

Cooley Parish Bulletin

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th July 2026

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The Journey by *Mary Oliver*

One day you finally knew what you had to do,
and began, though the voices around you
kept shouting their bad advice –
though the whole house began to tremble
and you felt the old tug at your ankles.

"Mend my life!" each voice cried.

But you didn't stop. You knew what you had to do,
though the wind pried with its stiff fingers at the very foundations,
though their melancholy was terrible.

It was already late enough, and a wild night,
and the road full of fallen branches and stones.
But little by little, as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds.

There was a new voice which you slowly recognized as your own,
that kept you company as you strode deeper and deeper into the world,
determined to do the only thing you could do – determined to save
the only life you could save.

Recently Deceased

Robert and Kathleen Marks, Ballagan
(Following Road Traffic Accident) Funeral Mass in Church of Our Lady
Star of the Sea, Boher on Monday at 12noon
Nellie Toner, nee McCoy, Newtownhamilton & formerly of Millgrange

Anniversaries

Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher

Saturday	18 th Jul at	7.00pm	Mary Murphy, Ballagan Mick, Lizzie, Peter and Sarah Murphy and Joe and Lily McKeivitt Sean and Margaret Morgan and dec'd members of Kearney family, Whitestown
Tuesday	21 st Jul at	10.00am	Paddy Carron, Lily Sharkey and William Murphy
Thursday	23 rd Jul at	10.00am	Private Intention
Saturday	25 th Jul at	7.00pm	Cemetery Mass with Blessing of Graves

Church of St. Anne, Mullaghbuoy

Sunday	19 th Jul at	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thursday	23 rd Jul at	8.00pm	No Mass
Sunday	26 th Jul at	10.00am	Owenie and May Sheelan, Rathcor

Church of St. James, Grange

Sunday	19 th Jul at	11.30am	Eddie Boyle Tom Oliver and dec'd family members Gerry Sheridan Tom Sheelan
Monday	20 th Jul at	8.00pm	Dec'd members of Malone and Rafferty families, Ardtullymore
Wednesday	22 nd Jul at	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	24 th Jul at	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday	26 th Jul at	11.30am	Matt and Kathleen White and dec'd family members Fergus Hanley, Greenore

Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves 2026

Boher cemetery – **Saturday 25th July** at 7.00pm

***In preparation for Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves
we would encourage parishioners to tidy their graves
during the coming week***

Cill Mhuire cemetery – **Saturday 15th August**

Mountbagnal cemetery – **Sunday 19th July** at 7pm

Rosary at St. James' Well

Rosary at St. James' Well on **Saturday 25th July** at 6pm

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**

Nightly Rosary

If you would like to recite the Rosary in Church of St. James, Grange on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays at 9pm and join the rota - ***please contact Canon Malachy or any member of the Pastoral Council***

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*

Sixth World Day for Grandparents

The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on **Sunday 26th July 2026**. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV – ***"I will never forget you"*** reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, loves us unconditionally and forgets no one, even through the frailties of old age. **Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass at Knock Shrine at 3pm.**

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*

Congratulations to Bishop Michael Router

Heartiest congratulations to Bishop Michael Router on being appointed the new Bishop of the Derry Diocese. We thank him for his warm ministry among us and pray that God will bless him abundantly in this new chapter

Fr. Michael Woods' – 60th Anniversary

Congratulations to Fr. Michael Woods, Carlingford who celebrates 60 years of Priesthood - Mass marking this very significant milestone will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Carlingford **today Sunday 19th July at 11.30am. All are welcome!**

Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks to all who attended and supported the recent Gospel Music Evening with Boher School Children's Choir and the 'Uplifted Gospel Choir' Newry in Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Boher which raised **€1,776.16 for Cancer Society**

Cooley Community Projects Limited – Vacancies Phone Ambrose 042-9376077 or cooleyceltld@gmail.com

1 - Cleaner - Cooley	closing date 13.08.26
1 – Environmental worker – Cooley	closing date 24.07.26
1 – Environmental worker – C’ford	closing date 24.07.26
1 – Administration worker – Omeath	closing date 24.07.26

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:

1. Visitation and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer gives an hour a week of their time to provide companionship to an Older person
2. Telephone Support and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer makes friendly calls to Older people once a week for a 2 hour shift.

If interested please contact Rachel 086-8249308 or email Rachel.christmas@alone.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.*

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Calling all young people aged 16yrs – 35yrs! Join the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare **from 13th – 16th August**. *This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome! To register: youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland*

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

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 – **closed until September**

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

Winning Nos: 2; 16; 23; 30; not won - next week’s Jackpot €8,800

Gaeltots Cooley

Sessions running in **Mullaghbuoy Community Centre from 18th July to 22nd August** with limited places available. *All enquiries please contact Gabrielle at: gabrielle@gaeltots.community*

GSD School of Drama

Summer Camp where stories take shape on stage – a fun filled week of Drama activities and games this summer. Get creative. Get Dramatic. Take to the stage!

Camp dates: **July 20th – 24th at Mullaghbuoy Community Centre – 9.30am – 1pm** (Monday-Friday) mixed age camp! Contact: gdschoolofdrama@gmail.com or 087-1914076

Trip to Llandudno, Wales – Pat Keenan Coach Hire

Trip to Llandudno, Wales **from 10th – 14th August** – staying in the Grand hotel – b/b + dinners – day trip to Chester Oaks. For more info contact Ciaran 087-2865046