

# Cooley Parish Bulletin 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

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### The Crucifixion

When at last it comes, it comes in silence;  
With no thought for the one to whom it comes,  
Or how a heart grieves itself and loved ones  
With that last glimpse from its fading presence.

Yet it is intimate, the act of death,  
To be so chosen, exposed and taken.  
Nowhere untouched. But death wants you broken.  
The soldiers must wait ages for your last breath.

With all the bright words, you are found out too,  
In agony and terror in vaulted air,  
Your mind bleached white by a wind from nowhere  
That has waited years for one strike at you.

A slanted rain cuts across the black day.  
It turns stones crimson where the cross is laid.

### Recently Deceased

Frances Malone, Rathcor  
Cathal Durnin, Dundalk and Templetown  
Veronica Zwetkof, nee Clarke, formerly of Whitestown who died in New Jersey  
Margaret Martin, Canada  
Ann Delaney, Laois

### Anniversaries

#### Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	Raymond Hanlon Ben and Nora Luttrell Teresa Brennan, Atlanta	M.M.
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	No Mass	
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am	James and Katie Fagan	
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	7.00pm	Henry Ferguson Kess Westveer & dec'd members of Westveer & McCourt families Peter and Annie Murphy & dec'd family members, Whitestown	

#### Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	John White, Castletowncooley
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Forgotten Souls

## **Church of St. James, Grange**

Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.30am	Peadar and Colin Murphy John, Mary Ann and Patrick Mackin May Murphy, Templetown Claire Rogan M.M.
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.00pm	Private Intention
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Ray and Molly Fitzpatrick
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10.00am	No Mass
		8.00pm	Sinead Gill, nee Sheelan M.M
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.30am	Gerard Murtagh Liam Clifford Tommy and Tom McDonnell Alice O'Hagan Mike, Jimmy and Elizabeth Boyle and dec'd family members Maura Carroll Donal Mulholland Anna England Jack and Patrick Kearney and dec'd family members

## **This Sunday is St. Patrick's Day – Principal Patron of Ireland**

Shamrock will be blessed at all weekend Masses

## **First Holy Communion**

Grange and Rathcor children	-	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April in Grange Church at 11.00am
Mullaghbuoy children	-	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April in Mullaghbuoy Church at 10.00am
Boher children	-	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May in Boher Church at 11.00am

## **First Penance**

First Penance will be held this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

## **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May by Bishop Michael Router in Church of St. James, Grange at 11.00am

## **Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2024**

Grange cemetery	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 11.30am
Boher cemetery	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July at 7pm
Cill Mhuire	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August

## **Monthly Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick**

Monthly Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in Church of St. James, Grange this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

## **Reconciliation Service**

Reconciliation Service in preparation for Easter will be held in Church of St. James, Grange on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm

### **Baptisms (by arrangement)**

Baptisms will be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet**

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

### **Redemptoris Mater Seminary – Visitors' Day**

The Redemptoris Mater Seminary of the Archdiocese of Armagh will be holding a Seminary Visitors' Day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am–12noon and from 2pm–5pm at De La Salle Terrace, Dundalk A91 C5D6. All are welcome.

This is an opportunity for everyone to come and visit the Seminary, meet the seminarians who are currently in formation here and to get to know more about them. For info phone 042-9336584 or email: [seminary@redmatarmagh.org](mailto:seminary@redmatarmagh.org) - Light refreshments will be served

### **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 27<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September – For more info phone 085-1833110

### **Church Gate Collection**

Next weekend - Water Safety Ireland Louth

### **Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies**

1 – Cleaner/Community worker Cooley

closing date 28/03/2024

1 – Cleaner - Cooley Kickhams

closing date 28/03/2024

1 – Caketaker - Cooley Kickhams

closing date 28/03/2024

1 - Environmental worker Cooley & Omeath

closing date 28/03/2024

Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or email [cooleyceltd@gmail.com](mailto:cooleyceltd@gmail.com)

### **EmployAbility Service, Louth**

Employment: Would you like to work part-time or full-time? Are you unemployed due to accident, illness, injury, disability or in recovery from depression. Help to seek employment is available.

For further information on this service please contact: EmployAbility Service Louth. Phone 042-9386718 or 087-6386885

### **Special Olympics Young Athletic Club**

Special Olympics are looking for volunteers to commit to one hour a week to assist in the development of an exciting new Young Athletic Club to support children with intellectual disabilities. The Young Athletic sessions will run every Saturday from 11am – 12noon starting from mid-April at the Dundalk Sports Centre A91 X36T. For more info contact 085-8030713 or email <mailto:vikki.geldard@specialolympic.ie>

### **Cooley Zoom Bingo**

ZOOM BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Selling books €6 (5page book) Dympna Woods, Mary Clerkin, Linda Halpenny, Pdraig O'Connor, Mulligan's shop, Omeath and Cecelia Murphy, Lordship. Extra flyers on sale for bingo on 20<sup>th</sup> March

## **“The Way We Were – Life and Times on Cooley Peninsula” Part II**

“The Way We Were” Part II – books have been reprinted and are available in Barry’s shop, Grange

### **Rathabbey Community Centre – Coffee Mornings**

Coffee mornings in Rathabbey Community Centre every Wednesday morning at 10.30am in 2024  
Everyone welcome!

### **Cooley Active Retirement Group**

Cooley Active Retirement Group – meet every Thursday at 2.30pm in Cooley Complex – new members needed to make it viable. Come along and enjoy the craic! – everyone welcome

### **Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler Group**

Cooley Parent, Baby and Toddler group – Open every Thursday in St. Mary’s Parochial Hall, Cooley from 10am – 12noon. All welcome

### **Cooley Kickhams G.F.C. Lotto €2 per line or 3 lines for €5**

Winning Nos. 1; 3; 16; 26; - not won - Next week’s Jackpot €19,000

### **St. Patrick’s Day Parade**

St. Patrick’s Day parade featuring local schools and various vehicles including vintage vehicles will commence at Bush, Riverstown at 1pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Carlingford Pipe Band will lead the Parade and will proceed to Cooley Football field and Complex where music will be provided at 2pm and a children’s disco will take place downstairs. Irish stew will be available in Complex while stocks last.

Patrons involved in parade are asked to assemble at Bush at 12.30pm. For info phone 087-6494965

### **Coffee Morning**

Andrea McKeivitt is hosting a Coffee morning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am – 1pm in her home on the Gyles Quay Road. All proceeds to Irish Cancer Society and Barretstown. Everyone welcome