

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Third Sunday in Advent – 14th December 2025

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Fall Song by *Mary Oliver*

Another year gone, leaving everywhere
its rich spiced residues: vines, leaves,
the uneaten fruits crumbling damply
in the shadows, unmaturing back
from the particular island of this summer,
this NOW, that now is nowhere
except underfoot, moldering
in that black subterranean castle
of unobservable mysteries –
roots and sealed seeds and the wanderings of water.
This I try to remember when time's measure
painfully chafes, for instance when autumn
flares out at the last, boisterous and like us longing to stay –
how everything lives, shifting
from one bright vision to another, forever
in these momentary pastures.

Recently Deceased

Mike Campbell, Lower Rath
Rita Stringer, nee McCoy formerly of Millgrange who died in Dublin
Gerry Stewart, formerly of Irish Grange who died in Australia
Mart Westveer, Holland
Francie Carroll, Benagh and New York

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	13 th Dec	7.00pm	Dorrie Elmore John, Elizabeth and Terry O'Hanlon and dec'd family members Joe Quinn, Ballagan Peter Rafferty, Cork and Templetown Tommy and Carmen McGrane and Derek and Rowena Burn
Tuesday	16 th Dec at	10.00am	No Mass
Thursday	18 th Dec at	10.00am	No Mass
Saturday	20 th Dec at	7.00pm	John, James, Annie, Brendan and Francis Murphy Dave H. Sellers, U.S.A. and Ballagan

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	14 th Dec at	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	18 th Dec at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	21 st Dec at	10.00am	Private Intention

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	14 th Dec at	11.30am	Brian Boyle, Rathcor James, Ellen, Janey and John Murphy, Petestown Michael, Christina and Michael (Jnr) Mackin and dec'd family
Monday	15 th Dec at	8.00pm	John and Minnie O'Connor and Pat and Una Shields
Tuesday	16 th Dec at	7.30pm	Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick & Reconciliation Service
Wednesday	17 th Dec at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	19 th Dec at	10.00am	Austin Lowth and Dan Smyth
Sunday	21 st Dec at	11.30am	John and Mary White and dec'd family members, Rathcor Nicholas and Annie Carroll and dec'd family members, Ballug Owen, Kitty and Kieron Woods, Dundalk Mickey Rice, Bush Bernard Murnaghan Ann Barden, nee Murnaghan Mike Campbell M.M.

Confirmation 2026

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

First Holy Communion 2026

Boher children	Saturday 25 th April at 11am
Monksland & Rathcor children	Saturday 23 rd May at 11am
Mullaghbuoy children	Sunday 24 th May at 10am

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 every Friday morning in Church of St. James, Grange from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Everyone welcome during this time to spend a short time in prayer and adoration

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet

Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet in Church of St. James, Grange this Sunday evening from 7.30pm-8.00pm

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 this Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Christmas Penitential and Reconciliation Service

Christmas Penitential and Reconciliation Service will take place in Church of St. James, Grange this Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Have your Say about Your Catholic School

The Dept. of Education is currently conducting a Primary School survey that will determine the future provision of Primary schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple terms, you are asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want to change. Do not leave it to others, have your say before 16th December 2025.

[Primary School Survey](#)

Divine Mercy Conference in RDS Dublin 2026

A coach will travel from the Old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday 28th Feb 2026. For further info contact: Laurena 085-1833110

Ministers of the Word

The new 2026 rotas are now available in the Sacristy together with St. Paul Sunday Missal – please pick up your rota and Missal as soon as possible

Ministers of the Eucharist

The new 2026 rotas are available in the Sacristy – please pick up your rota as soon as possible

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies

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| 1 - Groundsman - Cooley | closing date 26.12.25 |
| 2 - Environmental workers - Cooley | closing date 31.12.25 |
| 1 - Environmental worker - Carlingford | closing date 31.12.25 |
- Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltd@gmail.com

Cooley Credit Union Limited – Christmas & New Year hours

Tuesday	23 rd Dec – Cooley Office open 10am-1pm
Wednesday	24 th Dec – All offices closed
Thursday	25 th Dec - All offices closed
Friday	26 th Dec – All offices closed
Saturday	27 th Dec – Cooley office open 10am-12noon
Tuesday	30 th Dec – Cooley office open 10am-1pm
Wednesday	31 st Dec – All offices closed
Thursday	1 st Jan – All offices closed
Friday	2 nd Jan – Normal opening hours resume

Cooley Lourdes Hospitalite Group – Sincere thanks

Cooley Lourdes Hospitalite Committee would like to sincerely thank all who supported their recent successful fundraiser “Songs for Lourdes”. Thanks to Sonlight and the McIntyre family for the beautiful evening of Festive Music

Thanks

Anne Carroll would like to express her thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of her recent book – “Gold dust in these Hills”. Thanks everybody who purchased the book. A donation of €6120 has been made to Carlingford/Omeath Red Cross recently

Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am. All welcome!

Cooley Zoom Bingo

Cooley Zoom Bingo every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Also flyers @ €2 Mary Clerkin, Dympna Woods, Linda Halpenny, Padraig O'Connor, Mulligan's Shop, Omeath, Cecelia Murphy, Lordship.

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group –has re-opened in St. Mary's Hall, Cooley every Thursday from 10am – 11.30am. All new parents, grandparents and childminders welcome. Contact 087-9721930

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

Winning Nos: 11; 18; 19; 32; - no won – Next week's Jackpot €10,200

Congratulations

Congratulations to Cooley Kickham's Junior men on winning the Junior Championship recently Also, congratulations to Cooley Kickham's u-15's team on recently winning the u-15 Division 1 League final

Glenmore Athletic Cub

Glenmore A.C. are hosting Operation Bushformation 2026 on 6th January for four weeks. There's something for everyone – please sign up by 19th December at the early bird rate of €40. Teenagers 16yr – 19yr old free

Be Safe! Be Seen!

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