pm	Gráinne White, Whitestown Shore Eileen Doran Anna Brady Richard Devine, Newry

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	1 st Mar	10.00am	Teddy and Mary O'Rourke and dec'd family members
Thursday	5 th Mar	8.00pm	John and Evelyn Savage and dec'd family members
Sunday	8 th Mar	10.00am	Michael and Kenneth McBride and dec'd family members

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	1 st Mar	11.30am	Gerard Malone, Templetown Joe, Phillip and Rose Murphy and dec'd family members Marian, Pat and Sr. Cillian Amond Dan and Rosemary Meehan Jim Gormley Joe, Kathleen, Laurence and Jim O'Connor, Rathcor Dan and Patricia McDonald and dec'd family members
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Monday	2 nd Mar	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	4 th Mar	10.00am	Patrick and Rose O'Rourke and dec'd family members, Templetown
Friday	6 th Mar	8.00pm	Finbar Carroll Seamus and Lil Murphy and dec'd family members, Bush Seamus Murphy Jnr. and Redmund and May Bruen Michael Rogan, Monksland M.M.
Sunday	8 th Mar	11.30am	Andrew Malone Maura Thornton

Confirmation 2026

Saturday 2nd May at 11am in Church of St. James, Grange

First Holy Communion 2026

Boher children Saturday 25th April at 11am
 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

Friday is the First Friday

Fr. Damian will visit the old and housebound on Friday 6th March

Society of African Missions – Mission Awareness

We welcome Fr. Tommy Faherty, SMA House, Dromantine to speak at all Masses in our Parish next weekend

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

Prayer Around the Cross

We welcome you this Lent to "Bethany" 34, Point Road, Dundalk on Friday 6th March for "Prayer Around the Cross" with music of Taize. Join in peace and joy of the Holy Spirit, as we remember your intentions. Followed by tea/coffee

Cooley Peninsula First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday Devotion will be held in St. Michael's Church, Carlingford on Saturday 7th March at 5pm followed by Holy Mass at 6pm and confessions.

The requirements to fulfil this devotion are: Pray the Rosary; 15min meditation on a mystery of the Rosary; receive Holy Communion & Confessions

St. Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk

Invitation to come on St. Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick on Saturday 14th March in honour of Ireland's patron saint – to book please phone 048-44619000 or

www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg – May 2026

A new pilgrimage has been introduced in Lough Derg where pilgrims can stay overnight culminating in two days being spent on the island. You are allowed to wear footwear! For more info contact Laurena 085-1833110

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th Aug to 4th Sept. Cost €915 which includes flights, half-board accommodation, airport transfers and day trips. For info contact: Damien 087-2049048

Church Gate Collection

This weekend - St. Vincent de Paul

New Weekly Envelopes 2026/2027

The new weekly envelope series commence this weekend 1st March and parishioners are encouraged to use their envelopes for their contributions as it is only on envelope contributions we can claim the Tax Refund Scheme. Sincere thanks to all who help deliver the envelopes & Trocaire boxes

Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Trocaire boxes will be delivered to all households in the Parish during the coming week. Help families in Rwanda rebuild their lives and restore their hope for the future – please give whatever you can!

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. Even helping occasionally would make a difference!

Your support would be greatly appreciated and helps make the most of this initiative for our Parish community. If you can help please contact Eugene 087-2824802 or speak to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Next collection Saturday 7th March at St. Mary's Parochial Hall A91 DD1F from 10am – 12noon.

Cooley Zoom Bingo

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

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

4 - Environmental workers - Cooley

closing date 04.04.26

1 - Groundsman - Cooley

closing date 06.03.26

1 - Cleaner worker - Cooley

closing date 05.03.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for part-time work? If you're unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or are recovering from depression, EmployAbility Service Louth is here to support you in finding employment. For more info contact 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

Peninsula St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Tuesday 17th March commencing at Old Bush Train Station at 1pm and finishing in the grounds of Cooley Kickham's G.F.C. Patrons can avail of refreshments in the club function room and disco entertainment will be provided for children in the Sport's hall.

For more info contact: Eddie 087-6494965

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am – all welcome!

Carboot Sale – Today Sunday 1st March

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

Céili in Mullaghbuoy Community Centre A91 RC66

Céili with Kathleen McGlynn and friends on Friday 13th March from 8pm – 11pm. Music by Seamus and Fidelma Bellew Adm €10 (incl light refreshments)

All proceeds to Cooley Lourdes Hospitalite Fund