

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th August 2026

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People Forget by Blaise Pascal, Pensées

People forget: that empires end,
That after singing, silence starts;
That after every party's joy
We part, and blight destroys our heart.

People forget: their loved ones go,
That dirt retains its own, that tears
Affect not one tint of sky-blue;
That clouds more real than us appear.

People forget: that just below
Surfaces hyenas, buzzards, beasts
Prevail; and round us, all about
Becoming, we're their final feast.

People forget: the clock ticks on,
As every gift incurs a cost;
As every path, however long,
Leads through a country where we're lost.

People forget: and most of all
Forget forgetting. Thus, we stand
Before an ever-rising tide
Like children building walls of sand.

Recently Deceased

Mary Long, Rathcor
Arthur McAnerney, Carlingford
Frank Mitchel, Dublin and Galway
Robert and Kathleen Marks, Ballagan

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	15 th Aug at	7.00pm	NO MASS
Tuesday	18 th Aug at	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	20 th Aug at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	21 st Aug at	8.00pm	Robert and Kathleen Marks M.M.
Saturday	22 nd Aug at	7.00pm	Paddy, Rosetta and Fionnuala Thornton Eric and Kathleen Hynes

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	16 th Aug at	10.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	20 th Aug at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	23 rd Aug at	10.00am	Patsy and Sheila Barry and dec'd family members

Church of St. James, Grange

Saturday	15 th Aug at	7.00pm	Cill Mhuire - Cemetery Mass with Blessing of Graves
Sunday	16 th Aug at	11.30am	Patrick and Annie McGuigan, Rathcor Charlie McShane, Templetown Hugh and Kathleen Gregory Tony and Tom Kelly and dec'd family members, Templetown
Monday	17 th Aug at	8.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	19 th Aug at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	21 st Aug at	10.00am	No Mass
Sunday	23 rd Aug at	11.30am	Jim Shields and Patsy and Katie Woods and dec'd members of Woods family, Mucklagh

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026

Cill Mhuire cemetery – Saturday 15th August

Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A holy day of obligation

Mass in Cill Mhuire on Saturday 15th August at 7pm

Rosary at Lady Well

Rosary at Lady Well on Saturday 15th August at 6.30pm

Welcome Fr. Joseph Fidelis

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph Fidelis from Nigeria who returns to our Parish and will be assisting during the Month of 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 every Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm. Volunteers required to help Divine Mercy Group. Enquiries: 085-1833110

One Day Retreat on Lough Derg

One Day Retreat on Lough Derg on Saturday 29th August - A day of reflection. Admission fee €50 on to island. Bus fare – depending on numbers. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: Laurena 085-1833110

Church Gate Collection

Next weekend - Irish Red Cross Carlingford/Omeath Branch

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

1 – Environmental worker – Cooley closing date 04.09.26
1 – Environmental worker – C’ford closing date 11.09.26
1 – Groundsperson - Cooley closing date 27.08.26
Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education

ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026: Part-time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery. The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in primary religious education may also apply. Closing date 14.08.26

For more info contact: mary.kearns@atu.ie

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.

ALONE

ALONE provides many services to Older People in your area to enable them to stay living at home for longer. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: If interested please contact Rachel 086-8249308 or email Rachel.christmas@alone.ie

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

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

No Cooley Zoom Bingo

There will be NO Cooley Zoom Bingo during the month of August. Next Zoom Bingo will be on Wednesday 2nd September 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

Cooley Parent, Toddler and Baby Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group in St. Mary’s Hall, Cooley – closed until September

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

Winning Nos: 4; 5; 9; 12; not won - next week’s Jackpot €9,600

Cooley Connect Well – Walking for All

Walking for All – every Wednesday morning at 11am on Cooley Kickham’s track meet outside Maggie’s café – everyone welcome!

Family Carer Support Group

Meeting on last Wednesday of each month at 11.00am in Community Room,
Longwalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk

This group is all about:-

Getting to know one another. We warmly welcome carers who have been with us for some time,
as well as new carers who have never attended before.

Learning about the range of services and support available from Family Carers Ireland.

Sharing what you would like from support groups and what you would like to do throughout
the year ahead. This is a safe, peer-to-peer led support group

Any queries, please contact Louise 086-0213798 or licosgrove@familycarers.ie

Heritage week in Greenore

Heritage week commences in Greenore this Sunday 16th August. Afternoon entertainment from
3pm on Euston Street. Steam Engine and Dundalk Ukulele Group.

Saturday 22nd August – “Age of Steam” Railway presentation delivered by Brian Todd

Sunday 23rd August – Afternoon Tea with musical entertainment with Emma McNulty on piano
Everyone welcome!

Summer Series in Carlingford Heritage Centre

Sunday 16th August at 4pm – Brian Conway, Irish-American fiddle player performing
with Brian McGrath

Sunday 23rd August at 4pm – Sárán, Caoimhe + Tadhg O Maolagáin – concertina, fiddle and dance

Sunday 30th August at 4pm – Aoife Ni Bhriain and Cormac McCarthy – fiddle and piano

Booking essential – Tickets €15 – – Phone 042-9373454 or online: [Events - Carlingford Heritage](#)