

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 22nd March 2026

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“For Lent, 1966” by Madeleine L’Engle

It is my Lent to break my Lent,
to eat when I would fast,
to know when slender strength is spent,
take shelter from the blast.
When I would run with wind and rain,
to sleep when I would watch.
It is my Lent to smile at pain
but not ignore its touch.
It is my Lent to listen well
when I would be alone,
to talk when I would rather dwell.
In silence, turn from none
who call on me, to try to see
that what is truly meant
is not my choice.
If Christ’s I’d be
it’s thus I’ll keep my Lent.”

Recently Deceased

Ita O’Reilly, Carlingford
Phena Bermingham, (Fr. John’s mother) Kilcullen
Mary Millar, Belfast
Betty O’Connor, Bellurgan
Paddy Fearon, Carlingford

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	21 st Mar at	7.00pm	John and Maura Sheelan, Rathcor Peter and Annie Murphy and dec’d family, Whitestown Shore
Tuesday	24 th Mar at	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	26 th Mar at	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	28 th Mar at	7.00pm	Henry Ferguson Nicholas, Florrie, Joe and Micheál Rafferty and and Aileen O’Callaghan

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	22 nd Mar at	10.00am	Jimmy and Bridie Rooney and dec’d family members
Thursday	26 th Mar at	8.00pm	Tom and Teasia McCann and dec’d family members and Paddy and Teresa Donnelly and dec’d members of Donnelly and Crowe families
Sunday	29 th Mar at	10.00am	People of the Parish

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	22 nd Mar at	11.30am	Gerard Murtagh Donal Mulholland Anna England Liam Clifford Maura Carroll, Ballinamara
Monday	23 rd Mar at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	25 th Mar at	10.00am	Mgr. Michael Campbell
Friday	27 th Mar at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	29 th Mar at	11.30am	Tommy and Tom McDonnell Peadar and Colin Murphy Pete and Rita Murphy and dec'd family Ballinamara & Drogheda

First Penance

First Penance in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm

First Holy Communion

Boher children Saturday 25th April at 11am

Monksland & Rathcor children Saturday 23rd May at 11am

Mullaghbuoy children Sunday 24th May at 10am

Confirmation

Saturday 2nd May at 11am in Grange Church

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

Easter Penitential Service

Penitential Service in preparation for Easter will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes May 2026

Pilgrims travelling to Lourdes in May should have their full fare paid by now!

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

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Synod of Bishops in Ireland is set to take place on 31st May at Knock Shrine. Chief celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Eamon Martin. Bus will depart from Dundalk – enquiries to: 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

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.

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

Task Community Care Alarm System

Would you be interested in CARELINK ALARM SYSTEM in case of any emergency in your home? The cost, installation and monitoring fees are covered by Task Community Care. Enquiries: Laurena St. Vincent de Paul

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

4 - Environmental workers - Cooley	closing date 24.04.26
1 - Groundsman - Cooley	closing date 26.03.26
1 - Cleaner worker - Cooley	closing date 25.03.26

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Cooley Community Playgroup Limited - Recruiting

Recruiting for a room assistant 22.5hrs per week from 9am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday. Applicants need to hold at least Level 5 qualification in childcare. Please email Carol at ccpgroup@eircom.net with C.V.

Drink Tea for MND

Drink Tea for MND in Rathabbey Community House this Sunday 22nd March from 10am – 1.30pm. Please support.

Organised by Sheridan family in memory of their late husband and father Gerry Sheridan R.I.P.

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

Winning Nos: 4; 10; 15; 27; not won - next week's Jackpot €5,400

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

John White Memorial Poker Classic

Mullaghbuoy Community Centre will host its Annual fundraiser Poker Classic on Friday 10th April at
8.30pm. Tickets cost €20 from Committee members or pay at the door. Refreshments and food
will be served.

Any outstanding tickets from cancelled event in November will be accepted on the night!